

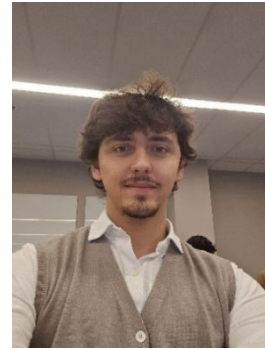
Cornerstone Spring 2025 Contest Winners “Dreams”

Our first-place winner is **Hannah Struebing**, a first-year student pursuing Industrial Engineering in **Professor Elise Frketich's** SCLA 101 class. Hannah’s short story, “The Space Between,” reworks Kafka’s *Metamorphosis*, offering the reader a glimpse at the inner workings of the Samsa household.



One of our **second-place** winners is **Alexandra Padberg**, a first-year student in Biological Engineering, who attended **Prof. Sarah Renkert's** SCLA 102 class. Also inspired by *Metamorphosis*, Padberg created a piece to represent the feeling of entrapment, the absurdness of dreams, and the clarity in hindsight.

Umberto Puddu, our other **second-place** winner, is a first-year student at Purdue Indianapolis majoring in Computer Engineering. Umberto was a student in **Prof. Tulin Tosun's** SCLA 101 class. His poem, “Travelers,” is an ode to the dreamers from their transformative texts over the course of the semester.



Artwork by second-place winner, *Alexandra Padberg*

Honorary Mentions

Ronak Mohanty
First-Year
Pursuing Aerospace
Engineering



Short Story
SCLA 101
Prof. Michael Nichols

Lillie Fronek
Sophomore
Horticulture



Artwork
SCLA 101
Prof. George Elliott

Louis Lee
First-Year
Biological Engineering



Poem
SCLA 101
Prof. Tulin Tosun

John Jeong
First-Year
Computer Science



Short Story
SCLA 101
Prof. George Elliott

Mbissane Ndir
Sophomore
Business Analytics &
Information Management



Poem
SCLA 102
Prof. James Mollison

This year’s contest received over 180 submissions from students in SCLA 101 and 102. We are grateful to our faculty judges for offering their time and to our wonderful students for their creativity.