

Cornerstone Spring 2024 Contest Winners
“Place”

Our **first-place** winner is **Luke West**, a student in **Professor Brandon Rdzak’s** SCLA 101 class. Luke is a sophomore studying Secondary English Education.



Luke wrote about the culture shock he felt when moving to Uganda and how nature helped him understand of the new world around him. He was inspired by Margaret Cavendish’s use of nature to convey enlightenment and wisdom.



Kimberly Reyes Rodriguez is our **second-place** winner. Kimberly is a First-Year Engineering student seeking to transition to Aerospace Engineering and is in **Professor Stacy Sivinski’s** SCLA 101 class. “My Identity’s Fabric” explores how her upbringing in El Salvador continues to play an integral part in her identity.



----- Honorary Mentions -----

Gavin Barcan
First-Year
Finance



Artwork
SCLA 101
Prof. Brandon Rdzak

Diya Kuroor
First-Year
Biology



Artwork
SCLA 101
Prof. Michael Nichols

Gabriel Murray
First-Year Engineering
Purdue Biomedical Engineering



Poem
SCLA 101
Prof. Tulin Tosun

This year’s contest received over 150 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.