

Spotlight on Excellence: Gnomon Students Win Big at 2023 Rookie Awards



Now in its 13th year, The Rookie Awards is the world's leading contest for aspiring creatives in Games, Animation, Visual Effects, Immersive Media, Motion Graphics, and 3D Visualization. Gnomon students' artwork went head-to-head with fellow artists from all over the world. This year, the competition drew 5,517 entries from 521 schools in 106 countries in categories such as 3D Animation, Concept Art, Visual Effects, and Game Development.

Gnomon had a record number of Career Opportunities finalists, with 35 students snagging studio spotlights! Alena Mealy is the **Rookie of the Year Winner** in [3D Animation](#) and Sasha Honcharova is the **Rookie of the Year Highly Commended Winner** in 3D Animation AND **Career Opportunities Winner** in [DNEG](#).

"We know that when Gnomon students share their work, people take notice," Gnomon Director of Education Max Dayan said. "I am incredibly proud of all our students for submitting projects that are the result of an insane amount of practice, dedication, and vision." Check out [The Rookies page](#) to view all of the amazing entries.



Forbes Ranks Gnomon as a Top U.S. College in 2023 Rankings

Forbes compiles an annual list of 500 colleges, taking into account factors like student success, return on investment, and alumni influence. **Gnomon not only earned a spot on the distinguished list but has done so ranking at #238.** This accomplishment highlights Gnomon's exceptional graduation and placement rates and underscores the school's dedication to fostering academic success for students from diverse backgrounds.



Forbes' recognition is particularly significant when looking at the broader context of the art school landscape. Only a handful of art colleges earned a spot on the esteemed list that names Gnomon as a top-ranked art school in the nation. Gnomon also shares this honor with Ivy League schools and colleges with centuries-long legacies including Princeton, Yale, and Columbia.

"This achievement underscores Gnomon's position not only as a leader in digital arts education but as an institution on par with some of the most prestigious and longstanding names in higher education," Gnomon Founder and President Alex Alvarez shared.

"As we celebrate this achievement, we extend immense gratitude to the industry we serve for supporting Gnomon's mission over the past 26 years. It is with great pride that we serve such a creative and inspiring field."

For more details about Forbes' Top Colleges in America, visit their website [here](#).

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