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## **Two Carver Center students earn merit awards in prestigious 2022 YoungArts competition**

Towson, MD – Jaylen Isiah Brown and Brea Williams, both seniors at George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology, earned merit awards in the prestigious 2022 [YoungArts](#) competition.

Brown was honored in the dance/hip hop category, and Williams was honored for visual arts.

In total, 720 of the nation’s most accomplished young artists (ages 15–18 or in Grades 10–12) were named 2022 YoungArts award winners in the visual, literary, and performing arts. Award winners are chosen by panels of esteemed artists, and YoungArts awards are given in three categories: finalist, honorable mention and merit. A complete list of the 2022 winners is available [online](#).

In addition to monetary awards, all winners receive a medallion, a [lifetime of creative and professional support](#), and access to YoungArts Post—a private, online portal for YoungArts artists to connect, share their work and discover new opportunities. Merit winners receive a monetary award of \$100.

Quoted in a [YoungArts press release](#), Executive Director Jewel Malone said, “We are thrilled to announce this year’s YoungArts award winners—an extraordinary group of promising, accomplished young artists—and congratulate each of them on this exciting milestone in their artistic careers. YoungArts empowers artists to pursue a life in the arts beginning at the critical time when many are faced with decisions about life after high school. We are proud to support these young artists at the beginning of their journeys and look forward to becoming a resource for them at all stages of their careers.”

Past YoungArts award winners include visual artist Daniel Arsham; Grammy award-winning and Academy Award nominated trumpeter and composer Terence Blanchard; dancer/choreographer Camille A. Brown; Academy Award nominated actor Timothée Chalamet; Academy Award, Emmy, and Tony award-winning actress Viola Davis; former National Youth Poet Laureate and activist Amanda Gorman; Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter Judith Hill; award-winning violinist Jennifer Koh; Academy Award-winning screenwriter, playwright, and actor Tarell Alvin McCraney; Grammy award-winning and Tony nominated actor Andrew Rannells; dancer and co-founder of Complexions Contemporary Ballet Desmond Richardson; and model, actress, and LGBTQ activist Hunter Schafer.

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