

The George Washington University
The Corcoran School of Art and Design

Corcoran Scholars Exhibition

January 27- February 15, 2023

Gallery 102 in the Smith Hall of Art
801 22nd Street NW, Washington DC



Washington, DC— The Corcoran School of Arts and Design at the George Washington University is proud to present the 2023 Corcoran Scholars exhibition. The Corcoran Scholars are a diverse group of undergraduate students who have demonstrated exceptional talent and artistic vision through portfolio submissions and ongoing work. The exhibition is an opportunity for these students to

showcase their pieces in a gallery setting, and curate a body of work that follows a theme. This year's exhibition is entitled "On the Horizon", and students were encouraged to submit new work that they have recently created. Additionally, students are charged with various aspects of creating a gallery show, including poster design, creating wall labels, installation, and reception planning. The exhibition will open on January 27th, and will remain up until February 15th. A reception will be held on January 27th, at 6pm.

Student Bios

Jenna Banks

Jenna Banks is a photographer currently based in Washington, D.C. as she finishes her BFA in Photojournalism. Jenna began her photography journey in her hometown of Monroe, New Jersey, where she was drawn to open air at a young age. Currently, her practice engages with the natural world as a vehicle for self-healing, and a means of stepping outside of herself. Jenna seeks out compelling light and organic shapes, and her practice pays homage to her younger self and the green spaces that she can always return to.

Sophia Goedert

Sophia Goedert is a second year student in the Corcoran School of Art and Design studying photojournalism and sociology. Sophia grew up in Meeker, Colorado, a small ranching community that fostered her black and white landscape aesthetic. Through photography Sophia uses specific sequencing to connect photos that highlight a certain theme or story.

Amanda McHardy

Amanda McHardy is a 4th year Photojournalism major at the Corcoran School of Art and Design. McHardy was born and raised in Massachusetts, growing up mere miles from much of her extended family. She began her creative journey with photography at the age of 13 while on a family vacation. It's no wonder why her work primarily revolves around family, family relationships and dynamics, as well as others close to her. She also works with the ideas of intimacy, memory, youth, mortality, anxiety, and self-reflection. McHardy enjoys documenting her family and friends and moments spent with them.

Tom Rath

Tom Rath is a first year student pursuing a BA in Photojournalism at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design in Washington, DC. Born and raised in Bozeman, Montana, Tom has used photography for years to document the people, landscapes, and stories that have populated his life. Growing up in Montana gave Tom a unique perspective that he wishes to share through his visual art. Tom aims to use photography as a means to tell visually striking, emotionally moving stories from those whose voices and perspectives are seldom seen or heard.

Allison Robbert

Allison Robbert is a first-year photojournalism student at the Corcoran School of Art and Design. She has a strong love for photography and journalism and a devoted curiosity for US politics. Back home in Florida, three-year-old Allison would wander around her house with a digital point-and-shoot camera. Today, she is photographing top government officials like President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. She is currently studying the interdisciplinary spaces between photojournalism, art, and government in order to one day create images that function not only as moments of history but also as visually striking works of art.

Jordan Tovin

Born and raised in Atlanta, Jordan Tovin is a freshman pursuing a BFA in Photojournalism at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design. During his sophomore year of high school, he discovered the darkroom, sparking his interest in photography. After acting as a photo editor for his school's yearbook, his passion for photography merged with his newfound interest in journalism. While at GW, Jordan has set his sights on finding his niche while photographing a variety of scenes in Washington. Jordan aspires to be a better visual storyteller whose work causes a visceral reaction in his audience.

Danielle Towers

Danielle Towers is a photographer, student and artist currently earning her BFA in photojournalism at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design at the George Washington University. Danielle is from the Chicago suburbs and was prompted to pick up the camera in response to her grandmother's diagnosis with Alzheimer's while Danielle was in High School. Danielle has used photography to explore themes such as age, the body, familial relationships, and intimacy within the urban landscape and hopes to make images that inspire and validate her subjects and viewers alike.

Kate Townsend

Kate Townsend is a first year student majoring in Interior Architecture at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Kate has been extremely interested in pursuing the study of architecture since being exposed to the incredible designs of the New York City skyline. Kate strives to use this passion of architecture to create spaces people can feel truly themselves in, one that reflects their personality and brings light into an increasingly dull and monotonous world.