

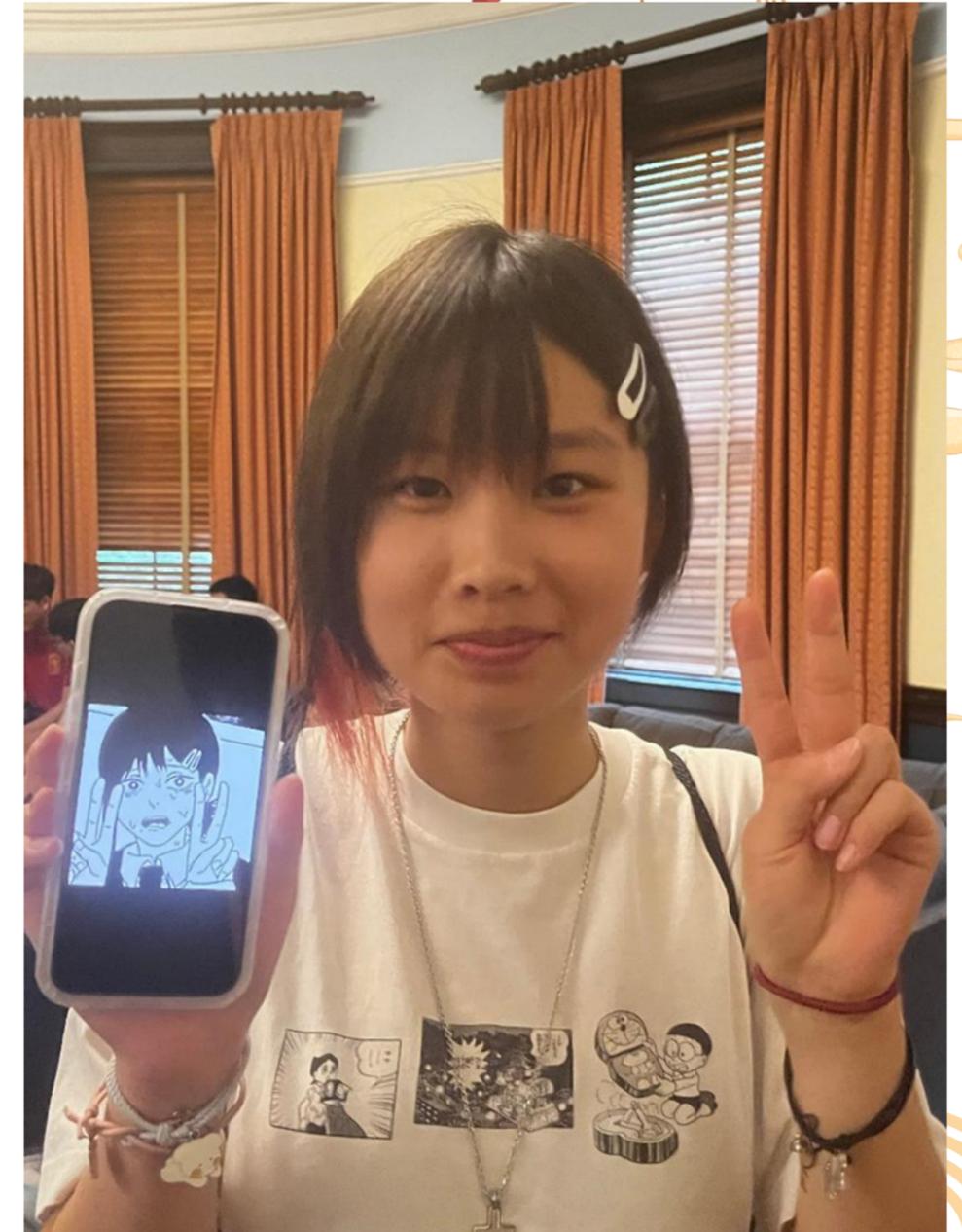
**TYAF
YOUTH AWARD
WINNERS**



2025-2026 TYAF Youth Award Winners

Anita Lin

Anita is a junior at Northwest High School. She is deeply passionate about creative arts, having studied them each year and planning to continue in her senior year. She finds music an escape, creative writing a personal expression, applied arts a way to evoke emotions, and drawing a means to bring ideas to life. Supported by her family, she balances rigorous AP and honors classes with art as a refuge from stress. Her dedication has fostered friendships, resilience, and purpose, while her greatest joy lies in using her talents to inspire emotions and smiles in others, enriching both her life and theirs.



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Ryan Tsai

At seventeen, I am a junior at Montgomery College through an early college program that replaced high school, a shift that challenged me to adapt quickly to adult environments while deepening my self-understanding. Growing up Taiwanese American, I once viewed heritage superficially, but learning Taiwan's history and experiencing daily life there in 2023 reshaped my identity, making me more patient and reflective. This growth extended into leadership on my dragon boat team, where I overcame introversion to guide others responsibly. Today, I carry a stronger sense of self, embracing my roots as a foundation for thoughtful growth and future purpose.



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Nathan Ashurst

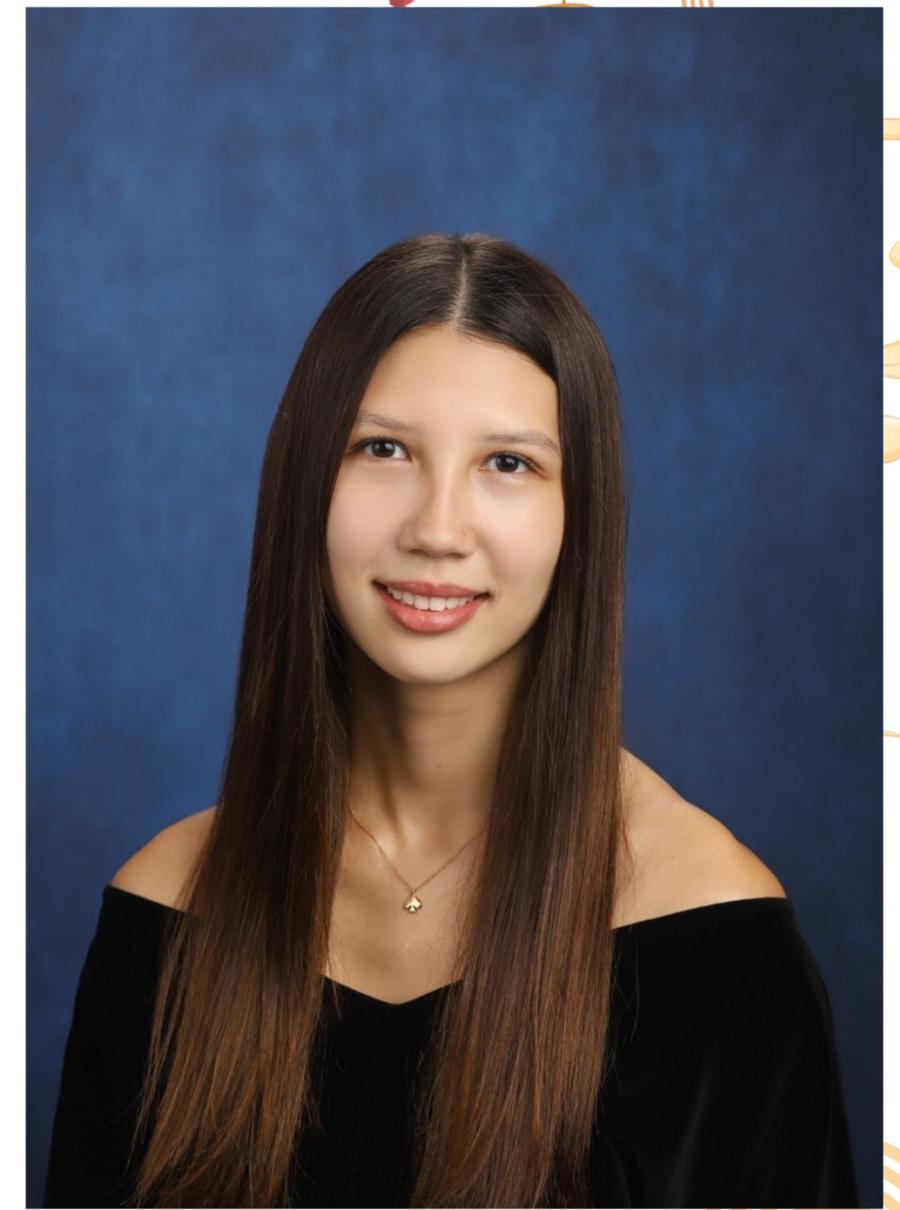
Nathaniel is a junior at Springbrook High School and is passionate about physical activity, technology, and community. Family adventures in skiing, hiking, and biking fostered his love for challenge and nature, which he extends to cross country and swim teams, where he also serves as an informal analyst, tracking data to optimize performance. Beyond athletics, he leads as lighting engineer for the drama club and supports events at Washington D.C. Taiwanese School with technical expertise. These experiences taught him the value of giving back and community, inspiring his goal to pursue an interdisciplinary degree in computer science and engineering.



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Stella Schreiber

Stella is a senior at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and has been deeply involved in academics, leadership, and community service. A longtime student of Washington DC Taiwanese School and youth counselor at Dr. Liang's Summer Camp, she also volunteers with nonprofits and holds leadership roles in the Girl Scouts, earning her Gold Award through a project combining music theory and STEM outreach. At school, she participates in rowing, honors societies, Model UN, and Science Olympiad, while pursuing AP Biology, AP Physics, and engineering courses. Outside academics, she enjoys reading, outdoor adventures, water sports, and exploring new hobbies beyond her comfort zone.



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Maximao Binns

Maximo is also known by his Chinese name Yang Guan. He was born in Italy and raised in Maryland, where he developed a love for learning, leadership, and theatre. From grade school, he was recognized as a hardworking student eager for challenges, later joining student government and theatre in middle school, which taught him collaboration and resilience. In high school, he expanded his leadership to school, county, and state levels while deepening his theatre involvement as head of set construction, lighting designer, and actor. Guided by the belief that true fulfillment comes from passion, he aspires to build communities rooted in purpose.

