

# "Bringing Creativity to The Community"

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## 2016 Annual Report

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## Dear Friends, Families, & Supporters:

In my middle school art classroom, there is a framed quote hanging just over my desk. It states "Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about CREATING yourself". As I navigate through the busy daily routine of teaching students about the arts, I frequently glance at this message and it reminds me how crucial developing individuality while nurturing and celebrating unique insights is for our youth. Without a doubt, the arts teach and promote these attributes. It seems over the years that our education system has forgotten that we are educating people, not numbers. What a spiritless world it would be if there were people who were never challenged to think creatively, or cultivate new ways to solve problems!



As I enter my 19 th year of teaching, I witness the importance of arts education every day. I love my job. I revel in the moments when over and over I see a shy student develop a voice through the arts, or see the spark of creative inventiveness that builds confidence in a child that has previously had little accomplishments. For me, it confirms the purpose and belief that success can be measured in many ways through the arts.

This excitement and passion to share the benefits of arts education is the very reason Eg2 was created. Our founders have shared their unique talents, dedication and love of the arts with the Palm Beach Community since 2001. Since then, we have brought our vision of bringing creativity to the community to thousands of public, private and home-schooled students wherever we found a suitable location. We laughingly called ourselves the "art gypsies", as we were constantly moving and uprooting our beloved non-profit from place to place.

With that in mind, I would like to inform you of some wonderful news. This year, I am thrilled to announce that we now will finally have a permanent home due to the generosity of our patron, Ms. Mary Fisher. We are overwhelmed and so very thankful! This fantastic opportunity will certainly be the launch of many exciting new programs and opportunities for our community of students, teachers, and artists. Please join in our celebration of the arts, and check our website for frequent updates. Eg2 has faced change and challenges, but our enthusiasm for the future has made us realize we have so much more to give!

Stephanie Chesler  
*Executive Director*  
*Educational Gallery Group*

## Muse Awards

The Muse Awards honor individuals and organizations for their contributions to arts and culture throughout Palm Beach County. In 2016, Educational Gallery Group was awarded our second Muse Award in the category of Outstanding Arts & Cultural Organization.

This was a great honor for our organization and we hope to continue to contribute outstanding programs and events to our community.



## Our Gallery

In 2016 Eg2 Showcased the Regional Scholastic Gold and Silver Awarded works at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach. Our organization also displayed an exhibition of alumni work at our temporary gallery space, 3300 S. Dixie Highway, during our Summer and Fall Academy Classes.

We have finally settled into a permanent gallery space and are excited to have a wide variety of exhibitions during 2017.



## Outreach

Outreach is a pillar of Eg2 - as an organization we are constantly turning to our community for events and programs to partner with.

In 2016 we were very proud to be a part of the first Palm Beach Mini Maker Faire, held by the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. During the event we provided lessons on creating texture with lines and gave free "I'm an artist at Eg2" t-shirts for the younger kids to decorate. Both activities were geared toward helping kids explore their creativity and allowed them a chance for personal expression.



# Vocational Skills Training



At the end of 2015, Eg2 was provided with a grant allowing us to introduce an after-school Sewing Program provided to students attending the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys and Girls Club. This program focused on vocational training for under privileged youth and our organization was able to provide sewing machines, materials and instructors free of charge to all participants.



## Macy's Art Wall



The photo display featured on the East wall of Macy's in City Place featured 10 select student works from the 2016 Regional Scholastic Art Awards that were printed and installed by our organization. The artwork includes photos, paintings, and digital art chosen from high school and middle school honorable mention, silver and gold awarded works. Every year we hold a small opening ceremony where we honor the students and reveal the new works.

CITYPLACE  macy's

## Catwalk



Catwalk is a unique event offered by Eg2 in which we hold a free series of workshops that lead up to a full-fledged runway show for students in grades 3 and up.

In 2016 we had around 30 participants. Eg2 partnered with Resource Depot, who provided supplies, and Harbourside Place who donated a store front for our workshops and hosted our runway show at their Veggies and Vogue Event. During our workshops, we were able to provide sewing machines and materials to every participant, for the first time.

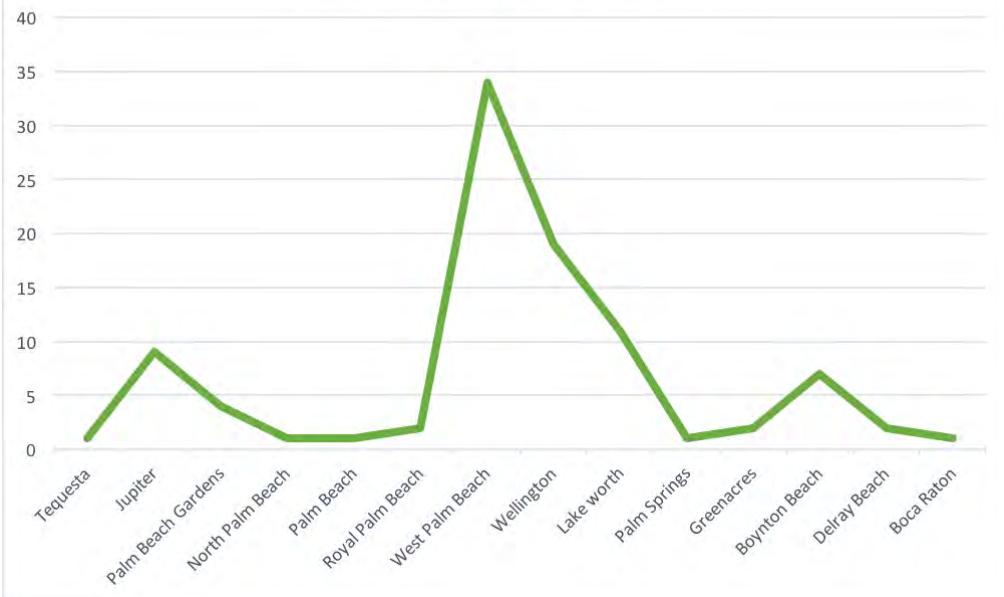
# The Academy



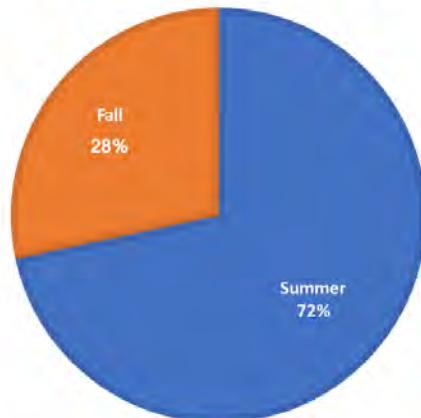
Our Academy reaches students all across Palm Beach County. This year we had students from 15 different cities and 39 different schools attend our summer and fall sessions. Our most popular classes throughout the year are Drawing & Illustration, Sculpture, Painting and Sewing.

For more information about our Academy  
Visit: [www.egsquared.org/Classes](http://www.egsquared.org/Classes)

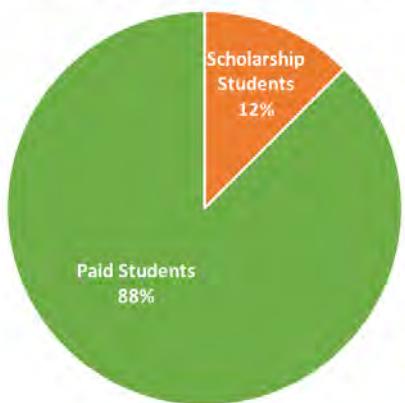
## Where Are our Students From?



## ACADEMY PROFIT BREAKDOWN



## Summer Scholarship Breakdown



# Scholastic Art Awards

Around 25 different schools were represented during the awards and 56 educators. Our Judges include art educators, local artists, gallery owners and Scholastic Alumni.

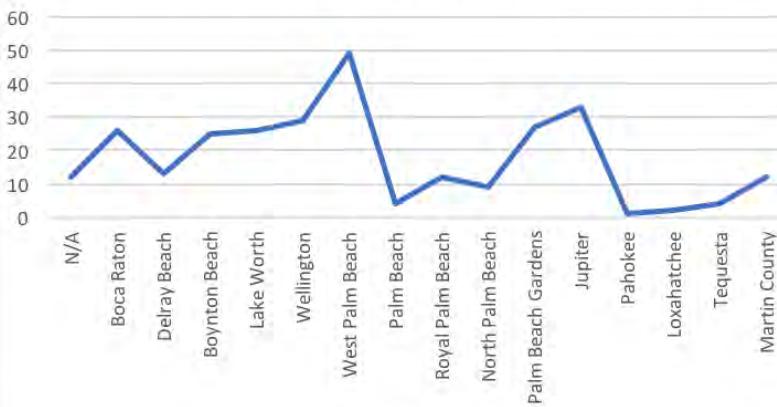


Our region had 49 works awarded nationally including: 28 Silver Medals, 3 Silver Medals with Distinction, 17 Gold Medals and One American Vision Award. Our region had a National Portfolio winner who received a \$10,000 scholarship and was one of only ten chosen for this honor. The Palm Beach Region also had a student's photography piece chosen for the cover of the 2016 National Catalog and featured in the New York Times.

Hundreds of Family, Friends and Scholastic Participants attended our opening and awards ceremony at the Armory Art Center. Our Gallery was set up over the course of four days and it displayed around 500 works from Gold and Silver key winners.

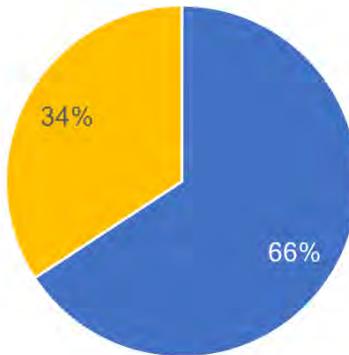
*For more information about Scholastics  
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Student Demographics (of the 284 awarded)



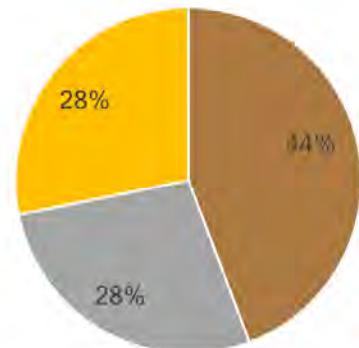
Total Judged Submissions (2523)

■ No Award (1659) ■ Awarded (864)



Breakdown of Awarded Works

■ Honorable Mention ■ Silver Key ■ Gold Key



**Scholastic  
Art & Writing  
Awards**

# Grantor's

Mary D. Fisher

## Marjorie S. Fisher Fund

of the Community Foundation for  
Palm Beach and Martin Counties

## Love 4 One Another Charities

C/o Mr. Patrick Cousins, Cousins Law  
Firm

## Dell

Silicon Valley Community  
Foundation

## In-Kind Donors

The Cultural Council of Palm  
Beach County

Harbourside Place, Jupiter

The Armory Art Center

Mary Fisher Productions

## Partners

City of West Palm Beach

City Place

The Alliance for Young Artists  
and Writers

The Resource Depot

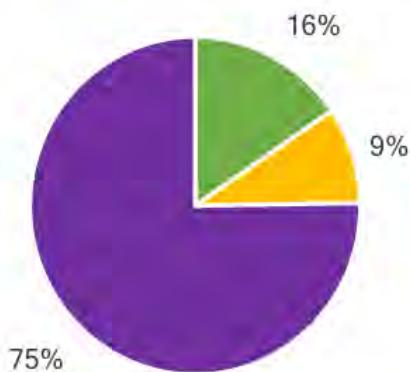
The Palm Beach County School  
District

We would like to acknowledge all those who have donated their time and financial support to help us fulfill our mission. Without the help of you, our donors and the many volunteers, we would simply not exist. To the students, families and community members that have spent their time helping us during classes and events, we would like to extend a special thanks to you and all that you have invested into our organization.

# THANK YOU!

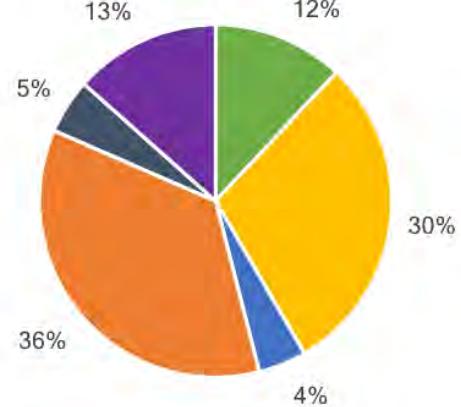
Eg2 Profit

■ Academy Profit ■ Scholastic Profit ■ Grants and Donations



Eg2 Costs

■ Academy Costs  
■ Scholastic Costs  
■ Catwalk Costs  
■ Gallery Costs  
■ Macys Wall Costs  
■ General Operation Costs



# Our Mission



Eg2 is a non-profit organization that supports young artists through educating, developing, and showcasing their creativity. We strive to foster students and teachers in order to build confidence, enable more productive relationships and to provide better education for kids. Eg2 provides creative development, art community connections, public awareness, links to experienced artists and educators as well as innovative events and activities in order to raise the quality of life in our community.



## Interested in helping?

*Educational Gallery Group is constantly looking for donations, volunteers, workshop instructors, partners and more. If you want to become involved feel free to contact us!*

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