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## Dates to Remember!

#### OCTOBER 1

Nominations for NAHS and NJAHS Sponsor Award due.  
Nominations for Rising Star Secondary Recognition Award due.

#### NOVEMBER 1

Winter NAHS News chapter reports due.

#### DECEMBER 15

Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship Applications due.

#### JANUARY 31

Is your chapter registered this school year?

#### MARCH 1

Spring NAHS News chapter reports due.

#### SPRING

Please allow 4 weeks for mailing and processing of orders. Orders will be filled as they are received in our office. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Ashely Lim: 2012 Rising Star!

Ja Hyun (Ashely) Lim—a senior at North County High School in Glen Burnie, MD—is the recipient of NAEA's 2012 Rising Stars Secondary Recognition Program Award. A passionate artist and dedicated student, Ashely is an officer in her school's NAHS chapter and participates in the local Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Enrichment program.

Ashely first recognized the importance of art education at age 12, when her family immigrated to the United States. Unfamiliar with the language or culture, Ashley discovered that art was a medium through which she could connect with others. "My painting and my drawing were the language I spoke and it was the communication between me and my classmates," Ashely explains. "Between all the chaos and the problems in school, I found only one fantastic place that eliminated my fearful feelings toward this new environment. The only place I felt comfortable was my art class." She credits her art teacher with helping her develop her talent and realizing what she could accomplish through art.

Her English teacher, Ellen Oakes, observed, "Ashely is a uniquely talented student. Her art is phenomenal and has won numerous awards and prizes on both local and national levels. She has generously shared this talent with the school community, planning and overseeing two murals that grace the halls of our school."

Art Department Chair James Dell said of Ashely, "She is perhaps the most gifted student that I have encountered during my teaching career... a model student and an inspiration to others for her work ethic and positive attitude... Her ability to use art as a form of visual communication has been recognized in several competitions. I believe she would make an excellent art educator."

Suzanne Owens, School District Coordinator of Art, describes Ashely's first major award: "Ashely, as a ninth grader, created an amazing painting to submit to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration 2009 Art Contest. NASA invited high school and college students nationwide from all areas of study to enter, including the arts, industrial design, architecture, computer design, and the fine arts. Students were asked to submit their work on the theme: Life and Work on the Moon. Artists were encouraged to collaborate with science and engineering students in order to ensure that the art was a valid depiction

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Left: Wooden Heel, Pencil, 18"x24"

Above: Self Portrait, Colored Pencil, 18"x24"

## Coordinator's Corner

As the 2011–2012 school year quickly comes to a close, I am honored to have the opportunity to formally introduce myself to the National Art Honor Societies community. My name is Heather Rose, NAEA Member Services Coordinator and the direct contact for the NAHS and NJAHS programs. Since November, I've had the pleasure of communicating with many of you via phone and e-mail. Direct contact with chapter sponsors is very important to me and I'm always accessible to support you and your chapter.

When I ask sponsors if they are utilizing NAHS resources and benefits, often they are not aware of the many resources available! As educators and chapter sponsors, there is no doubt that your time is a valuable commodity. Please be sure that you are taking advantage of all that NAHS has to offer!

- Have you ever considered collaborating on a project with another chapter? Would you like suggestions from other chapters on inductions, activities, or bylaws? Do you have great ideas to share? **Connect with other NAHS/NJAHS chapters and chapter sponsors through the NAHS Directory and the NAHS ning.**
- Your chapter is busy year-round creating incredible artwork and making an impact in your school and community. **Share your news and artwork with your NAHS community! Submit to the NAHS News and NAHS Artsonia Gallery.**
- **Explore NAHS Awards and Opportunities!** More information can be found in the NAHS Chapter Handbook and the NAEA Awards Booklet. Opportunities include:
  - o Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship
  - o Rising Stars Secondary Recognition Award

- o Scholarships offered by: Columbus College of Art and Design, Maryland Institute College of Art, The Art Institute
- o Outstanding National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award & Outstanding National Junior Art Honor Society Sponsor Award

To learn more about these valuable resources, please visit: [www.arteducators.org/nahs](http://www.arteducators.org/nahs)  
By taking advantage of the many benefits offered to you as an NAHS/NJAHS sponsor, your chapter is sure to set a grand example of success and growth. This is an important time in our society to champion creativity and nurture the growth of future leaders who are innovators and meaning makers, such as your remarkable students.

I look forward to working with each of you and your chapters in the coming months and during the 2012–2013 school year.

Best of wishes,

*Heather Rose*

*NAEA Member Services Coordinator, [nahs@arteducators.org](mailto:nahs@arteducators.org)*

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#### THE NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

Member Services Coordinator: Heather Rose  
Publisher: NAEA

*The National Art Honor Society News* is published two times a year in the Winter and Spring for National Art Honor Society Chapter members and their sponsors by the National Art Honor Society, Division of the National Art Education Association, 1806 Robert Fulton Drive, Suite 300, Reston, Virginia 20191.

Deadlines for submitting material for *NAHS News*: November 1 for the Winter issue and March 1 for the Spring issue. Please contact [nahs@arteducators.org](mailto:nahs@arteducators.org) for more information.

## NAHS News Guidelines

All NAHS and NJAHS chapters are encouraged to submit chapter reports, photos, and images of artwork following the guidelines below. Please contact NAEA if you have any questions.

#### CHAPTER REPORT:

- Your chapter report must be limited to no more than 400 words.
- Your school name, sponsor's name, city, state, and chapter number must be included.
- If you miss the deadline, your chapter report will be held for the next issue or returned to you.

#### PHOTOS AND IMAGES OF ARTWORK:

- You may submit 2 color photos (short captions may be included) and 5 color pieces of artwork per chapter.
- Digital submissions of black and white or color photos and images are accepted.
- Student's name, chapter number, school name, city, and state must be included with artwork.
- *NAHS News* encourages students to submit their artwork for publication. We will do our best to represent all chapters who submit artwork based on the space available.

#### SUBMIT BY E-MAIL:

- E-mail chapter reports to [nahs@arteducators.org](mailto:nahs@arteducators.org) as a Word attachment or in the body of the e-mail.
- E-mail images as JPEG or TIFF attachments only. Please make sure the resolution is 200 dpi or higher for the equivalent of a 4"x6" image.
- In each e-mail, include chapter number, sponsor's name, school name, city, and state. Make sure the school name is in the subject line.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR CHAPTER REPORTS

- Chapter activities: Election of officers, chapter meetings, field trips, special classroom projects, school or community projects.
- Fundraising projects: Share your fundraising ideas and the results of your project.
- Special accomplishments: Share information on scholarship or award recipients or any other special accomplishment by NAHS or NJAHS students and sponsors.
- Photos and Artwork: You may submit up to 2 photos (activities, events, projects, etc.) and 5 images of artwork per chapter.

**Deadline Dates for Submissions:** November 1 and March 1



of the Moon’s harsh environment. She was the national winner and was honored at Goddard Space Center and in New York City.”

Her Art Teacher and NAHS Advisor, Jordyn Roemer praised her artistic talent: “Her amazing skills coupled with her dedication to the Honor Society and the arts have really raised the bar for other members. Not only has she brought her skills with her, but she’s also taught other students techniques for painting, and led teams in painting murals within our school building as well as other locations within the county. We are so very proud of her and all of her accomplishments!”

Congratulations, Ashely!

Q&A WITH ASHELY LIM

Q: Why is visual art so important to you?

A: I am a visual thinker and I believe that everything that surrounds us has some potential to be art. We live in a time of advancing technology where visual images are significant. I hope to find an audience who appreciates what I am trying to communicate visually.

Q: How have you used your talent to impact your community?

A: I have worked hard to paint dynamic and interesting murals in my school and in a local community center. My work has been used for posters by NASA and the National Park Service. I have also submitted work to the College Board and hope to have a show at the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Q: What are your plans after high school? How does art play a part in those future plans?

A: I would like to have the best education in art that I can find. Through this process of education I will discover what the best future art career is for me.

Q: What do you use for inspiration?

A: I am very interested in the human figure and how it can be used to express important issues in contemporary society. One of the series for my AP Drawing Concentration dealt with the theme of plastic surgery and how it affects women in our world.

Q: What has been your biggest influence in life and why?

A: Six years ago I moved from Korea to the United States. I came here with the hopes of finding more freedom and opportunity in the field of art. Challenges and opportunity go hand in hand and I believe that I am striving to be the best artist that I can be.

Ashely’s achievement was recently covered by *The Baltimore Sun*:  
[http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-03-08/news/bs-ar-ashely-lim-20120307\\_1\\_high-school-students-art-classes-national-art-education-association](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-03-08/news/bs-ar-ashely-lim-20120307_1_high-school-students-art-classes-national-art-education-association)



Above, top: NASA Poster, Watercolor, 9"x12"  
Above, center: Decision, Oil on Board, 9"x12"  
Above, bottom: Traits, Oil on Canvas, 18"x24"  
Below: artist with untitled artwork

# Artist’s Statement

By Ja Hyun (Ashely) Lim

It was my freshman year, when I received my first art award in a spinoff NASA art contest. My whole family was invited to the NASA center in Maryland for a tour and for the award ceremony. The best moment of my life was when I presented my speech for my art award. The words I practiced a thousand times came out from my mouth slowly and when I finally finished that last sentence, everyone at the award ceremony clapped... for my art that visually communicated to people. That’s when I finally felt that art could become my magic carpet that would carry me from darkness to a bright future. That beautiful night I envisioned my approaching years, and I felt the happiness that art could provide. I also visualized and thought back to the first time when I found my hope and future in art and how I could have missed my chance without the help of my art teacher, who pulled me out from the deep and dark

lair of my depressing immigrant life. Then it hit me: the idea that I could communicate through art with anyone. This is my talent and I hope to become a great art educator for students.

During my experience in the United States I learned that art is a visual language, and a universal language that can be used as a bridge in any direction. When a student is on that bridge there should be a director or educator to guide the student in the right direction. Through my own exploration of art as a visual form of communication I decided that I have the ability to become an art educator and help students who are looking for their own visual voice in our society and also help anyone to become aware of the importance of art in our world.



# Columbus College of Art and Design

CCAD offers \$4,000 scholarships to qualifying students to be applied toward the cost of tuition.

This award is in addition to any other scholarship the student may have received; the awards will be added together and divided evenly over the same number of terms of the larger award.

Please forward a copy of your National Art Honor Society certificate to the Admissions Office with your application to the school.

PLEASE CONTACT:

Jaclin Bender, Admissions Office, Columbus College of Art & Design, 107 North Ninth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 for more information (614-222-3207).

# National Art Honor Society Scholarship

High school seniors who also belong to the National Art Honor Society may apply for The Art Institutes National Art Honor Society Scholarship. Details may be obtained by calling The Art Institutes location of your choice or 1-800-275-2440.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- First place: \$ 20,000 tuition scholarship
- Second place: \$ 10,000 tuition scholarship
- Third place: \$ 5,000 tuition scholarship

DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

Applications must be postmarked by midnight, March 1, 2013. Winners will be notified after May 1, 2013.

HOW TO ENTER

All entries must be addressed to:  
National Art Honor Society Scholarships,  
c/o The Art Institute of Pittsburgh  
420 Boulevard of the Allies  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Attention: Bill McAnulty (or e-mail to [bmcanulty@aii.edu](mailto:bmcanulty@aii.edu))

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA

- Select an Art Institutes location you would like to attend.
- You must be a high school senior graduating and a member of the National Art Honor Society.
- Submit six slides of six different original pieces of artwork that represent your creative ability and interest. Digital files may be submitted in lieu of slides.
- Submit a written statement describing your artistic career goals and why you want to be considered for a scholarship.
- Submit your name, home address, and phone number; and school name, address, phone number, and name of your National Art Honor Society advisor.

To validate the scholarship, winners must apply and be accepted to The Art Institutes location of their choice. Upon receipt, all submissions become the sole property of The Art Institutes and will not be returned.

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1.866.690.8850 | [artinstitutes.edu/tucson](http://artinstitutes.edu/tucson)  
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1.866.717.8080 | [artinstitutes.edu/vancouver](http://artinstitutes.edu/vancouver)  
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# Maryland Institute College of Art

Fifty \$4,000 to \$8,000 merit-based scholarships allocated over 4 years are awarded each year to high school seniors who are members of the National Art Honor Society.

You must be accepted for admission to MICA in order to receive a scholarship/award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Scholarship Coordinator at: Maryland Institute College of Art, Office of Undergraduate Admission, 1300 Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217-4191; phone 410-225-2222 or e-mail questions to [admission@mica.org](mailto:admission@mica.org)  
More information and an application are available at [www.mica.edu](http://www.mica.edu)

# Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Program has provided students and teachers in secondary schools an annual assessment of their creative work since 1923. Students in grades 7–12 are eligible to submit entries. An entry form must accompany all submissions. More than 600 awards are presented annually on the national level. Winners may receive cash awards, scholarships, certificates, and exhibition opportunities. Special Portfolio Awards and scholarship nominations are open to graduating high school students who plan to attend college.

Please check [www.scholastic.com/artandwriting](http://www.scholastic.com/artandwriting) for further information on how to enter, deadlines, and entry forms.



# Chapter Spotlight: Pope John XXIII High School, Katy, TX (#3110)

Art-felt wishes to our “NAHS national family” from chapter #3110, Pope John XXIII Catholic High School in Katy, TX! Our PJ23 chapter members take great lion pride in being chosen as the spring 2012 “spotlighted NAHS chapter”! We are quite young but “art hearty” with our 30 members, having celebrated our charter chapter activation in the spring of 2009. We make up for our limited space and small school population with energy and commitment to those elements that make a National Art Honor Society such a proud part of any art student’s life... scholarship, leadership, service, artistic talent and application, and always, fun! We offer a very successful and partnered NAHS/ Paint and Palette Art Club participation effort in order to provide mentorship for any student interested in the visual arts.

Our “highlighted” projects include:

- **Hosting both a winter and spring Fine Arts Showcase in partnership with all of the PJ arts:** music, choir, drama, and the visual arts. Our tables of working artists are in full array! Our 15th gift collection for the local Krause Teen Center for troubled teens is a special service project!
- **PJ Roaring Rally**—Host to 11 upper elementary schools with a fun day planned with both academic and art-related activities modeled after district and state TAPPS events. We display student artwork in a gallery fashion with ribboned winners, a wonderful recruitment for our art program through the leadership of our NAHS members. This includes a 2-hour still-life drawing that the participants love, followed by an art room workshop and one-on-one with NAHS!
- **Katy Rice Harvest Festival Parade/Photography contest**—For 6 years our art members have designed a winning art float for total school participation in this Katy community competition. Our photo entries based on a rice theme have topped out with ribbon after ribbon. The Katy Chamber of Commerce has been quite generous with their accolades regarding our continued art spirit and service to the community.
- **TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools)** district and state 4A competitions have resulted in numerous NAHS winnings in 2D and 3D participation over several years.

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TAPPS Art State Meet. Back Row: Stephanie Matthiesen, Julia Monforte, Alex Brokmeyer, Katelyn Lasater, Ms. O'Donnell. Front Row: Maria Gonzales, Abby Glueck



Chris Lee, Pope John XXIII High School, Chapter 3110, Katy, TX



Stephanie Matthiesen, Pope John XXIII High School, Chapter 3110, Katy, TX



Eddie Hymes, Pope John XXIII High School, Chapter 3110, Katy, TX



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- PJ NAHS scholarships—Our favorite! We have provided two \$250 PJ chapter scholarships to exemplary NAHS members who are headed for studies in art-related majors. Funds are raised throughout the year through concessions and a successful school-wide garage sale art booth. Scholarship presentation takes place at our spring inductions ceremony.
- FotofestKaty2012—Several of our proud members displayed their juried photos at a local bank venue in conjunction with the FotofestHouston2012 city-wide display of incredible photography. Katy photography mentors and speakers are there for us!
- Foster family adoption—Another favorite! We provide gifts and artwork on numerous occasions for local foster family homes, our favorite that of our own school maintenance coordinator.

Our continued chapter efforts make us a successful NAHS chapter in an “art heartbeat!” Our moderator, Ms. Cyndy O’Donnell, a strong advocate of the arts at all levels, was selected by NAEA in 1995 as the NAHS Moderator of the Year (Mt. Carmel Academy in New Orleans). She states that “An NAHS chapter is a golden bridge of opportunity for students who love art and want to make a difference in life through that art”. Our future chapter projects



Elise Irvine, Pope John XXIII High School, Chapter 3110, Katy, TX

## Student Quotes

Pope John XXIII High School, Katy, Texas (#3110)

“As president of our chapter, NAHS has provided me with varied leadership qualities that have allowed me to better guide other artists in expressing their art through participation in active chapter activities and fulfilling service opportunities. I have been proud to be a leader for our PJ23 chapter!”

—Alexandra Brokmeyer, NAHS President 2011–2012

“As an active Art Club member and new inductee, I have had the opportunity to participate closely with all of the NAHS members who have helped me to improve my art skills, find fun ways to express my creativity and self-confidence, and truly enjoy our many service projects. I love the friendships!”

—Sarah Miles, Art Club member and new spring inductee

“Combining our NAHS members and our Art Club has allowed for an obvious camaraderie that I will never trade! I have seen my horizons expanding with knowledge of new mediums, composition, and principles and I can take great pride in everything I do with NAHS! Next stop: plans to be a future chapter officer.”

—Thomas Roccaforte, NAHS 2-year member

include a display of our artwork on Artsonia and a chapter designed set of note card sets with NAHS artwork and photography for fundraiser purposes. That “creative bridge” will never collapse in chapter #3110! It is a “great day to be a Pope John NAHS lion artist,” always remembering that it takes all of our member creativity to make our chapter what it is!

### OUR CHAPTER OFFICER LEADERSHIP:

Alexandra Brokmeyer, President; Sarah Cosgray, Vice-President; Abby Glueck, Secretary; Katelyn Lasater, Event Coordinator; Bailey Savoy, Treasurer; Stephanie Matthiesen, PR Communications;  
Sponsor: Cyndy O’Donnell



Maria Gonzales, Pope John XXIII High School, Chapter 3110, Katy, TX

## Showcase Student Artwork!

Give students the opportunity to digitally showcase their artwork to friends, family, and peers through the NAHS Gallery at Artsonia.  
Create your chapter’s digital gallery today!

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# Debi West: 2012 Outstanding NAHS Sponsor Award Winner

## North Gwinnett High School (#1667), Suwanee, GA

Debi West has been teaching since 1993. She currently educates students via the visual arts at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, GA, where she is the department chair of the visual art department and the fine arts co-chair, as well as serving an NAHS co-sponsor. She is also the owner of the Crystal Collage Children's Art Studio. Debi, a National Board Certified teacher with a specialist degree in art education, taught at the elementary level for 14 years and is excited to be in her 5th year at the secondary level.

She is passionate about teaching children through the arts! Debi is an advocate for art education and served as the President of the Georgia Art Education Association (2001-2007). She has served on various boards for the National Art Education Association. She was most recently elected as the NAEA Southeastern Vice President- Elect, and has been the NAEA Southeastern Secondary Division Director and the Southeastern Rep for the NAEA Advocacy Committee. She has given over 80 motivational and educational speeches, locally, regionally, and nationally. In 1997 and 1998 she was the national recipient of the Claire Flanagan Youth Art Month award, the top award for art advocacy, representing the state of Georgia. Debi was the state Youth Art Month coordinator for 3 years, Conference coordinator 2000 and 2008 and Business Rep from 2008-2010.

She is an accomplished artist and author and is currently showing her works at Matilda's in Alpharetta. She also exhibits annually in the GAEA juried members' exhibit and the Art Institute Appreciation Show. She has received national recognition for her work, "The Art of Making Art" showcased in the NAEA Electronic Exhibit, President's Choice Award, New York, 2001. She has published 5 books and resource guides and is a contributing editor for *Arts and Activities* magazine, creating their first ever monthly "curricular series." Her students' work appears in "Emphasis Art" and the SRA Art books, *Art Connections*.

As the NAHS Outstanding Sponsor of the Year, Debi is excited to accept this award on behalf of her 90+ NAHS members. She exhibits her student's art throughout the community, state, region, and nation! Her most recent Secondary Curriculum is based on service learning, "Art with a Purpose" lessons that are created and organized by her NAHS students. From Empty Bowl dinners with the local elementary school, to Relay for Life Art Auctions, to working community events such as Suwanee Day where her students face-paint and participate and win the parade each year, to Haiti Houses where her students raise money for the Good Shepherd School, to Croy's Cause—where her students have worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness in honor of Debi's son Croy, who passed away 4 years ago. There is always something exciting and important going on in room #416—face-painting at the football games, mini art exhibits where students sell mini art and easels, to their on-site sculptural project where they worked with special education students to build an outdoor sculptural garden and classroom. They also participate biannually in the Spinal Shepard Center face-painting festivals. This year they participated in the state's first ever high school "Art Throwdown," learning to work together to showcase their artmaking talents. Her NAHS students even paint Teacher of the Year murals each year as well as creating inspirational murals in the faculty bathrooms across the campus. Youth Art Month becomes a time when they participate in numerous community exhibits utilizing the walls of local coffee shops and restaurants!

Recent awards include: 2012 GAEA Outstanding National Art Honor Society Sponsor; 2011 Georgia Honorary Youth Art Month Art Educator; 2009 Georgia Art Educator of the Year; 2009 Woodruff Arts Center Leader in the Arts Honoree; 11 Alive Class Act Teacher Award, 2008; the NAEA Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award, 2006; Georgia Teacher of the Year Finalist, 2006; 2005 Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year; 2005 National Elementary Art Educator of the Year, as well as the 2000 NAEA Southeastern Elementary Art Educator and the 1999 Georgia Elementary Art Educator.



Debi earned her BA from the University of South Carolina in 1989 with a concentration in studio art. She earned her teaching certificate from the Moore College of Art and Design in 1991, her MEd in 1999 from the University of Georgia and her EdS from UGA as well. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Georgia and plans on completing her dissertation in the spring of 2014.

Debi resides in Suwanee, GA, and Hilton Head, SC, with her husband Chuck, and daughter Carson, and celebrates the memory of her son Croy. Debi's faith, family, friends and students are her TRUE inspirations!

She is honored and humbled to be recognized with this award—and graciously accepts it on behalf of all her students, past and present!

# NAHS & NJAHS Awards Program

Nomination forms and awards booklet can be found at: [www.arteducators.org/awards](http://www.arteducators.org/awards)

## CHARLES M. ROBERTSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established to honor the memory of Charles M. Robertson for his many years of service to NAEA and the Pratt Institute, this 4-year partial scholarship to the Pratt School of Art & Design in Brooklyn, New York, recognizes brilliance in student art achievement and artistic involvement at the high school level.

### ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to all NAHS high school seniors who are members of an active Chapter with a 3.0 GPA in all subjects. To keep the scholarship, students are required to major in Art Education and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

### DEADLINE

Applications must be delivered digitally or postmarked no later than December 15.

### SUBMIT

A completed Pratt application form; a letter of nomination listing student’s name, chapter number, school, school address, and telephone number; high school transcript; a one-page typed listing of the student’s artistic and extracurricular achievements in both school and community; five digital samples (if submitting via e-mail) representing a variety of the student’s original art work or on disk i(f submitting via hard copy), and a listing of titles and media used.

## RISING STARS SECONDARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

*To promote art education as a career by recognizing 50 talented, active NAHS Members.*

Recognition as a “Rising Star” will be given at the NAEA National Convention\* along with a 4-year complimentary NAEA student membership (with proof of college enrollment and the pursuit of study in art education); and a 1-year, first-year professional membership (with proof of employment).

### ELIGIBILITY

High School students in their junior or senior years interested in becoming art educators are eligible for this program. Nominees must be either in their junior or senior year at the time of both the nomination and the award presentation.

### SUBMIT

A cover sheet containing nominee’s name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address, school name, school address, school telephone, NAHS Sponsor’s name, and chapter number; three letters of recommendation (one by an art educator, two from teachers and/or administrators); and official high school transcript; a student personal statement regarding art education goals; five digital samples of the nominee’s artwork (on disk if submitting via hard copy); and a list denoting artwork titles and media used. All work must be original and not copied from other sources.

*\*Recipients of this award are not required to attend the Convention.*

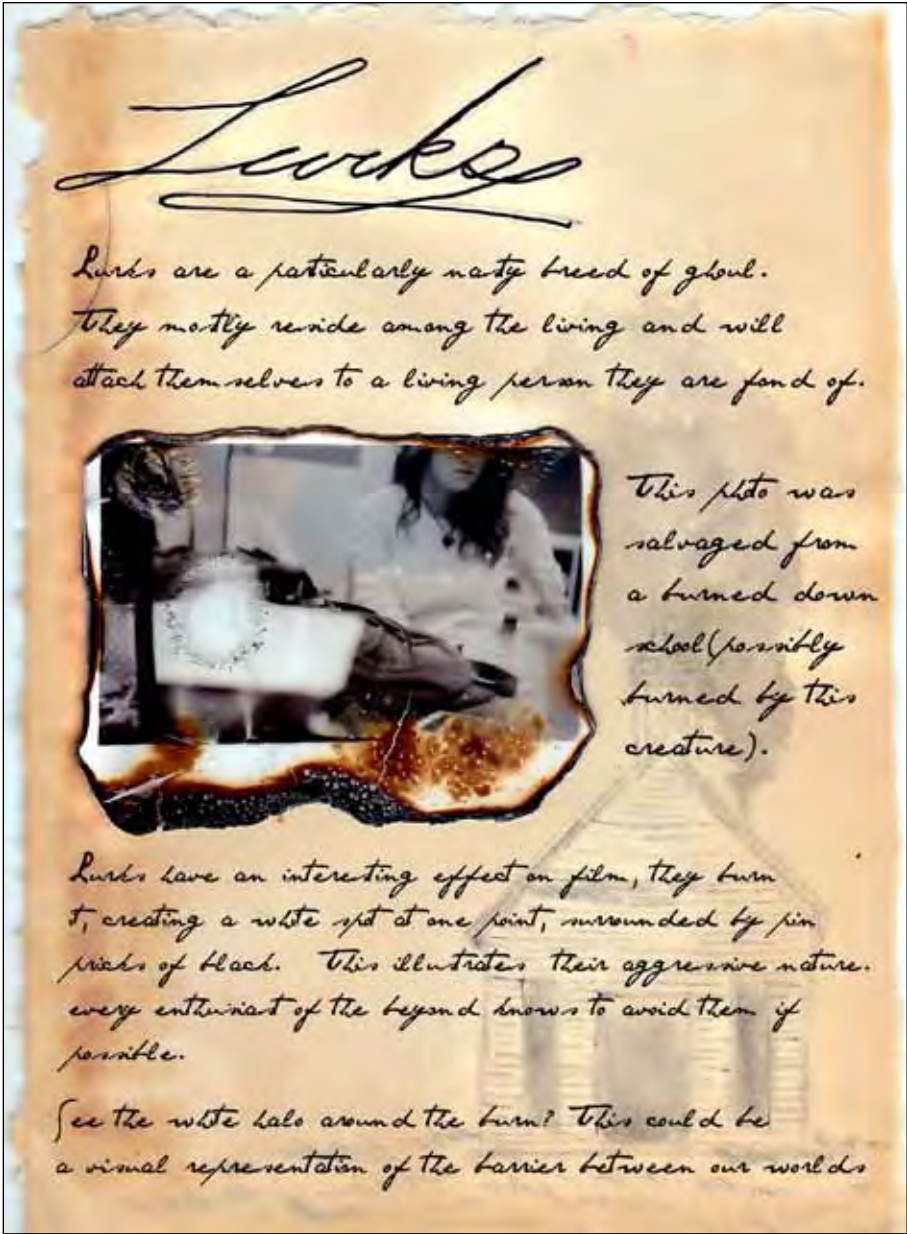
# Congratulations to the following NAHS sponsors whose students were recognized with a 2012 National Scholastic Art & Writing Award!

Emily Thomas, Booker T Washington Magnet High School, Montgomery, AL  
Karen Lemmon, Fossil Ridge High School, Fort Collins, CO  
Cordelia Devine, Thompson Valley High School, Loveland, CO  
Karen Porter, Haddam-Killingworth High School, Higganum, CT  
Toniann DeGregory, Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Wilmington, DE  
Elaine Stecker, Atlantic High School, Delray Beach, FL  
April Sharpe, Homestead Senior High School, Homestead, FL  
Miriam Provisero, Atlantic Coast High School, Jacksonville, FL  
Carrie Santa Lucia, Stanton College Preparatory, Jacksonville, FL  
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Tom Wyroba, New World School of the Arts, Miami, FL  
John Griffin, Alexander W Dreyfoos Jr School, West Palm Beach, FL  
Mike Lasseter, Mill Creek High School, Hoschton, GA  
Steve Schetski, Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah, GA  
Marie Thomas, Brookwood High School, Snellville, GA  
Beth Wilson, Marion High School, Marion, IL  
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Racheal Lochner, Wachusett Regional High School, Holden, MA  
Greg English, Reservoir High School, Fulton, MD  
Roger Drabant, Fraser High School, Fraser, MI  
Christine Ritchie, L’Anse Creuse High School, Harrison Township, MI  
Brian Kelly, West Ottawa High School Campus, Holland, MI

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School, Charlotte, NC  
Ellen Estes, South Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, NC  
Nancy Johnson, Concord High School, Concord, NC  
Virginia Downey, William A. Hough High School, Cornelius, NC  
Margie O’Shea, William A. Hough High School, Cornelius, NC  
Jana Miller, Arendell Parrott Academy, Kinston, NC  
Laura Kipilman, No. Valley Regional Old Tappan-High School, Old Tappan, NJ  
Kelly Mabel, Las Vegas Academy, Las Vegas, NV  
Jennifer Ievolo, Half Hollow Hills High School West, Dix Hills, NY  
Robert Pierson, Revere High School, Richfield, OH  
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Mark Brandau, Arts & Communication Magnet Academy, Beaverton, OR  
Jon Gottshall, Arts & Communication Magnet Academy, Beaverton, OR  
Kathleen Mitchell, St. Marys Academy, Portland, OR  
Anne Goodrich, Sunset High School, Portland, OR  
Catherine Johnstone, Woodburn Arts and Communications Academy, Woodburn, OR  
Sharon Mann, Webb School of Knoxville, Knoxville, TN  
Mike Hall, Klein Collins High School, Spring, TX  
Bob Mosier, The John Cooper School, The Woodlands, TX  
Jayne Matricardi-Burke, Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA  
Jane Rowley, Cosby High School, Midlothian, VA  
Genevieve Dowdy, Henrico High School, Richmond, VA  
Mary Scurlock, Henrico High School, Richmond, VA  
Gail Merrick, Stanwood High School, Stanwood, WA  
Judy Anderson, Seoul International School, Seoul, Korea  
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Bridget Hall, Deland High School, Chapter 2556, Deland, FL



Heather McNamara, Bearden High School, Chapter 1, Knoxville, TN

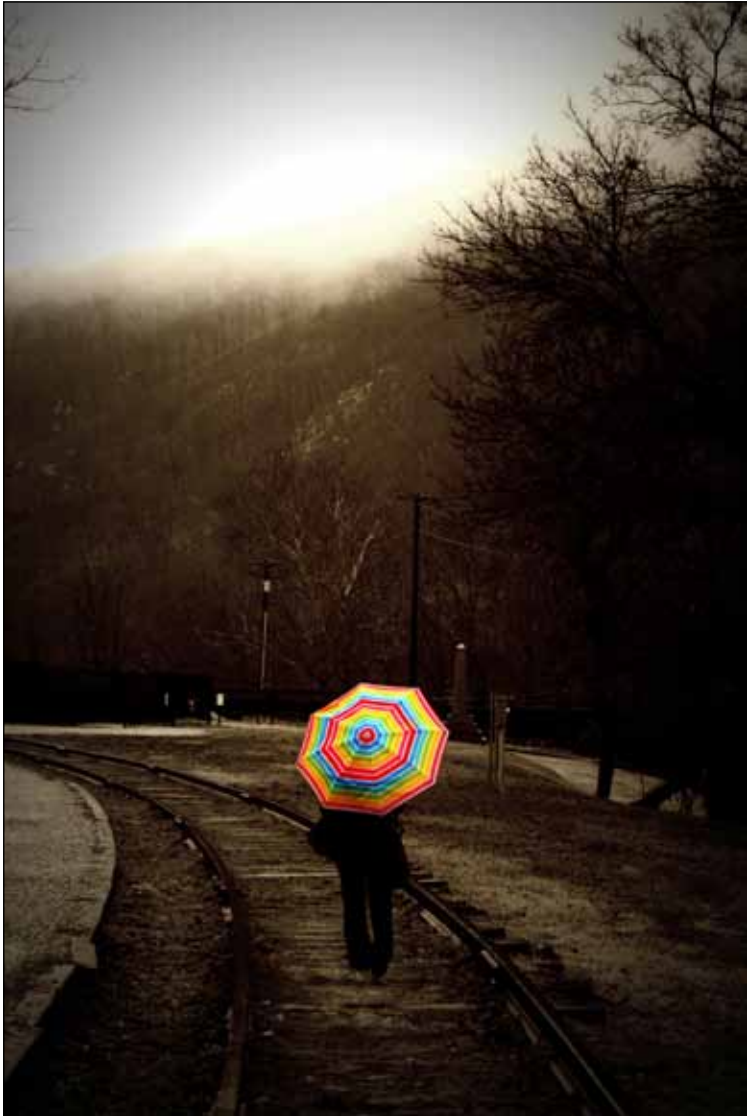


Alexis Pyle, Elkton High School, Chapter 2717, Elkton, MD



Brittany Hummel, Fairfield Area High School, Chapter 154, Fairfield, PA





*Matt Perkins, Heritage High School, Chapter 2223, Leesburg, VA*



*Jennings County High School, Chapter 3017, North Vernon, IN*



*Carly Krauser, Jericho High School, Chapter 119, Jericho, NY*



*Alex Bethea, Henry Snyder Academy of the Arts, Chapter 5605490, Jersey City, NJ*

## Student Artwork



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Tory Quagon, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, Chapter 1965, Hayward, WI



Alondra Garcia, Lee County High School, Chapter 3419, Sanford, NC



Jean-Luc Guentensperger, Johansen High School, Chapter 1927, Modesto, CA



Eva Castro, Yadira Cortez, Elizabeth Langlois, Ashely Lim, Tina Lim, Nell Martinez, Nathan Miller, Archana Nilaweera, and Elena Wengert, North County High School, Chapter 3416, Glen Burnie, MD



Angela Pisarra, Montgomery High School, Chapter 2290, Montgomery, NJ



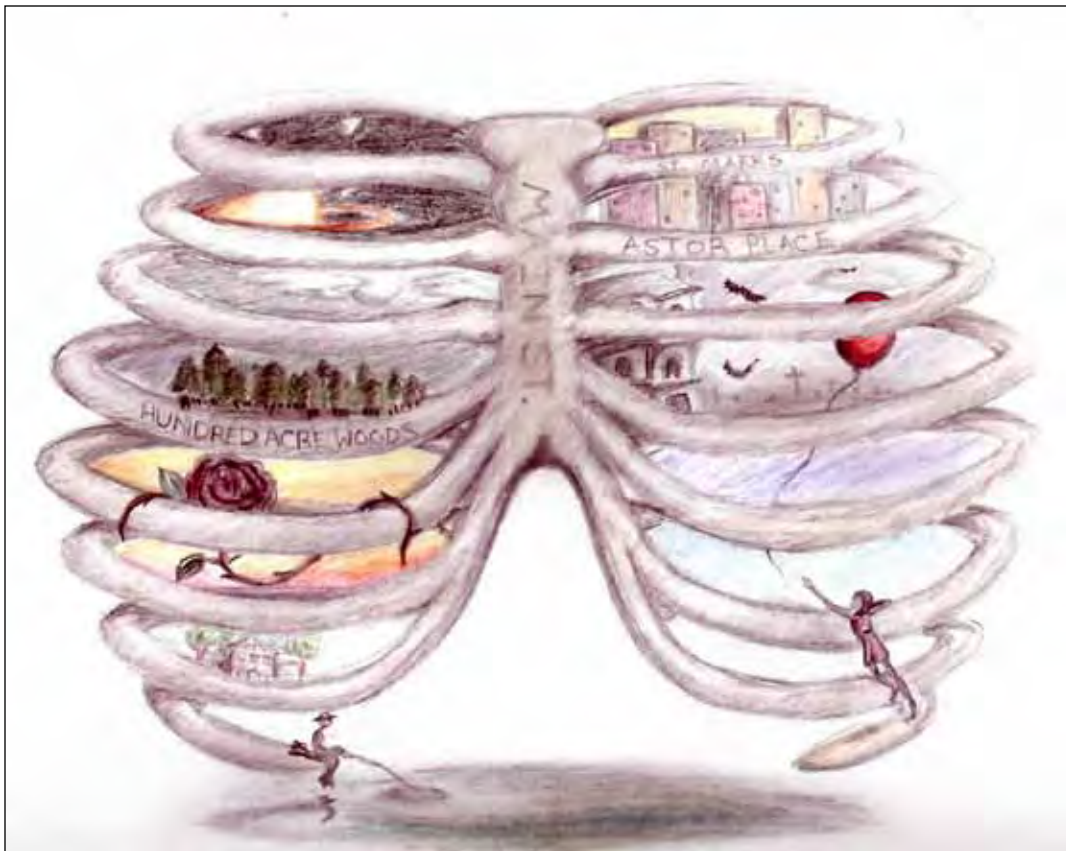
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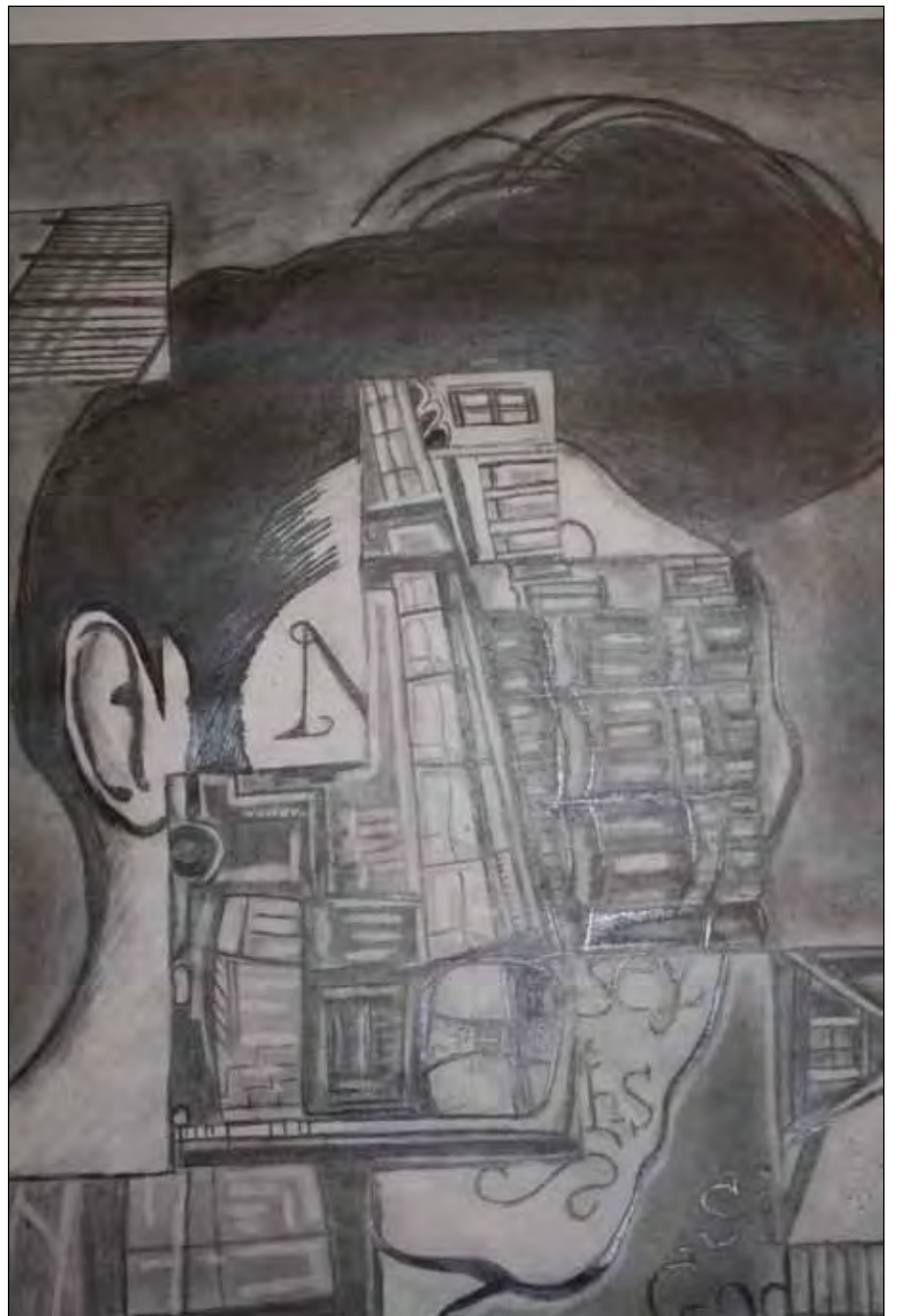
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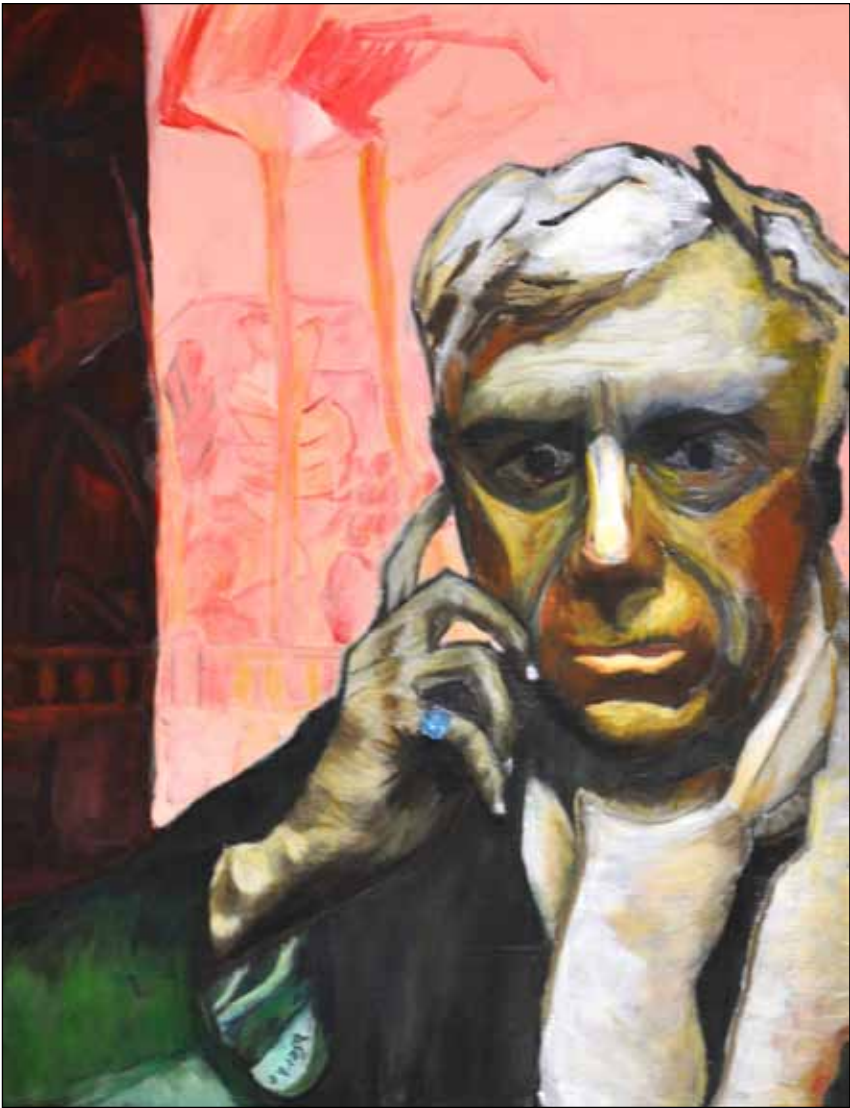
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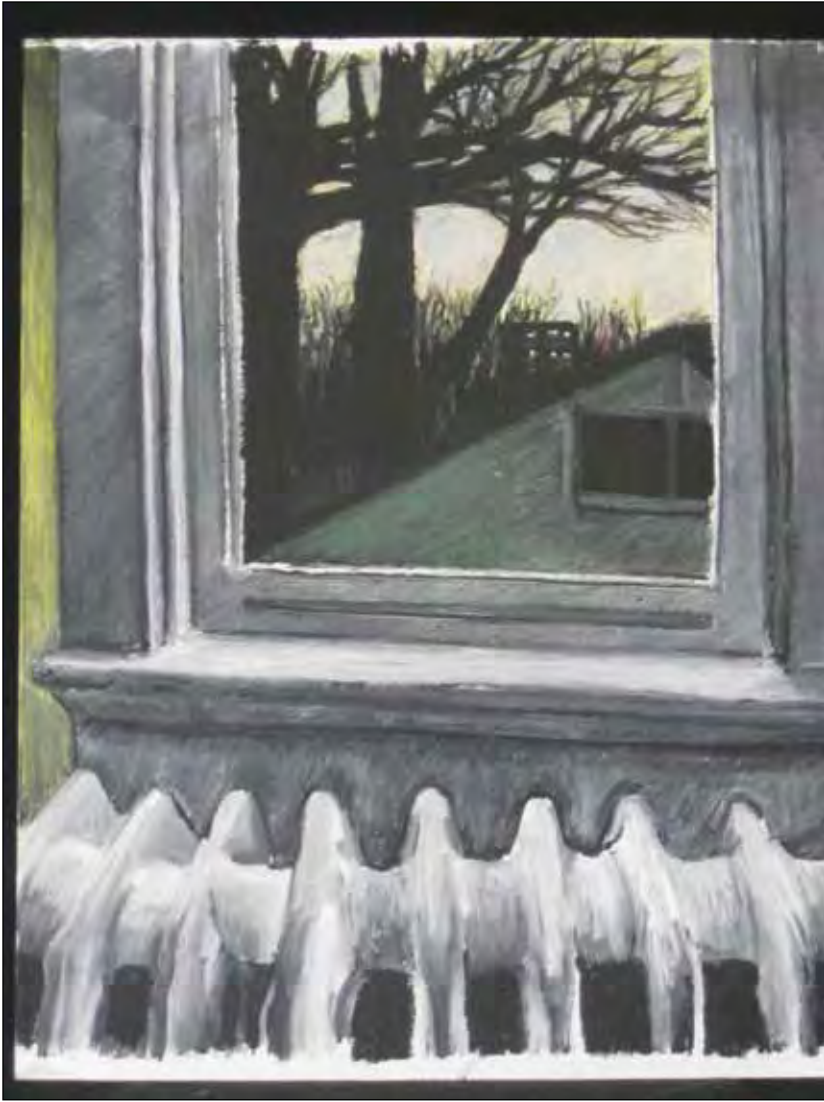


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Emma Sweeney, Washington-Lee High School, Chapter 237, Arlington, VA



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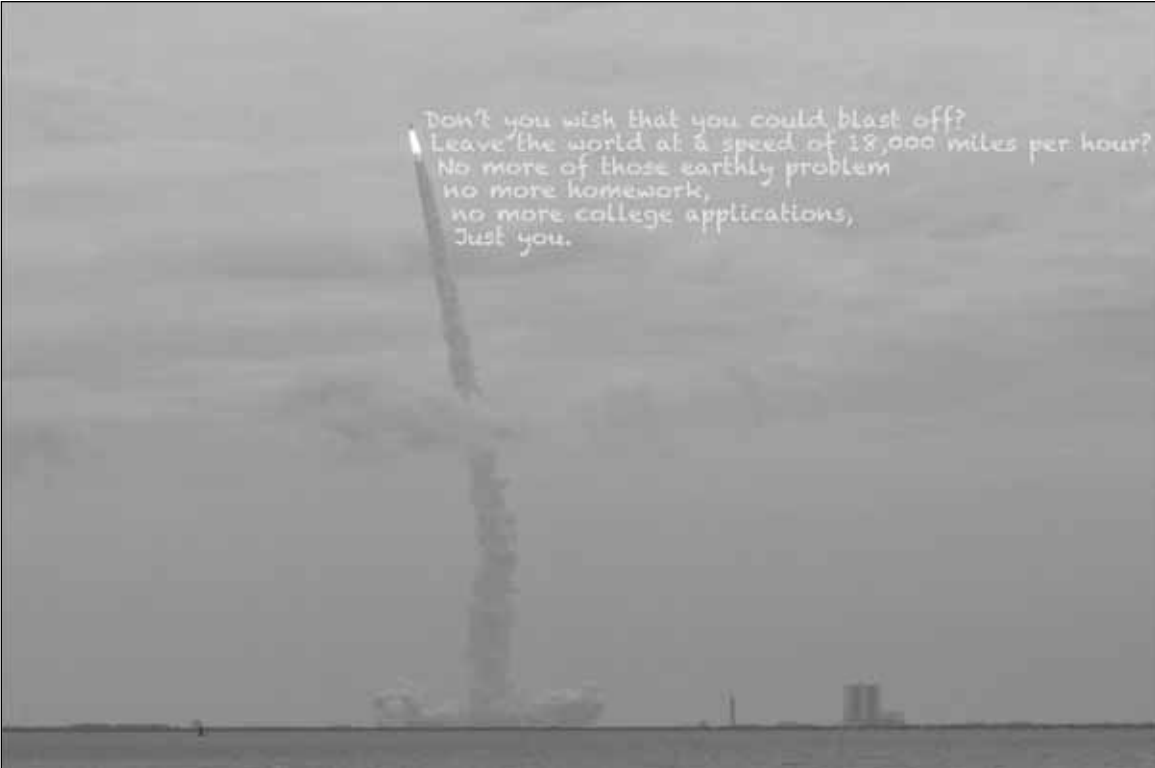




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Malana Linton, Elkton High School, Chapter 2717, Elkton, MD



Kelli Grubb, Fairfield Area High School, Chapter 154, Fairfield, PA

Student Artwork



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*Cintha Gomez, Lee County High School, Chapter 3419, Sanford, NC*





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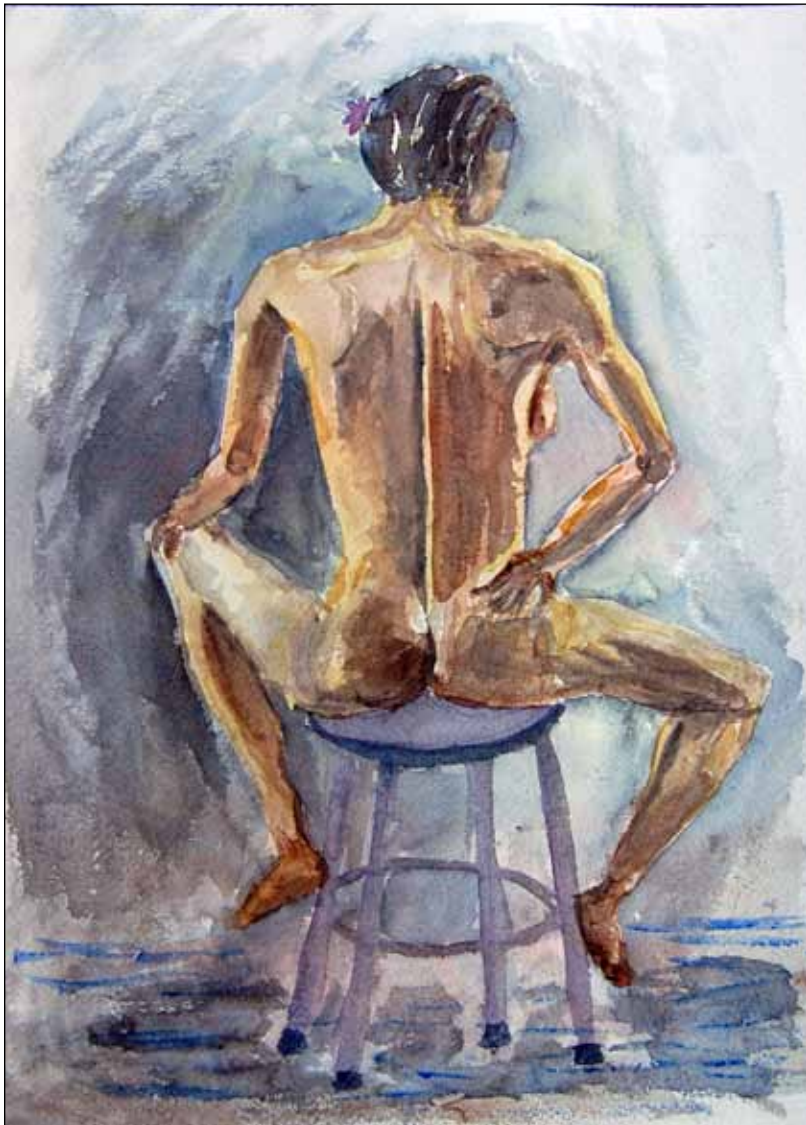


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Mural by NAHS members, Wichita Falls High School, Chapter 2627, Wichita Falls, TX

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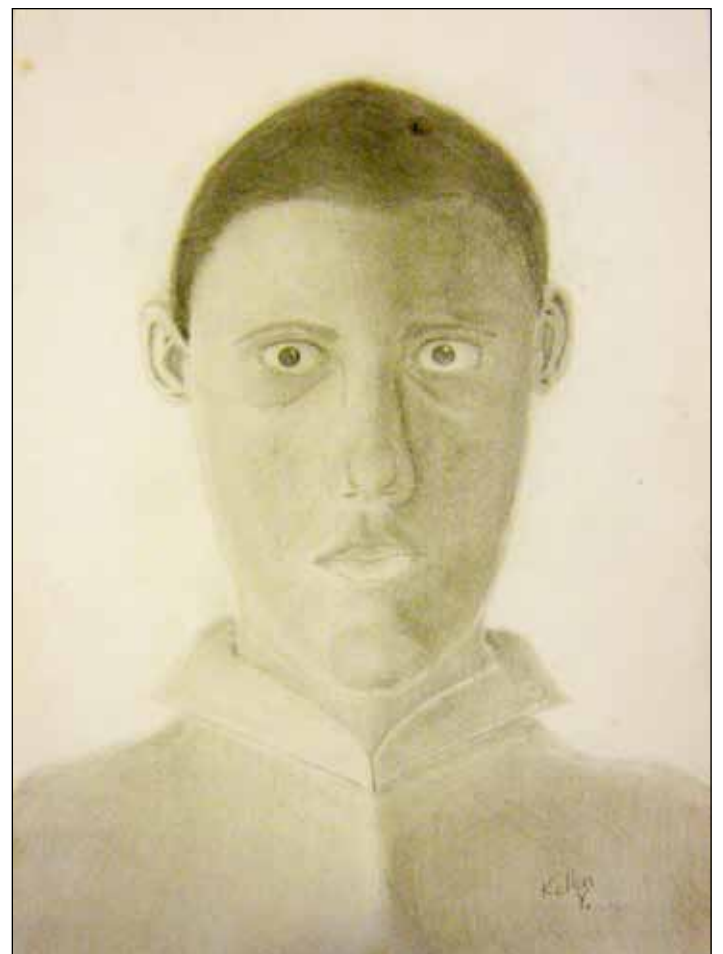
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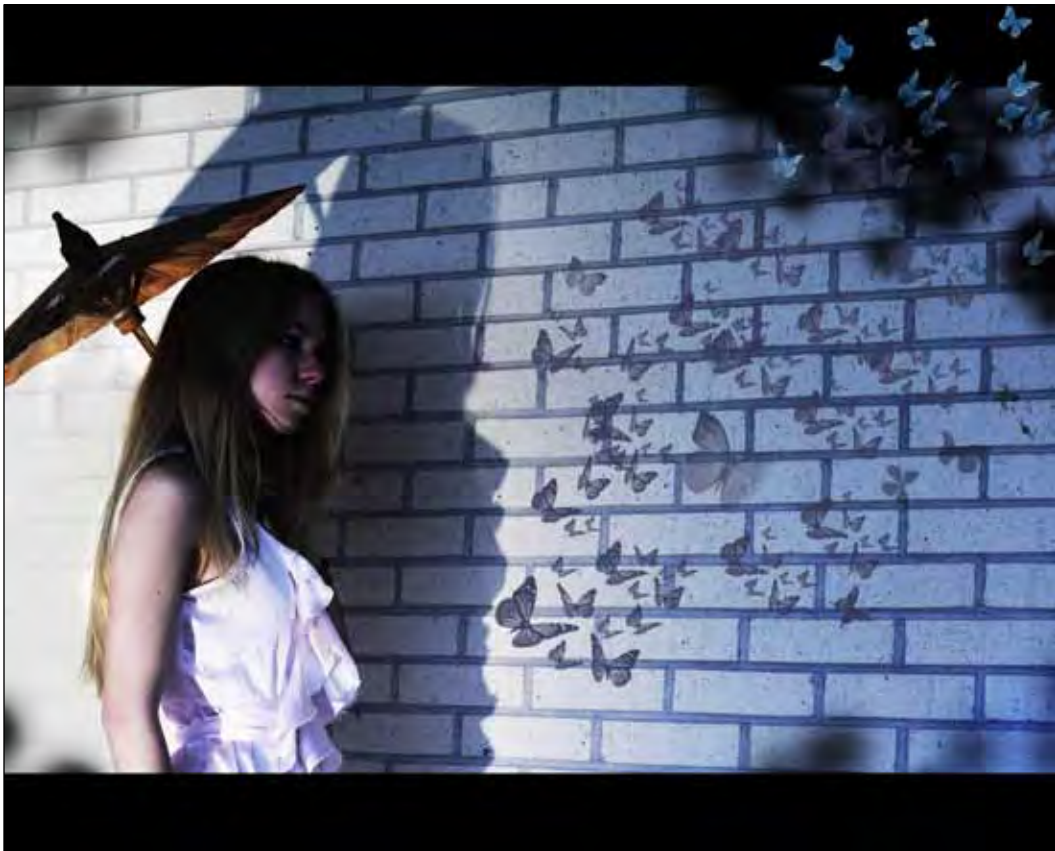


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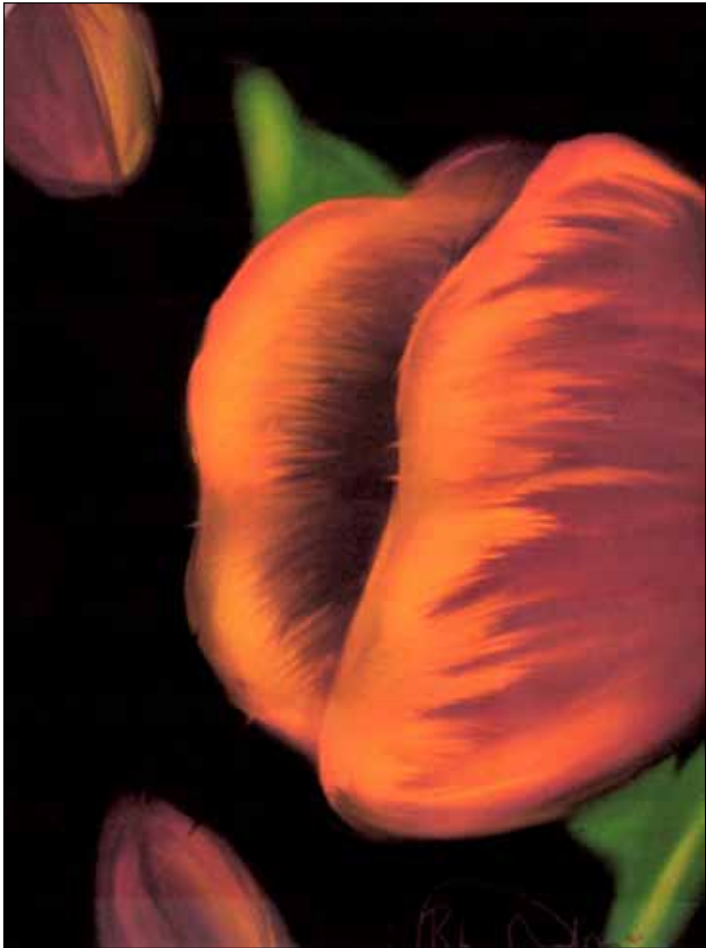


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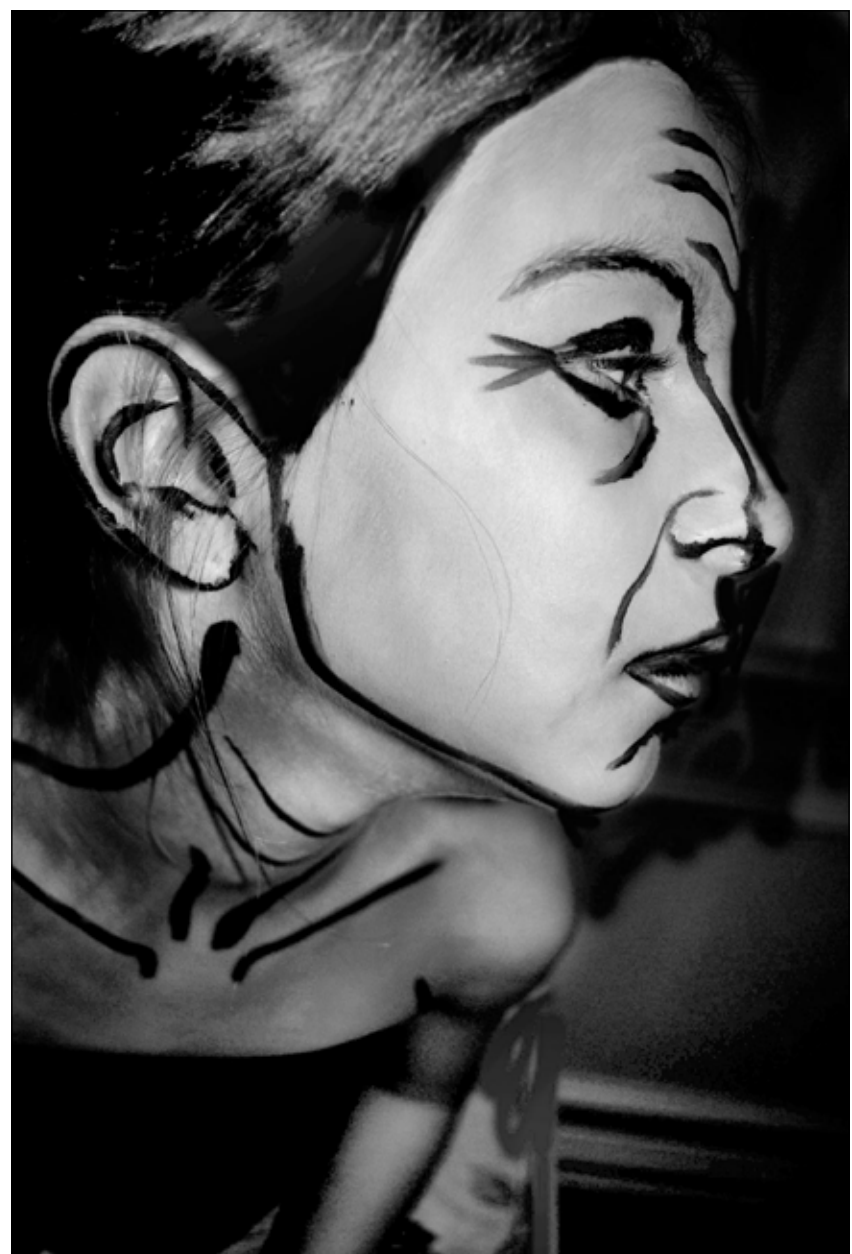
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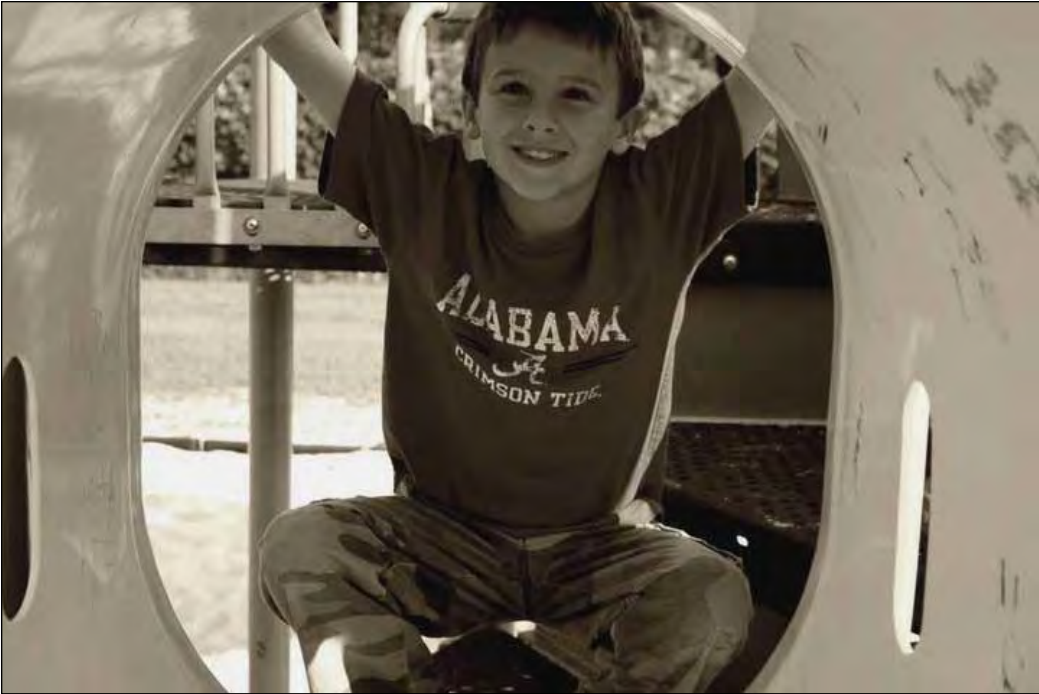
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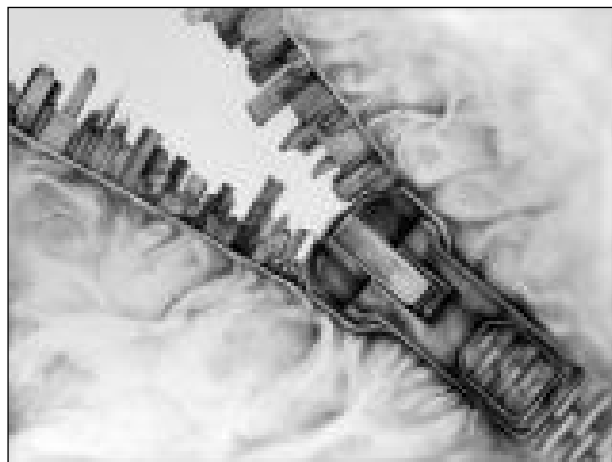
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## Student Artwork



Holly Payton, Ursuline Academy, Chapter 1733, New Orleans, LA



Rebecca Matson, St. George's Independent School, Chapter 2726, Collierville, TN

## NJAHS Student Artwork



NJASH members, Covenant Christian School, Chapter 550, Mobile, AL



Ethan Hendrix, Covenant Christian School, Chapter 550, Mobile, AL



# NAHS Chapter Reports

## California

### JOHANSEN HIGH SCHOOL, MODESTO (#1927)



AP NAHS students working at an after school workshop. Jean-Luc Guentensperger, Gabby Garcia, Ruth Gomez, Janeth Soto, Alicia Rorabaugh, Elizbeth Sanchez, Philip Goodwin

During the 2011–2012 school year, the NAHS at Johansen High School has been extremely busy! In October of 2011, the NAHS group discovered the art of cubism first hand while traveling to the de Young Museum in San Francisco. With over 100 pieces in this Picasso collection, several art students were amazed at the variety of materials used in the exhibit. We filled up an entire school bus with about 45 members participating. NAHS members love our art field trip in the fall. Not only is it a nice day off from school, but also each member learns something new about a famous artist. In the late fall, our group also participated in a fundraiser. All of our members participated in the fundraising selling over 200 boxes of Chinese take-out from Panda Express. The money we earned from this fundraiser has helped our club purchase clay for the elementary school students at El Vista Elementary School here in Modesto. The project will include making pinch pots with numerous kids at the school; we help the kids with each part of the ceramics process: construction, fire, glaze, and re-fire. We will begin this project in the late spring. All of our members love to help out these little kids, and we always fill up the sign-up sheet really quickly. For the past two years our group has sold Halloween grams to the students at Johansen High. Each gram is handmade by NAHS members, and it is definitely made with love. This year we made over 150 grams, and we sold ALL OF THEM! Another exciting detail of the school year! Our NAHS members just finished a Valentine's Day pinch pot sale too! We had about 20 of our members make mini pinch pots, which were then sold, to the students at our high school. This is an extremely easy fundraiser for our club. Our NAHS club was also asked to paint a 4x4 canvas, highlighting the local Teens Run Modesto group. This group, which strives to help struggling youth with the challenge of long distance runs, wanted us to create a canvas, which would represent their program. Two of our members chose to take on the challenge. The end result? A beautiful canvas with three running shoes that represent the three years that the Teens Run Modesto program has been in existence. Our NAHS chapter has over 60 students actively involved. With a combined total, we have over

300 pieces of artwork uploaded to Artsonia—this is a website which allows teachers to showcase their students' artwork. The National Art Education Association first recognized Artsonia, and ever since, teachers all across the world (including Johansen High School) use this website to display true pieces of art. Students and parents alike, love to see their artwork on the website. It's a great way to show people how successful our art program is. While the school year is coming to a close, our NAHS chapter hopes to have about 30 members graduating with a NAHS Honor Cord. This cord represents all of the hard work our members have accomplished over the course of a school year while still celebrating art. Even though our senior NAHS members will graduate, Pablo Picasso put it best when he said, "All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once [one] grows up."

Sponsor: Vicky Boese

## Connecticut

### NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL, WOODBURY (#2303)

The Woodbury, Connecticut chapter of the National Art Honor Society has entered 2012 with a mission. Every year at Nonnewaug High School, the NAHS participates in The Memory Project, a nonprofit venture serving orphan children from various third-world countries. This year we received photographs of numerous children from Afghanistan. Our task now is to create custom portraits of each child which will be sent back to them to keep. What is different about this year is that we have set a goal to complete one-hundred portraits. We have already assigned over 50 portraits to members of our chapter, and are working hard to keep raising money to fund more children's photos to be taken, transported, and then transported back. Over the years this has become Nonnewaug's favorite charity project. At the beginning of the year, we were sent photographs of the children from the previous year holding the portraits that Nonnewaug art students created for them. This came along with a video of the children singing thanks to the artists who made their portraits. With tears in our eyes, we knew that we, using our artistic talents, had given them something that was completely their own. We are happy and eager to finish a hundred portraits this year and make that difference once again.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate the 11 students who won Gold Keys at the 2012 Connecticut Scholastic Art Competition. The recipients were Aimee Rescsanski (President of the Nonnewaug NAHS), Haley Coviello (Secretary), Katie Potoniac (Vice-President), Ian McConnell, Melissa Gombos, Kellie Blanchet, Lisa Guadagno, Michelle Cawley, Erik Saalmuller (Parliamentarian), Brittany Giannini, and Mary Olmstead. Aimee was also the recipient of a scholarship award to the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford for an annual \$17,000. The winners were recognized and their artwork displayed at a ceremony at the Hartford Art School in January.

For the rest of the year we will continue to engage in community service and fundraising, including

face-painting at local events, painting murals at a local hospital, holding bake sales, and selling student made T-shirts supporting the arts. We're hoping to finish the 2012 school year with a bang, and wish all of our Seniors good luck in pursuing their dreams in college, or wherever else they are headed, after graduation, as well as continuing to always appreciate, love, and study art throughout their lives.

Written by Aimee Rescsanski, Chapter President

Sponsor: Leeza Desjardins

## Delaware

### THE TATNALL SCHOOL, WILMINGTON (#3403)

Tatnall students won seven gold keys at the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. All Gold Key award-winning pieces then advance to the national phase of the competition, where students are eligible to win national awards. This is a very competitive phase of the contest, and it is very rare to receive national medals. This year, Tatnall won the most national awards from our region and the only Gold Medals at the National Scholastic Competition.

Kevin Zong ('14) was awarded the American Visions Award for the region and the subsequent Gold Medal that accompanies it.

Richard Werbe ('12): National Gold Medal

Courtney Bannon ('12): National Silver Medal

Richard Werbe ('12): National Silver Medal

All national award recipients are invited to the National Celebration Events on June 1st, 2012 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. National award-winning work is exhibited in an annual traveling exhibition and at The U.S. Department of Education and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities in Washington, DC. All work receiving National Gold Medals and American Voices/Visions Medals will be included in the Alliance's online gallery and anthology.

Sponsor: Stephanie C. Silverman

## Florida

### DELAND HIGH SCHOOL, DELAND (#2667)

We've been a little busy.

During the past year, Deland High School's National Art Honor Society completed The Memory Project, submitting 23 portraits to children in Peru. This project is part of a nonprofit program that sends pictures of neglected or orphaned kids from all around the world to student artists for them to create a piece of artwork with. The year ended with that as the seniors graduated and summer vacation begun.

As December came, NAHS in DHS decided to quicken its pace for the 2011–2012 school year. Under the leadership of Taylor Selbe (President), Michael Allan Galvez (Vice President), Victoria Dea (Secretary), and Mary Walker (Treasurer), the chapter planned to complete projects to promote art through service for not only the global



society, but also focusing more on our local community whenever we can.

The year started with creating shirts through screen printing and a fundraiser. Currently, the Deland chapter is working on The Sketchbook Project, a collaborative endeavor to create various artworks on different media to represent the club. Our artist sketchbook, once sent around the world for other people to add into, will be added in the growing library of sketchbooks from over a hundred countries. Once completed, the membership will decide which project comes next. Upcoming prospective projects and fundraisers include a mural and a public service project.

*Sponsor: Bryan Carson*

### ROYAL PALM BEACH HIGH, ROYAL PALM BEACH (#2619)



*Street Painting in Lake Worth, Amara K, Reyna C, Elaina N, Danice G, Will N, Melissa D, Nikki P, Darriane D, Sasha C, Niacha J.*

NAHS—What does it stand for? It stands for the painters, sketchers, and sculptors, and for those who have learned to live with their hands permanently stained with color. From painting murals within the school, to street art in Lake Worth, the National Art Honor Society of Royal Palm Beach High School has played a big role in impacting the artistic youth in West Palm Beach. Not only does the club paint and sketch, but they volunteer for good causes such as Relay for Life and Race for the Arts in which they are very supportive. In street painting, they have illustrated colorful and lively chalk drawings, some of which were, for example, giant ice cream cones inspired by Andy Warhol or even a giant abstract fish bowl inspired by Janet Fish. Another street painting the club has drawn was a farmer with flowers on his back inspired by Diego Rivera. Royal Palm Beach High School's NAHS is for students strong in painting, drawing, photography, and ceramics and have a passion for the arts. They also put on showcases like the Royal Palm Beach High School Present & Future, Feeder Pattern Art Showcase, and many others.

Anita Smith, the club sponsor, says "Every year NAHS (Of Royal Palm Beach High School) has proven to be very successful, and I am very proud to call them my art students." This year one student, Niacha Johnson, succeeded in sculpting a stunning vase and its being presented at Artsonia's exhibit at Big Screen Plaza in New York City. As you can see, NAHS is full of very talented students, and we thank them for everything they've done. They have made Royal Palm Beach High School very proud.

*Sponsor: Anita Smith*

## Illinois

**NEW CHAPTER!**

### GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL, GENEVA (#5587220)



*Induction Ceremony*



*VisionWalls 2012*

We established our NAHS chapter in January 2012. Our mission is art awareness, visual literacy, and the importance of art education at all levels in our ever increasing global and visual world.

We had our 1st Annual Induction Ceremony on Monday, February 27th, 2012. It was an inspiring evening with guest speaker Mr. Chris Hodge. Chris is an AP Studio Art teacher from Naperville Central HS, in Naperville, IL. and he is also a wonderful artist. We celebrated with families and friends, lighting of candles, the pledge, music, and food.

We had our 1st Annual Art Awareness event called "VisionWalls 2012" on Friday, March 9, 2012. This was a magical evening! We had 27 artists made up of high school art students, former art students who attend art schools, faculty artists, and a few local professional artists. All artists were set up in our Viking Commons atrium area and worked on a piece to donate to the NAHS. The public, families and friends came to watch the creative process of the making of a work of art. We then had a silent auction to sell the pieces. We also had live music by students and local musicians and food-a-plenty! Both the American Academy of Art and Columbia College Chicago had tables with presentations and information to give out to interested students.

The event was well received as many people have no idea how art is made and were fascinated by the process. The artists were working in many mediums including watercolor painting, acrylic painting, ink drawing,

charcoal drawing, chalk pastels, mixed media and ceramic wheel throwing. The NAHS students designed a poster to advertise the event and T-shirts for the occasion that all members and artists wore. We also had them for sale.

It was a wonderful group effort that provided an important placement for those students who are artists. High schools often put so much emphasis on sports and academics that the arts are very often lost. The students felt a sense of pride and accomplishment in creating this event and their self-esteem hit new heights!

Other activities our NAHS chapter is involved in are presenting art awareness workshops at the Middle schools and "Awesome Art Afternoons" at Water Street Studios in Batavia, IL, teaching art techniques to elementary school students as part of their community outreach program.

All in all, we have a fantastic start this year with our art awareness mission.

"Art is the signature of civilization."

*Sponsor: Louise Grissinger*

## Indiana

### JENNINGS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, NORTH VERNON (#3017)



The Jennings County High School Chapter of NAHS, 3017, in North Vernon, Indiana, sponsored by art teacher, Karen Chilman, has been extremely busy in the past year.

Currently at 32 students strong, chapter members have painted the local pool house, made bowls and hosted a community bowl-making night for an Empty Bowls dinner, participated in Ribbons for a Reason to raise money for fibromyalgia research, had teams of students Bowl for Kids' Sake and Relay for Life, held art shows at the local coffeehouse, painted mural at Curves, and painted faces at many events. Students have also held art auctions for senior art scholarships, exhibited at art shows and attended field trips to the Mathers Museum on campus at Indiana University and visited the da Vinci exhibit at the Frazier Museum in Louisville, KY.

*Sponsor: Karen Chilman*



## Louisiana

**URSULINE ACADEMY, NEW ORLEANS (#1733)**



This school year, Chapter 1733 members have stayed busy with an abundance of group and individual projects, for school and community.

In October, Frightful Frida stood amongst the other ghoulish creatures in the New Orleans Botanical Garden's Annual Scarecrow Contest in City Park. Meanwhile, in Ursuline's Courtyard, students in grades K-12 vied for prizes in the NAHS sponsored Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Then in December, our members' Comfort Cottages were delivered to the ill children at Tulane Hospital Downtown. Soon after, members were included in the Catholic Schools Week display at the Lakeside Mall in Metairie. In February, hand-made Valentines with special messages were again distributed to the ill children at Tulane Hospital. The nurses and doctors enjoyed the sentiments as much as the children. That same month, Ursuline Academy High School's Art students and NAHS members were the sole feature in the Ogden Museum's Looking to Learn exhibit. The Ogden Museum of Southern Art is located in the Warehouse District of New Orleans, across from the Contemporary Art Center. February continued to showcase Chapter 1733's talent, with President, Amanda Relayson, and Secretary, Taylor Hux, being included in Loyola University's statewide biennial Expectation exhibit. Additionally, Amanda's sculpture, Femininity, was shown at the recent NAEA Convention in New York City, as part of Artsonia's online museum of student artwork. Soon afterwards, the New Orleans Museum of Art's annual Art in Bloom committee invited our chapter to participate, with the free-standing, mixed media, Floral Fitting.

*Sponsors: Marian S. McLellan and Maureen Cremaldi*

## Maryland

**PARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, BALTIMORE (#1497)**



The 2011-2012 school year has been action packed for the Parkville High School National Art Honor Society. The year began with the NAHS creating decorations for the school's homecoming dance with "Masquerade" as the theme. Students took a trip to art museums in Washington, DC, with the school's art department in the fall. In the early winter, Parkville High's NAHS participated in a local winter painting contest and won second place. The group hosted a craft night for the school and community in early December and recently completed masks and props for the school's spring play, Rhinoceros. A trip to New York City to visit art museums is scheduled for April, a fundraiser for a local animal rescue is in the works, and our induction ceremony in conjunction with a recycled fashion show and the art department's end-of-year art exhibit will be in May.

*Sponsor: Patricia Lane-Forster*

**ELKTON HIGH SCHOOL, ELKTON (#2717)**

As spring approaches, the Elkton High School Chapter of the National Art Honor Society has successfully completed many projects. Our homecoming week brought up an appropriate occasion to fund raise. We successfully painted faces of students to support and show our school spirit. We have been working on redesigning an Elk statue, which is our town and school mascot. The Elk will be painted with a sports design but is not yet completed because of the time and effort the project requires. One of the last projects we worked on was the silent auction held to help support our local zoo, The Plumpton Park Zoo. The silent auction was not only open to our students but was also open to the public to enter and purchase artwork in support of the zoo. We raised \$625 to help this nonprofit to build a new giraffe enclosure and education center. The end of the year



is when we hold our induction ceremony. The committee will soon be preparing for this event. The officers of the club along with the members have been trying to gather support for our seniors on their graduation to allow them to wear honor chords in order to be recognized for their achievements in art and design. This task has ultimately brought our members closer together because there is a common concern throughout the members: to be recognized with honor for their exemplary artistic abilities and achievements throughout their high school career. The Elkton High School members of the NAHS have been creatively finding new ways to help our school and our local community.

Written by Amy Wherry, Historian of the Elkton High School Chapter of the NAHS

*Sponsor: Jennifer Joy Fox*

**NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, GLEN BURNIE (#3416)**



The second year of the National Art Honor Society at North County High School began in full swing this fall. Elections were held at the last meeting of the school





year before summer vacation and brand new officers were elected. Congratulations go out to President Elena Wengert, Vice President Eva Castro, Mural Coordinator Ashley Lim, Secretary Archana Nilaweera, and Virtual Historian Yadira Cortez. With brand new officers came a new group of members that were, and still remain talented and enthusiastic about art. These fresh new faces brought new energy to the society.

Every other Tuesday we conduct general meetings after school. General meetings are filled with various activities that benefit our school and community through art related activities. During the fall and winter, the members stayed for countless hours after school to complete Homecoming decorations, which was themed as Game Knight. Life sized game pieces were created, as was a huge Homecoming mural. Our Homecoming was a success. After Homecoming was over, we focused on raising money for the NAHS scholarship fund. We held the first art show of the school year. Members created Mini-Masterpieces that were auctioned off during a silent auction at the art show. The show was also filled with art work from students at North County. To raise more money we created heART cards which are blank cards with a member's artwork on the front, thus creating a Valentine's Day card. These heART cards sold instantly and we sold every single card created! Since the NAHS scholarship was created we have raised over \$1,500.

Our NAHS chapter not only helps our school, but we also try to reach out to our community. We created a wreath for the Chesapeake Art Center Wreath Fest. All the ornaments made were hand-crafted by the members. This wreath was auctioned off and all the proceeds went to the Chesapeake Art Center. Throughout the entire year we have been creating thank you cards for the service men and women returning from war. Our airport, Baltimore Washington International, is a "pit stop" for soldiers. Our society and Key Club teamed up to greet them and hand out these cards. They have worked long and hard for our country and the least we can do is say "thank you." This year has been very eventful and we have so much more to look forward to in the spring. March Madness is close by [as we write this column] and posters are being created to get our school hyped with Knight spirit! We will also continue making military cards because you can never have too many of them. Our biggest project, which will be started in the spring, will be headed by Ashley Lim. We are creating a mural in the Family and Consumer Science Preschool bathroom. We will also create another round of Mini-Masterpieces for the spring art show. The year will sadly come to an end with inductions of our hardworking members and the election of new officers. This Art Honor

Society chapter has expanded throughout our school and there are high hopes for the future.

Written by Archana Nilaweera (Secretary)

Sponsor: Jordyn Roemer

### WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL, WALDORF (#2728)



Balloon Paint



Induction Ceremony

Throughout the school year, we have organized several events—some are for the purpose of fundraising and some for community involvement, but all are for the purpose of art education. These events include the sale of handmade tie-dye T-shirts for the Westlake community, art shows featuring the best works of our NAHS members, and our upcoming event we have named "Art on Deck." This is a community-wide event that incorporates many small-scale artistic activities. These will include but are not limited to face-painting, the fashioning of art from recycled and recyclable materials, and the creation of abstract art by popping balloons filled with paint.

Tie-dye T-shirt sales were relatively successful—a sizeable profit was made from this activity (which will go toward the purchase of art supplies for the aforementioned Art on Deck), and we plan to continue our efforts with this fundraiser as its prospects are bright.

Special achievements for the members of our chapter include the acceptance of our president, Leena Neeb, to the Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University; Annabel Russell was awarded the second place prize of the Darkroom Photography category in the local Mattawoman Creek Art Center's county-wide art exhibit; and our secretary, Jeremy Wrenn, was awarded the first place prize of the Digital Photography category of the same exhibit.

Our election of officers took place on October 11, 2011. Our induction ceremony occurred on January 17, 2012, during which we inducted 18 new members and highlighted many of their works. As a group, we are efficient but

our officers are also effective individually. We have proven our ability to work well under stress, and improvise when necessary. Our president, Leena Neeb, is a truly committed and responsible leader for the group, and Mrs. Christie Marks, our sponsor, has proven her dedication to providing artistic enrichment for the NAHS of Westlake High School and the community.

Written by Jeremy Wrenn, WHS NAHS Secretary  
2011–2012

Sponsor: Christie Marks

## Massachusetts

### WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, HOLDEN (#2651)

Wachusett Regional High School's chapter of National Art Honor Society has accomplished a great deal so far this year. We are lucky to have a gallery at our school in which we can display student artwork as well as artwork from local artists. In the beginning of the year, we started off with an art show that exhibited art from all around the world. Two local collectors allowed us to borrow magnificent pieces of art that were arranged in the gallery by students over the summer. The collectors and some of the international artists came in for the opening of the show and talked about their favorite pieces.

Another show we had is the Reaching Out show. Students came up with the idea to have pictures of students' hands with some kind of secret, be it an ambition, a fear, or a hidden talent. It symbolized how though we all have hands that look similar, there is more to a person than what is on the surface. This show created an enormous positive response among the students.

In addition to the shows in the school gallery, we created a show at a local café where student art work was shown and offered for sale. The show helped to display the talent of the Wachusett student body and the excellence of our art department.

Tragedy struck our school this year. A freshman who actively participated in National Art Honor Society and in our school's art classes passed away in the fall. The student body has missed her love for art and her magnificent talent. We started a collection to support her family through these tough times and created a board with her artwork by the front office.

This year we also continued our annual table at our school's booster club craft fair. Members hand painted watercolor greeting cards and baked goods to sell. The sales help to support our group and we hope to do an art workshop or a field trip to a museum this spring.

Written by Madeline Martin

Sponsors: Racheal Lochner and Suzanne Breen



**NEWBURYPORT HIGH SCHOOL,  
NEWBURYPORT (#5596600)**

**NEW CHAPTER!**



From left: Lea Taylor (Secretary), Nora Casey (Vice president), Jordan Bensley (President), and Anna Blumenscheid (NAA Liaison).

For the first time ever in Newburyport, Massachusetts, the National Art Honor Society was introduced to the eager and talented students of the Newburyport High School. Although the club is brand new, it has raised plenty of interest to the artisans of the school. Starting in February the students eagerly began planning NAHS projects and voting for officers. The elected officers for Newburyport High School is Jordan Bensley as president, Nora Casey as vice president, Lea Taylor as secretary, Frazier Arets as treasurer, Amy Morse as historian, and Jacob Fisher, Carl Nelson, and Diana Russo as the executive committee. We also chose Anna Blumenscheid as our liaison for the National Art Association in Newburyport. Lastly Allison Russo was picked to be the curator for the Gallery 118 in the school.



Frazier Arets (Treasurer)

The goals this year for the NAHS in the school is to successfully complete two murals in the school. One will be located in the Main Office and will roughly cover the whole entire wall of the left side as you walk in. Its theme is based on the school's mission statement and feature symbols that represent the school as a whole. The other mural will be on the tunnel entrance to the football stadium, which will display some kind of silhouettes with bright colors. This project is a great opportunity for the students to put in hard earned community service hours as well as leaving a legacy for the school's future artists. After the mural projects are completed, the high school students hope to give art lessons to middle school students, especially incoming freshmen to help recruit members for next year and inspire some to do more art.

April is sure going to be a busy month for the Newburyport NAHS members. On April 4th the very first Induction Ceremony for the NAHS will commence at the high school's auditorium. After the event will be a reception in Gallery 118 showcasing a range of artwork. [As we write this column] the event is still in process, but hopefully there will be a good turnout. The NAHS in Newburyport High School is still on its way but it has gained a lot of momentum and will continue to evolve.

Written by Lea Taylor, Secretary of Newburyport's NAHS  
Sponsors: Aileen Maconi, Kim Salathe, and Mary Rakoski

## Michigan

**WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL, PARMA (#2375)**



In an interesting turn, we have 13 girls this year in NAHS at Western High School. For early autumn we created a large dog and cat superhero-scarecrow-duo that hang on the telephone pole in downtown Jackson. We enjoyed coming up with entertaining and creative ways for the duo to hang with their capes flying in the wind. Around Halloween we painted pumpkins with the SPCA to decorate their facility for the holiday. Around Christmas, we all worked together to decorate ornaments for the local women's shelter, the AWARE Shelter. The beautiful ornaments had everything on them from glittery snowflake to Santa Clause to snowmen.

But what was Christmas without our own gift exchange? Just before winter break, we all gathered in Mrs. Clark's room after school. While decorating little Christmas tree cookies, we feasted on chips, Pepsi, and a ham and cheese ball.

Once the New Year hit, we were still swinging and leaped right into painting the local Credit Union's cart and they ring into the lunch room. Since then, we have worked together to take pictures and face paint at the Destination ImagiNation. It was wonderful to see so many creative kids all in one place.

Currently, we are each working to recreate a bra for the BrazArt in Jackson. Our creative juices are flowing one hundred percent as we paint, glue and sew these bras. Once they are finished, they will be judged and the top 20 will go onto be auctioned off at an even to raise awareness for breast cancer.

Written by Katy Marshall

Sponsor: D'Andrea Clark

## Missouri

**HAZELWOOD WEST HIGH SCHOOL, HAZELWOOD (#3434)**

The Hazelwood West High School chapter 3434 has had an eventful second year. This fall we inducted 12 new members who immediately began helping us make hemp macramé bracelets. These bracelets were sold during lunch periods and profits enabled the club to adopt an entire family in the school's Room at the Inn holiday service project. As the new year began we planned our first ever NAHS art exhibit. The show was called "We Heart Art" and the opening nights were in conjunction with the school curriculum night and the Red Out Event for the American Heart Association. At that event we also set up an art station where children worked with chalk and



Member Briana Gage working with children at our Red Out for the Heart Association art station.

stencils to create colorful heart designs. In the spring we created needlepoint bookmarks to donate to our local library to promote literacy in our community. Our members have also been active in art exhibits throughout the community showcasing our art skills in everything from sculpture to photography. We are planning an end of the year reception for our graduating seniors and for potential new members. Current members will read testimonials telling what their NAHS experience has meant to them.

Sponsor: Rhonda Schrum

## New Jersey

**NEW CHAPTER!**

**HENRY SNYDER ACADEMY OF THE ARTS, JERSEY CITY (#5605490)**

Please see the following news for our chapter report for our senior members at the "JerseyCityArts" Chapter of NAHS at Henry Snyder Academy of the Arts:

**YoungArts Announces 2012 Best and Brightest Young Artists in the Nation.** Alexander Bethea and Ali Jafari, under teachers Mrs. Carolyn Frazier and Mr. John Bradford, are 2012 YoungArts Merit Award Winners in visual arts! Chosen from more than 5,000 applicants in nine disciplines in the visual, literary and performing arts, they will receive a monetary award and joined the ranks of the 16,000 YoungArts notable alumni. Alexander and Ali are two of this year's YoungArts 271 Merit Award Winners, selected in a blind adjudication process from a pool representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as all U.S. territories.

**The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers: The National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2012.** We are excited to announce that we have just received news that one of our seniors, Batrek Yassa, has won a National Gold Key for his Art Portfolio in the 2012 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards! His art portfolio was chosen as one of only 15 awarded Portfolio Gold Keys in the country (and one of only 6 Art Portfolios); it was **the only portfolio from New Jersey awarded Gold Key**. He will be given \$10,000 in scholarship to use at the art college of his choice. Batrek Yassa was also awarded a National Silver Award for drawing. In addition, **Erika Andal** was also awarded National Silver Award for drawing. These three students along with their teachers, Mrs. Carolyn Frazier and Mr. John Bradford, are invited to New York City to receive recognition on the country's most celebrated stage—Carnegie Hall—as part of the annual National Awards Ceremony on June 1, 2012. Even



more exciting—this is the second year in a row that JerseyCityArts has had a student honored among the top 15 art portfolios in the country!

Also, senior **Dominick Walker** received notice that he was accepted to Cooper Union on early decision.

*Sponsor: Carolyn Frazier*

### MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL, MONTGOMERY (#2290)



From the first meeting to the last, members of Montgomery, New Jersey's National Art Honor Society chapter embark on a unique journey through activities ranging from creating holiday cards and engaging in critiques to organizing jewelry workshops and visiting the Guggenheim. Ending the year with the Induction Ceremony, members are left with a lifelong passion for the arts.

The current success of the chapter, however, was not immediately present. In 2008, a small group of students, along with the aid of art educators Ms. Deirdre McGrail and Ms. Tina Boyer, kicked off Montgomery's chapter with nominal funds. In each of the following years, the chapter has doubled in size. Only through the support of so many dedicated artists has the chapter been able to make significant accomplishments throughout the years.

Looking at Montgomery High School several years ago, it was a fairly austere school, having been opened only in 2005. The school's National Art Honor Society however, had an overwhelming urge to fill the school with aesthetic qualities. And so, the beautification of the school began. One particular wall, measuring approximately 30 feet long by 20 feet high, caught the attention of the students and was deemed the perfect place for a glass mosaic mural! The NAHS members thoroughly planned and executed a beautiful swirling design of thousands of pieces of tile, mirror, and clay. Various murals have also been painted on walls, including one to denounce bullying and racism. This year, another project is in the works to add even more color to the school. On the mammoth glass window of the lobby of the high school, the chapter plans to hang a beautiful

stained glass arrangement that will shed some color on the light entering the school. The design is approved and the materials are ordered—this huge undertaking is about to begin.

Montgomery NAHS is also widening its influence of art on the local community. The chapter had hosted its first ever "Montgomery Made by Hand" holiday craft fair last year, where artists of all kinds—painters, photographers, pottery-makers, glass-blowers, clothing designers—displayed their work. The Montgomery community also has the chance to be a part of the arts by attending the Glass Jewelry Fusing Workshop that the Montgomery chapter hosts. Led by students, this event gives all who sign up a chance to make exquisite fused-glass jewelry by hand, just in time for the holidays.

The chapter also hosts "Creative Fridays," where children in grades K-8 enjoy a free 2-hour workshop on one Friday afternoon a month. During these lessons, they are able to learn about a particular aspect of art, whether it is making macaroni art or sketching a still life. "Our mission in the Creative Fridays," Ms. McGrail, adviser of the chapter, explains, "is to help young children spark their interests and potentials for art that they might never have discovered otherwise." Art, undoubtedly, carries a special meaning in the Montgomery NAHS Chapter. It brings together a group of young and talented students every week and shares the gift of art to the local community. Yet, this is only the beginning. We cannot wait to see what next year brings.

*Sponsor: Deirdre McGrail*

### THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL, PENNINGTON (#2695)



*Art Club 2011–2012*



*NAHS Induction Ceremony dinner*

The Pennington School's inductees to the National Art Honor Society have been very productive this year. We started in September with an exhibit in our Silva Gallery consisting of summer work from the 12 students in AP Studio Art. For our Homecoming in October, where clubs and sports teams raise money for certain causes, we painted faces on the Homecoming participants.

Our next major event was a shoe design project for the centerpieces of our annual fashion show in November. All advanced art students designed and altered Converse shoes, making them wearable art. Altogether, 60 pairs of shoes were created for the fashion show. In December, we put the funds raised at Homecoming towards buying supplies to make ornaments for a nonprofit organization's holiday tree. The Art Club joined forces with the School's Community Service group by making these decorations for the Stony Brook Watershed Association's holiday tree, which was displayed at the Morven Museum in Princeton, NJ. In January, well-known artist Mel Leipzig spent the day at Pennington, demonstrating his artistic techniques and talking with the students about art while his exhibit, Mothers, was on display in the Silva Gallery. In February, our senior art students had an exhibit called Connect 4, also displayed in the Silva Gallery, in which each senior displayed four pieces of work from his or her current portfolio. Looking into the future, we will be painting a mural for the School's vegetable garden, creating a coloring book for which the profits will benefit the Art Club's yearly adventures and awards for seniors. We will also be continuing our annual Empty Bowls sale at Spring Fling. In April, WasteLine, an exhibit, will contain the shoes and outfits from the fashion show collection that were crafted by students from recycled materials. The Art Club will be selling the shoes and donating the profits to a charity. Our college applications were well received this year, with acceptances from Parsons, Tyler School of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Gettysburg, Ithaca College, SVA, and Princeton University. It is hard to believe that we are already in the second semester of our senior year, finding internships connected to art, finishing our AP Studio Art portfolios, and planning college orientation visits. Before we know it, graduation will be right around the corner!

*Sponsor: Caroline K. Hall*

### WOODSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, WOODSTOWN, (#1545)



*WHS NAHS and French Club members pose along with frozen turkeys and canned goods that were donated to local families and the food pantry.*

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time" - Thomas Merton. Many students of Woodstown High School are constantly involved in clubs and activities throughout the school. It's easily understood that the National Art Honor Society is a group of very talented students that love art, and also enjoy sharing it





NAHS members pose with their painting done at the Woodstown Acme Market. Pictured here are Allison Cabo, Kristine Freiberger, Alexis Clark and Morgan Sickler

with others. Lori Raggio is the proud director of this club and not only gives back to the community but also to our school. NAHS furthers student's artistic abilities and brings awareness and importance of art to the school.

This year Woodstown High School's chapter of the National Art Honor Society has done great things for the community of Woodstown. We began the year off with our 6th annual canned food drive, which was co-sponsored with the French Club. Together, we collected 1,500 non-perishable food items for the local food pantry and provided 15 complete Thanksgiving dinners to local families.

Our club was also asked to paint the windows of the local Acme Market and spent a Saturday painting the windows. We also created and sold holiday cards as part of our fundraiser. Members of NAHS made and sold the cards in the school as well as in the community at Woodstown by Candlelight.

Our favorite fundraiser is the annual "Woodstown Unplugged". This was a great night where our own students perform poems, skits and even sing. Our own principal sings as well!

Mrs. Raggio attended the NAEA Convention this year in NYC and had the opportunity to have one work of art from Woodstown High School on a big screen display in Manhattan. Alexis Clark, a junior and NAHS member was chosen. Her work, along with over 400 works of art, was displayed on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd, thanks to Artsonia.

We are looking forward to our Induction Ceremony breakfast on March 27th, the Senior Artist award and our field trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to see the Van Gogh exhibit.

NAHS is a great club at Woodstown High School that really gets students involved and motivated to not only create beautiful works on paper, but also in our own town. All in all, this is a fantastic club that inspires our entire community.

Written by Kelsey Elbon, Woodstown High School NAHS member, class of 2013

Sponsor: Lori Raggio

## New York

### JERICO HIGH SCHOOL, JERICO (#119)



This has been a very productive year for the Jericho High School Art Honor Society chapter #119. The induction Ceremony was held on March 6th and over 100 new members were inducted!

Many of our new members worked very hard to raise money for several local and international charities as well as contributing to local food pantries and making wash kits for our NYC homeless shelters. Students donated over 300 hats and gloves for children living in shelters during the winter season.

Installations of large scale 6-foot photographs, an art postcard exchange with Northport High School and two evening art festivals with member works were presented to the community during the 2011-2012 school year. After school open-studio workshops gave students an opportunity to work on their college portfolios in a relaxed collective atmosphere. Several of our members were recognized in local Long Island, NY and national art competitions.

Sponsor: Louise Millmann

### SAINT VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL, NEW YORK (#3417)



The talented Saint Vincent Ferrer NHAS members have been busy putting their talents to good use throughout

the school year. Student artists painted images and took photographs relating to the school community for the Parents Association Auction in March to help raise money for the school. The auction was a great success and every piece of the students' artwork was sold! We will also be contributing student artwork to a fellow Catholic school in Westchester, who is holding a craft fair fundraiser.

The SVF artists also took some out time to develop their own skills and explore contest opportunities, with themes they felt passionate about. Students are currently working on the Crayola "Creativity Connects Us" contest and just finished entries for Sketching the City, part of the global Charles Dickens 2012 celebration. Three of our artists are finalists in the Sketching the City contest and will have their work on display at the Bronx Museum. Congratulations Girls!

In May we are looking forward to our Spring Arts Event. For the first time, this will be a weekend long art event. It will be kicking off without our second annual NAHS Induction Ceremony, followed by our Spring Art Show, and the Musical Theater Performance. We are very excited about our upcoming events and look forward to exploring new ways to further develop and grow our chapter next year.

Sponsor: Krista Wagner

### OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, OCEANSIDE (#3386)

Our chapter has just completed participating in an amazing event called the Memory Project, a portrait of kindness. In order to participate in this event we fundraised in our school with a bake sale and pumpkin decorating. We then committed to creating 20 portraits from kids photos sent to our chapter. These kids have either been orphaned or neglected. Together, we worked on drawing beautiful realistically rendered portraits for the kids to have and treasure as their own. Once completed by a given deadline, we packaged them up and sent them back to the director who then sends them to the orphans in Ecuador. This was a wonderful experience for our chapter, it allowed us to share our beautiful talent for an exceptionally wonderful cause. At this time we are waiting to receive pictures of the kids and their new portraits.

Sponsor: Danielle Casquarelli

## North Carolina

### NORTHWEST CABARRUS HIGH SCHOOL, CONCORD (#1690)



Here at the illustrious Northwest Cabarrus High School (NCHS) chapter of Art Honor Society, we have recently begun establishing ourselves as a new addition to our school's plethora of clubs and activities. With our selective group of ecstatic young artists, we have been hard at work to get our fresh club out and about.



Our very first event as an artistic community was the induction ceremony, which turned out to be a success. The professional atmosphere, laughter, and hopeful inductees really pushed the club to begin its journey to bring art education to the attention of the community.

At Northwest's annual Curriculum Night, Art Honors Society hosted a booth in order to inform aspiring NCHS students about the opportunities they could have as an art student at NCHS. These future students were able to view artwork composed by the school's very own art scholars.

Not only is our Society aiming to inform the community of art education, but of global issues as well. Currently we are hosting a Recycled Art Contest, in which students may enter sculptures made solely of recycled materials. This fun challenge will also help the club to fund upcoming events, such as directing a commercial to be displayed on the school website.

A tightly knit group of talented young artists, the Northwest Cabarrus chapter of Art Honor Society aspires to take the skills we learn from our Society with us through the rest of our lives, to continue to learn about ourselves throughout our journeys, and to demonstrate the importance of art to all who challenge it.

Written by Amethyst Palma

Sponsor: Deanna Ladd

#### LEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SANFORD (#3419)



LCHS NAHS member Autumn Melby is advised by award-winning realist painter Doug Rowe on watercolor color mixing.

The Lee County High School National Art Honor Society has enjoyed having a very productive school year meeting twice a month for meetings and art workshops as well as participating in several community service events. In October we joined with the Lee County Arts Council to run a booth creating fall themed crafts for children at the Arts Jubi-Lee street festival. November found us designing our first fund raiser calendar featuring artwork of LCHS NAHS members netting \$700 for our group. In December we created a mural in our Varsity Boys Basketball locker room. February found members of our group assisting with a children's art workshop in correlation with the Artist's Colony and at the end of February we held our official induction ceremony at the West Lake Valley Club House welcoming 27 members to this year's NAHS. Sanford Brush and Palette President, Carolyn Chipman, served as our guest speaker.



LCHS NAHS member Amani Gavin assists a child design a fall themed craft at the Arts Jubi-Lee street festival in downtown Sanford, NC.

We have had several award winning artists visit our group throughout the school year and conduct after school workshops on watercolor color mixing, drawing realistic portrait features in pencil, painting with alcohol inks, finger painting with acrylic, sculpting clay figurines and pottery wheel work. NAHS members are excited to receive their 2012 LCHS NAHS T-shirt designed by NAHS President Daniela Ocampo.

Upcoming events that we are looking forward to include participating in the NC NAHS state gathering at Barton College where we will have the opportunity to network with other NAHS groups from around the state. As the weather gets warmer, we are working with a local artist to design a mural that will be featured on a green way walking trail in Sanford. In May we will provide a face painting booth at the Lee County Special Olympics and Fitness Fest in historic downtown Sanford. Towards the end of school we are excited to be sponsoring our first "Arts Day" at Floyd Knight School, a school for special needs students in our county. Our group will provide a full day of making art with the Floyd Knight students focusing on projects featuring painting, making a clay pinch pot turtle, glazing clay medallions and working with chalk. Throughout this school year we have enjoyed influencing our school and city through the beauty and expressiveness of art.

Sponsors: Jody Stouffer and Brian Wohleben

## Pennsylvania

#### FAIRFIELD AREA HIGH SCHOOL, FAIRFIELD (#154)



Induction: Fairfield Area High School

The Fairfield High School Chapter 154 of the National Art Honor Society has had a busy year. We started with our Induction ceremony on October 19th. We gained



Pumpkin-carving Contest

29 members, which added to our 8 returning juniors and 25 seniors, to set our membership at 62 students. Our guest speaker was artist, poet, and musician, Sandra Polvinali, who presented the topic of "Going through Doors of Opportunity." We held the induction in the auditorium, with our attendance rate of family and friends around 100. A reception with refreshments was held afterwards in the cafeteria. Overall, our induction was a success.

In the fall, we were able to finish our 45-foot mural that we began in 2010. The mural is located in the hallway close to the band and chorus rooms. It depicts our jazz band, chorus, show choir, plays, and musicals. It was designed by Rebecca Gomez, a student who graduated in 2011. Over 20 members helped to complete the mural.

We worked with Trick or Treat for UNICEF in October for our service to the global community project. Members worked together by collecting donations during our lunch periods. We were able to raise \$304.75 for our charity.

During October, we also held a Bag the Bounty Food Drive. We collected non-perishable food items to donate to local families and food banks with the help from students and faculty; we donated 508 pounds of food to the community.

In both October and December, our members volunteered to perform community service at Comfort Care, a local nursing home. Students had fun playing Bingo with all of the residents. Halloween and Christmas treats were passed out to the residents. Both residents and members loved it.

We are currently in the early phases of designing a mural for the science hallway of our high school. It is being designed by a small group of students led by one of our seniors. The mural will include biology, chemistry, physics, math, meteorology, and oceanography. The goal is to have it finished by the end of the year.

Our yearly trip will be to the Philadelphia Art Museum on April 23. We will be visiting the Van Gogh Up Close exhibit at the museum and spending the rest of the day in Philadelphia. We have many other activities planned for this spring. Overall, this has been one crazy busy and productive year.

Sponsor: Michael E. Rupp, Sr.



# Tennessee

## ST. GEORGE'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL, COLLIERVILLE (#2726)



Hey again! My name is Natalie Prodanovich, a tenth-grader at St. George's Independent School in Collierville, TN. In this article I hunted down NAHS kids at my school to find out what they are doing in art.

The first victim in my hunt was Nathan Weinreich. Nate is coordinating a student show of the best of the best work at our school. This exhibition will be on display at our school starting in April.

The second victim is Dagny Vaughn who will attend a summer program at Parsons in New York. She said, "It's my dream school, like my I-will-do-whatever-it-takes-to-get-there goal." She will take day-long classes with the traditional homework, grades and more, have critiques by guest artists, and she will get college credit, as well as have unlimited access to the city. She hopes to gain experience, decide on her college choice, and to develop a strong art portfolio.

Victim number three is Rebecca Matson who will attend a summer program at the Memphis College of Art. She stated, "What I need is a change and to reach out of my comfort zone, so it seemed like a good idea to join something that would change the way I observe and create art." From trying new mediums, she hopes to advance in painting by creating work with more depth and meaning. Overall, she is hoping to become a better artist.

Okay, now this is victim number four--Alexis Harshbarger. She is going to Tennessee's Governor's School for the Arts a selective, intense 4-week course for gifted students. Alexis wanted to have a chance to extend her artistic ability to the stars and above. She said, "I hope to one day have a career in art and I know that going to Governor's School will help me achieve this goal."

Phew! My hunt is finished and my "feet" are barking. How kids at St. George's stay sane from being over-arted, I have no idea but at least they are having fun while doing it. And isn't what it is all about, having fun? I mean art has no rules, just as long as you enjoy it. So with no more mystical art advice to give, with sore "feet" and exhausted by hunting, it is time to leave before I collapse and forget to turn this in. Goodbye and the art be with you!

Sponsor: Rose Doherty

## BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL, KNOXVILLE (#1)

Greetings from where it all began—Chapter 1 of Bearden High School in Knoxville, Tennessee!

This year, Bearden's NAHS has been busy under the superb leadership of President Heather McNamara and Sponsor Flowerree Galetovic using their artistic abilities to make a difference in the Knoxville community.

In the fall, we participated in several holiday-oriented projects as a club. Around Halloween, we provided Knoxville's Safe Place runaway shelters with painted pumpkins.

Soon after came Induction, taking place at Calhoun's on the River, a premier eatery of downtown Knoxville. President McNamara then introduced Vice President Tayler Smith, Secretary Gabrielle Buuck, Treasurer Megan McClure, and Photographer Tanya Zayets. Chapter 1 also inducted the new offices of Historian Rachel Riley and Activities Coordinator Ally Johnson, as well as a number of new members.

In late November, Chapter 1 took on a brand new project when we designed and decorated a small tree for The Fantasy of Trees, a charity auction benefitting East Tennessee's Children's Hospital. The final product was a 2-foot-tall artificial evergreen sporting wooden oval ornaments featuring student renditions of famous artworks.

We wrapped up the semester in December when we visited Elm Croft Nursing Home to socialize with residents and deck the halls with festive decorum.

Our plans for the remainder of the semester include entering the "Chalk Walk" Competition of Knoxville's Dogwood Arts Festival and decorating small furnishings for The Cancer Support Community's 4th annual ARTitude charity auction.

We are also currently preparing to host our yearly "Kids Art Fest," where we invite children of the community to join us in the art room for crafts and refreshments; activities last year included macaroni necklaces, mask-making, silk-screening T-shirts, and cookie-decorating.

Good luck for the rest of Spring Semester, fellow members! May your art enrich your lives, your schools, and your communities!

Sponsor: Flowerree Galetovic

# Texas

## POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL, KATY (#3110)

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## CEDAR RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, ROUND ROCK (#5596630)

NEW CHAPTER!



Founding chapter members at the Induction Ceremony, February 2012

Cedar Ridge High School National Art Honor Society is a newly established chapter and has been busy getting



Sarah Lobsenz, Chair of Awards and Ceremonies with sock monkey from the Bastrop Complex Wildfire Sock Money Project by Cedar Ridge High School National Art Honor Society

off the ground and working to promote visual art within our community. As a new school, we are beginning with 27 charter members in grades 10-11. Next year, we will grow to have a senior class. In November 2011, we worked on our first service project by making sock monkey for the children of the Bastrop Complex Wildfires in Bastrop, TX. 32 sock monkeys were distributed to children in need. February brought us our first induction ceremony with over 60 community members in attendance. A program of remarks by our new officers, a candle lighting ceremony and pledge was followed by a society art show and reception. Our art show was displayed in the front office during the month of February. Also, in February 2012, we helped host the Region 13 North Visual Art Scholastic Event sponsored by Texas Art Education Association with 1317 artworks and interviews. Chapter members ran concessions, sold shirts, moved artwork from juror rooms and helped with the gallery alongside setting up and tearing down the entire event. In March 2012 as part of Youth Art Month, we will be constructing bowls as part of the upcoming Round Rock Empty Bowl Festival that benefits the Round Rock Serving Center, our local food pantry. Written by Parrish McCrary, Chair of Public Relations  
Sponsors: Tim Lowke and Candace Briceño-Connolly

## SAINT MARY'S HALL, SAN ANTONIO (#1967)

This year the Saint Mary's Hall National Art Honor Society has been hard at work making developing into a strongly bonded group that actively participates in artistic campus and community service projects.

We started the year off with the Sketchbook Project, sponsored by the Art House Co-op where some submitted pieces of art based on a topic that were put into a single sketchbook that is exhibited all around the country. The theme we selected was Heroes vs. Villains. The exhibition schedule can be found at [www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject2012](http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject2012)

In December our members participated in the Peace Exchange by designing postcards that are sent to the Create Peace Project. Our art and messages of peace are then delivered to school children in India for an exchange of postcards. This was a fun project because we were all able to do this together for a great cause ([www.create-peaceproject.org](http://www.create-peaceproject.org)).



Other community service projects include making art for auction for the Animal Defense League and the Annual Fur Ball; Creating ceramic bowls for an Empty Bowls benefit for the San Antonio Mission Ministries to help feed the homeless; Donating photography to Art from the Heart, an organization that assists battered children; and creating portraits for the Memory Project, an nonprofit that delivers portraits to orphans in third-world countries.

Our members also participate in on-campus events like face painting for school spirit, raising money through bake sales, and sponsoring an out-of-uniform day to raise money for a local visual art charity.

Not only have we been working but we have also been learning. Artist Philip John Evett, who lives in Blanco, Texas, came and spoke to us about his life as an artist and his road to success. It was an educational and interesting experience for all of us and definitely a highlight of the year.

Saint Mary's Hall members also participated in the regional Visual Art Scholastic Event, a competition for high school artists. Two of our members advance to the State event in April.

We are really excited about how this year is going and are hoping that things will keep getting better. Our chapter is really involved in our community and is looking forward to doing even more!

Written by Fauzyya Nagji, Historian

Sponsor: Carol Parker Mittal

Co-sponsors: Ralph Howell, Dyan Green

#### WICHITA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL, WICHITA FALLS (#2627)



NAHS officers: Gina Zhang, Krista Smith, Shannon Spruiell, Lily McCarthy, Emily Pettijohn

The Wichita Falls High School chapter of the National Art Honor Society has been submitting artwork into several exhibitions and competitions this year. WFHS art students have work displayed at the Kemp Center for the Arts in Wichita Falls. Each year, Midwestern State University hosts a competition for high school students. Lily McCarthy and Kameron Tucker won cash awards for sculpture and drawing. On April 21, WFHS will hold the Third Annual NAHS Art Exhibition at the school. Every student involved with the NAHS is encouraged to submit and display their work. Students will design and mail invitations to family, friends, and members of the public community. During this show, the graduating officers will introduce the new officers. As well as exhibitions of artwork, WFHS NAHS students are painting murals in the hallways. The murals are a collection of the most recognizable, most influential art throughout history. In addition to school activities, Lily McCarthy has been accepted into Savannah College of Art and Design with a \$52,000 scholarship. She will begin classes in the fall of 2012.

Sponsor: Chris Mayfield

## Virginia

#### WASHINGTON-LEE HIGH SCHOOL, ARLINGTON (#237)

Chapter 237 continues the year with community projects and activities related to the Empty Bowls Project, including a trip to the local preschool and hosting many after school studios to produce bowls that are donated to the 5th Annual Giving Circle of HOPE Empty Bowls soup supper on April 13, 2012 in Herndon, Virginia.

The chapter also has a few submissions for the NAHS Student Art Gallery on the NAEA website and is making plans for much more during the next school year.

Sponsor: Joan Bickelhaupt

#### HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL, LEESBURG (#2223)

The Heritage High School chapter of the NAHS is hosting its annual Gallery Night to honor its members on March 22, 2012. Students will gather together for an evening of art and fun.

Two members have submitted digital photography pieces to the annual 10th Congressional District Show, and may move on to the national level.

Members have been very active this year! We completed a Pasta Fund-raising campaign, and have been volunteering at Retirement Communities, assisting in Black History Month projects, designing a mural for our English Department's workroom and designing logos for various school events and groups.

It's been a great year! Thanks to our members and parents for their support!

Sponsor: Kyla Jenkins

#### HAMPTON ROADS ACADEMY, NEWPORT NEWS (#1425)



The Hampton Roads Academy chapter of the National Art Honor Society has had a busy year. We completed an acrylic mural in the middle school. Several students saw the project from start to finish. The hallway in front of the science lab transformed into a fauna scene with the aid of several skilled Art Honor Society members.

A clay tile mural will showcase the ceramic talent in the club. One student, Claudia Fass focused on the ceramic mural during her fall independent study. This provided her with the chance to make a plan to scale. Again, we were inspired by nature to create an outdoor scene consisting of a large tree, river, and tire swing. Under NAHS member's guidance, elementary school students will be helping to create the mural. This project will help to solidify the importance of art at a young age and help create a more cohesive community. The ceramic mural will be mounted in the lower school. We hope to make more progress this

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spring now that the initial plans have been made. This project will continue on until next year.

In the fall, the NAHS inducted 23 new members. These members will help to complete ongoing projects and bring new ideas to our table. Outside our school, the club has been active in participating in several selective art shows. For example, two of our members—senior Maria Gartsman and junior Mahari Chabwera—were awarded honor for their pieces displayed in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Virginia Beach.

Another way that our NAHS is impacting the community outside our school is through a global project. This year the Hampton Roads Academy chapter of the NAHS is again participating in “The Memory Project.” Students who have strengths in portrait art are encouraged to participate. Once students express interest, we notify the organization that sends photographs of the orphans. The society members then inspired and guided by the photograph, create a pastel portrait or image reflecting the child. The students then write a letter to accompany the portrait. The organization delivers the portrait and letter. This is often one of the few items the children possess. We are excited to participate in this wonderful project which allows us to apply our artistic talents to a humanitarian cause.

Sponsor: Christine Contakes

**POWHATAN HIGH SCHOOL,  
POWHATAN (#5594840)**

**NEW CHAPTER!**



The Powhatan High School had its first induction ceremony of the NAHS on March 12, 2012. We have been looking forward to this event for quite some time in the art department. The joining members were held to high standards including a “B” average in any honors or AP class and an “A” in any other courses, a cumulative GPA of 3.8, 20 hours of community service, attending meetings, and participation in 75% of NAHS activities. We started collecting community service hours in the fall. We had an opportunity to volunteer as face painters for the YMCA’s fall festival and participate in our school’s Christmas Mother Breakfast. NAHS created decorations for the stage and devoted many hours of setting up and doing activities the day of the event. To thank the students for their efforts in the Christmas Mother Breakfast, the Kappa Gamma Sorority gave us a \$75 scholarship. With this money, we were able to cover our costs for supplies and pay for student memberships to the VMFA for a year. This allows the students free admission to traveling shows as well as discounts in the shop and for classes. Each student will also receive magazine publications for the museum for the year.

We have two major events planned in the near future. The first is called “Mary on the Mend,” this event is a festival style fundraiser to benefit a recovering teacher in

our faculty. It takes place at the local fair grounds on March 24th. Our students will volunteer as face painters. The second event is for UPcycle week. For this event, members will help collect recyclable items during their lunches— items that would normally be thrown away. We will also collect all other incoming recyclables through the cafeteria, front office, and vending machines. On April 21st we will meet in a local bank parking lot and use these recyclables to create a large installment art piece, which will stay up for 24 hours which we will then take down and recycle. Powhatan High School is very excited about our new chapter, and all that is in our future.

Sponsors: Amy McManus, Stephanie Wirt

## Wisconsin

**LAC COURTE OREILLES OJIBWE SCHOOL, HAYWARD  
(#1965)**

Greetings from northern Wisconsin and the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, better known as LCO School located on the LCO reservation near Hayward, WI. The grand finale for our group will be the school’s annual Ziigwan (Spring) Showcase Annual Art and Music program. Students, staff, parents, and community always look forward to this end-of-the-year event. Art lives on in the northwoods of Wisconsin!!

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# NJAHS Chapter Reports

## Alabama

### COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, MOBILE (#550)

After finishing up a very successful fall semester with our NJAHS students leading our annual school-wide collaborative Christmas Tree set-up at our local Starbucks Coffee Shop, creating and donating two wreaths to the Junior League of Mobile and donating a special collaborative painting to our local Veteran's. Our students also participated in two student angel art shows, one at the Mobile Museum of Art and the second one at the Signature Art Gallery. And they also received several student member honors: Bettina Tobias (3rd, GoDaddy Bowl Game Art Competition), Ethan Hendrix (1st, Who I Am Art Show & Comp.), Stacie Tuomisto (3rd, Who I Am Art Show & Comp.), and Drew Russ (3rd, Who I Am Art Show & Comp).

On a special note, upon hearing about a break-in (just before Christmas) at the home of one of our school's teachers, Ethan, Stacie and Bettina worked really hard making and selling jewelry to help replace many of the Christmas gifts, which were stolen.

We then began 2012 with our 8th-grade senior students, Ethan Hendrix, Stacie Tuomisto, and Bettina Tobias, welcoming four new students: Sydney Baker, Katie Carnes, Drew Russ and Abby Lignell. Congratulations!

We have also just found out about several more student member honors, at the Alabama Visual Arts Achievement Awards, District Level. Bettina Tobias (photography) and Stacie Tuomisto (3D art) have just placed 1st, and their art will go on to the state level, and Sydney Baker (printmaking) has won 2nd place. Drew Russ' photograph has been selected as one of the top 10 by the local SPCA photography competition, and it will be featured in the Mobile Bay Monthly Magazine. And Ethan Hendrix's art and science piece, having just won 1st place in the Coastal America Ocean Art Competition, is on its way to DC for national judging.

At the end of March, our NJAHS students will once again lead our elementary students by helping with our school's annual Grandparents Day art-school and many other Youth Art Month activities.

Sponsor: Karin Marrero

## Kentucky

### ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE (#702)

The newest members of our club were inducted in October. The board members meet on the first Tuesday once a month to discuss the meeting that will take place on the first Wednesday once a month. As soon as school started up since summer, we all couldn't wait to get back in the art room. We have made clay mugs, participated in the annual Derby Art Contest, and made teapots. We have also hosted a Family Art night in our school cafeteria. We have planned to go to the Speed Art Museum.

Sponsor: Cathy Balbach



## North Carolina

### STATESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, STATESVILLE (#5582710)



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Corey Waters, B. Clark, T. Daye, A. DeShields, M. Ruiz (Co-President), St. Thao (Co President), T. Morrison, A. Guillen, S. Thao, T. Ramseur, T. Parks, K. Lewis, A. Wilson and SMS Art Instructor, Mr. Byron Jones.

The Statesville Middle School NJAHS held its first ever induction ceremony of the NJAHS on Thursday, March 8th in the school Media Center. The guest speaker was Mr. Corey T. Waters, a Social Studies Instructor at Chapel Hill High School and a former high school art student of Statesville Middle Schools Art Instructor, Mr. Byron Jones. Mr. Waters encouraged the students to be diligent in their artwork, class work and community service. His favorite quote was "Unto [whom] much is given, much is required."

Sponsor: Byron Jones

## Virginia

### MATOACA MIDDLE SCHOOL, S. CHESTERFIELD (#642)



Chapter 642 of the NJAHS (Matoaca Middle School) continues to use creativity to make a difference. In previous years, the chapter has taken on service projects to benefit the American Red Cross and the Central Virginia Food Bank, also known as FeedMore. In the Fall of 2011, our current group of 12 students began our first Chapter calendar, with original pen-and-ink illustrations and inspirational quotes for each month of the year and we hope to sell even more of these beautiful calendars to commemorate Youth Art Month.

The students of Matoaca Middle not only worked together when creating the drafts of the calendar, but with everything they have done. All of the students have grown closer, even though they come from separate parts of the school and probably wouldn't have known each other if it hadn't been for this wonderful extracurricular activity. They would like to thank NJAHS for helping them to express their creativity, make new friends, and help the community.

The current fundraiser /service project for the Matoaca Middle chapter will promote the good work of our local branch of the Habitat for Humanity organization, which is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. They build with people in need regardless of race or religion, and welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. Since we cannot easily help in the actual building process, we are making small houses (pins and magnets) to sell, and the proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity, to help them eliminate poverty by providing simple, decent shelter to those in need. It certainly feels good to use our creativity to help others!

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