# 2021 Photography Contest Finalists

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### BOUSQUET HOLSTEIN PLLC

"Who What When Where"

#### 2021 Bousquet Holstein Annual High School Student Photo Contest

We are pleased to present the 13th Annual Bousquet Holstein High School Photography Contest Finalists and Winners. The theme for our 2021 Annual Photography Contest was inspired by *Who What When Where*, an exhibition at the Everson Museum of Art. The exhibition is framed by *Who, What, When, Where, 1998*, a work first displayed at Carrie Mae Weems' 1998 solo exhibition at the Everson. This year's exhibition explored how each individual interprets an image through the lens of identity, place, and time.



Carrie Mae Weems is internationally acclaimed and Syracuse-based. She is considered one of the most influential contemporary American artists. Throughout her career, Weems has "investigated family relationships, cultural identity, sexism, class, political systems, and the consequences of power" and, in doing so, she is "[d]etermined as ever to enter the picture—both literally and metaphorically . . . ."

We encouraged student photographers to see the exhibition, study other works by Weems, and create images that reflect their lived experience, defined by the who, what, when, and where of their life. We encouraged the student photographers to be aware of how they entered their pictures and how they projected a part of their identity.

To the delight of students and teachers, Ms. Weems attended the virtual awards presentation, and offered enthusiastic words of encouragement as each finalist was recognized and as students spoke about what inspired them to take their image(s).

Images submitted by students are reviewed by our judge's panel without revealing student names or schools. For the first time ever, the top three images chosen by our judges were submitted by one student, Aum Patel, a senior at Fayetteville-Manlius High School who was recognized as the Grand Prize Winner. We expanded the winner's circle to award more prizes and acknowledge the exceptional creativity of our finalists. Aum's first place image was featured on the firm's annual Thanksgiving card which was mailed to more than 7000 clients.







### **Grand Prize Winner**

Aum Patel Fayetteville-Manlius High School



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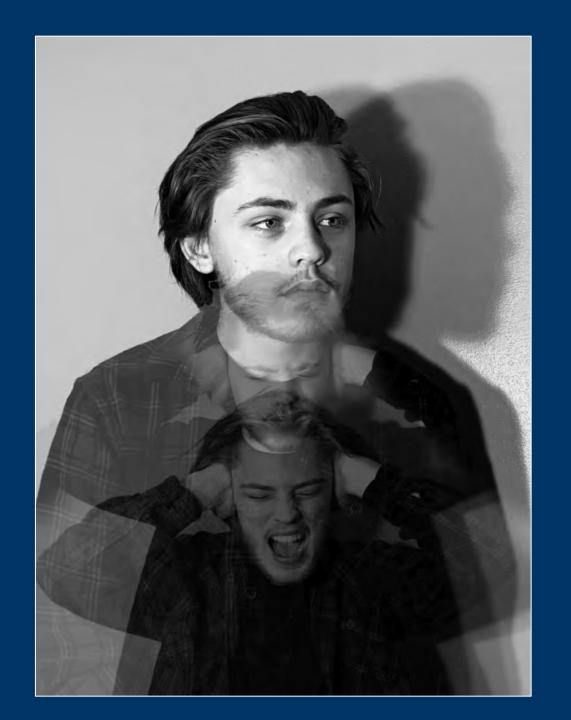


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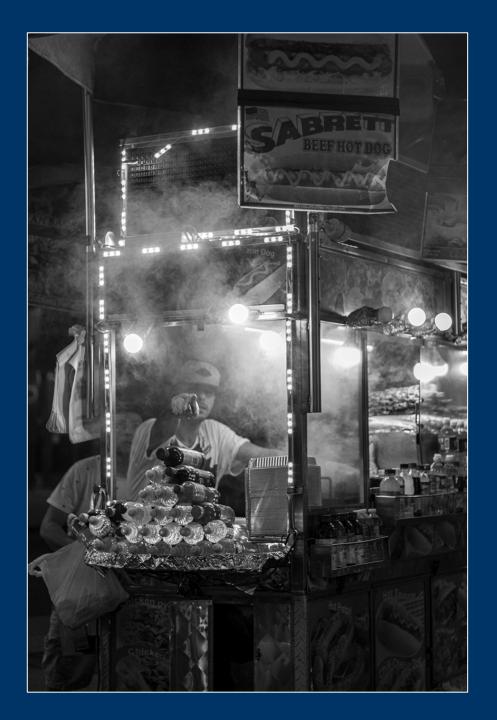
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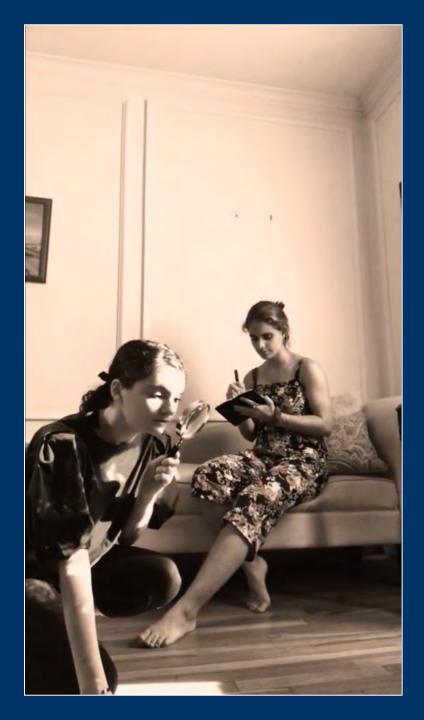


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This year's cover photograph was taken by **Aum Patel**, a senior at Fayetteville-Manlius High School. The image is entitled The Empty Auditorium. Aum's photograph was the winning entry in the 2021 Bousquet Holstein Student Photography Contest, Who What When Where. (For the first time ever, images submitted by Aum captured the first three places in the contest.)

The theme for our 13th Annual Photography Contest was inspired by **Who What When Where**, the recent Everson Museum exhibition that was framed by **Carrie Mae Weems'** iconic 1998 work. Throughout her career Weems has "investigated family relationships, cultural identity, sexism, class, political systems, and the consequences of power" and, in doing so, she has been "determined as ever to enter the picture—both literally and metaphorically...."

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Many thanks to the Director and staff of the Everson Museum of Art for participating as jurors for the competition.

Bousquet Holstein presented a scholarship check to Aum for his extraordinary work and we made a donation to the Fayetteville-Manlius High School photography class where Brittney Culican is Aum's teacher.

To view all of the photo contest finalists, please visit our website at www.bhlawplic.com.

This Thanksgiving we celebrate the self-reflection and creativity of our gifted student photographers. In gratitude for your friendship and support, we wish you good health, success and peace this holiday season and in the coming year.

#### 2021 BOUSQUET HOLSTEIN THANKSGIVING CARD