

***NAOP/Olmsted 200 Names Winners of Student Essay Competition  
Examining the Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted***

March 17, 2022, Washington, DC— The National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP) and [Olmsted 200](#) today announced winners of the student essay competition sponsored by NAOP. Students at both the secondary and post-secondary school level were [invited to submit essays](#) addressing: How should the life, legacy and values of Frederick Law Olmsted inform 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges?

The winners are...

**Secondary School Division:**

First Prize—

Juliana Swartz, Junior at Needham High School in Needham, MA with **Frederick Law Olmsted in the 21st Century: An Unexpected Guide to Current Crises**

**College/Graduate School Division:**

First Prize—

Julianna Marinelli of Boston College with **The Life, Legacy And Values Of Frederick Law Olmsted: Wisdom For 21st Century Challenges**

Second Prize—

Andrew Herrera of Rutgers University with **Remembering Frederick Law Olmsted and the public need for space to play**

The submissions were judged by a jury chaired by Professor Phil Birge-Liberman, Associate Professor in Residence, Urban and Community Studies, University of Connecticut, with members of the NAOP Board. The winners will be published on the Olmsted 200 website.

“Olmsted’s focus on social justice, equitable access, and public health is as relevant today as it was nearly 200 years ago,” said Birge-Liberman. “His ideas can clearly inform solutions to some of today’s challenges — and we are glad to see the creative ideas that students have brought forward.”

Hundreds of organizations around the country are participating in ***Olmsted 200***, a year-long celebration, engaging wide and inclusive audiences in examining the foundational principles of Olmsted's democratic vision, values, and resilient designs. [www.olmsted200.org](http://www.olmsted200.org)

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