

UNDERWOOD

Awards and Accolades

★ 2021-2022

- Magnet School of Distinction
- Gifts of Gold artwork piece in the exhibition. This is a partnership with the United Arts and WCPSS to showcase the visual arts in our county.
- Underwood Theatre Production students were selected to perform at Pieces of Gold, an arts extravaganza and partnership between WCPSS and Wake Education Partnership.
- Black History Bowl Competition: 2nd place
- “Wish You Were Here” Rialto Mural created in partnership with Enloe High School and the Five Points Business Alliance (Underwood 5th grade students)
- Young Author’s Writing Contest-North Carolina Reading Association: 3 County Winners
- Tar Heel Junior Historians (1st and 2nd place History Quiz, 1st place (individual and group) Exhibit & Visual Arts, 1st place Creative Writing, 1st place Video, Winner Artifact Search)
- NCAEA Art Teacher of the Year
- WRAL Teacher of the Week

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- Strings Specialist was named to the inaugural roster of Artist Scholars, an accomplished and influential list of Black performers, educators, activists, directors, choreographers, and administrators by the Manhattan School of Music.
- Band Specialist was voted into the NC Bandmasters’ Band Director Hall of fame
- 14 student artists were showcased to represent all WCPSS Elementary Schools at Crabtree Valley Mall in a new partnership with WCPSS, United Arts Council, and Crabtree Valley Mall.
- Gifts of Gold artwork piece in the exhibition
- Underwood artwork displayed at Marbles (K and 2nd grade)
- NCRA Young Authors Writing Contest had 5 County Winners, 4 of them went on to win at the State level.
- Tar Heel Junior Historians Competition had six 5th graders compete in State Contests

★ 2019-2020

- Alliance for a Healthier Generation Award: Bronze Level
- NC State Fair in Art: 5th place overall entry
- Raleigh-Wake Reading Council’s Young Authors Contest sponsored by North Carolina Reading Association: 4 County and State Winners
- Wake County Reflections Contest: two Honorable Mentions for 2D/3D Visual Art

★ 2018-2019

- Black History Knowledge Bowl: 1st place
- First in Fitness: 4th overall in the county; 24 students were in the top 5 in the county
- Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant received in the amount of \$4,000 to be spent on farm to school activities and recess equipment
- Gifts of Gold: 1 student artist placement
- Hurricanes Partnership Celebration: Youth Department from the Hurricanes visited PE electives and Underwood was selected to receive a grant from the Hurricanes and NHL for new school hockey equipment for our PE Department (new sticks, goals, and 500 Hurricane Backpacks)
- MUG T MES Historians: 3 winners
- Raleigh-Wake Reading Council's Young Author's Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Reading Association: 2 County Winners
- Wake County Reflections Contest: one Honorable Mention entry for Literature
- Science Olympiad: 1st in Junior Varsity One; 3rd in Junior Varsity Two; and Varsity 2nd Place
- Underwood Garden is Certified Schoolyard (Wildlife) Habitat-NC Wildlife Federation
- Underwood students participated in the Readvolution Reading Program

★ 2017-2018

- Black History Knowledge Bowl team: 2nd place
- First in Fitness: 3rd overall in the county; 33 students placed in the top 5 within their individual competitions
- Pieces of Gold Performer
- Raleigh-Wake Reading Council's Young Authors Contest sponsored by North Carolina Reading Association: 2 County & 2 State winners
- Special Olympics for Basketball Skills: 3 students earned 1st place; 2 students earned 2nd place; and 1 student earned a 3rd place
- Tarheel Jr. Historians: 5 winners (3 in more than one category)
- Wake County Reflections Contest: 6 students earned 1st and 2nd place recognition