# Prize winners in the 2023 Martin J. Kelly Writing Contest

## First Prize ($300)
- **Sophia Nogueira**
  - Valley Stream South High School
  - Mrs. Deirdre Gordon
- **Katelyn Swint**
  - Mac Arthur High School
  - Mr. Michael O’Shea
- **Dash Alschuler-Pierce**
  - Valley Stream South High School
  - Mrs. Stephanie Guzowski

## Second Prize ($150)
- **Casey Markle**
  - Mac Arthur High School
  - Mr. Michael O’Shea
- **Julia Malysa**
  - Manhasset High School
  - Mrs. Candyce Pelfrey-Kennedy
- **Hunter McGuire**
  - Garden City High School
  - Ms. Crystal Ferrailo

## Third Prize ($125)
- **Alex Russo**
  - W.C Mepham High School
  - Ms. Heather Castellano
- **Jake Mendolia**
  - Wantagh High School
  - Ms. Alisa Lopera
- **Rachel Jacob**
  - New Hyde Park High School
  - Ms. Anna Caruso

## HONORABLE MENTION ($25)

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Daniel Decker  Mrs. Nicole Maresca
Elizabeth Merola  Ms. Heather Castellano

Valley Stream South High School  HONORABLE MENTION ($25)
Rumaysa Shaikh  Maryam Khan  Zoe Briksza  Caraline Scanlon  Mrs. Deirdre Gordon
Nyah Warren  Mrs. Alison Rudin

New Hyde Park Memorial High School  HONORABLE MENTION ($25)
Brandon Nogucia  Ms. Anna Caruso

Sacred Heart Academy  HONORABLE Mention ($25)
Kara Doherty  Lilly Chrobet  Noelle Mc Elhinney  Mrs. Maura Rossi

Garden City High School  HONORABLE MENTION ($25)
Roisin Pfaff  Fennessy Regan  Ms. Crystal Ferrailo

Kellenberg Memorial High School  HONORABLE MENTION ($25)
Meghan Lazzarini  Mrs. Ruth Marconi

Wantagh High School  HONORABLE MENTION ($25)
Ryan Horowitz  Ms. Alicia Lopera
Ryan Mendolia
Sean Browne