

Coffman Announces High School Art Competition Winners

(LONE TREE, CO) — U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) has announced the winners of the 2011 6th Congressional District High School Arts Competition. The first-place winner of “An Artistic Discovery” is Kristine Padgett of D’Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School. Coffman and Evette Goldstein of the Greater Castle Rock Art Guild and the Parker Artists Guild announced the winners on April 2 at the Phillip S. Miller Library in Castle Rock.

“The talent of every student who submitted artwork for this competition is extremely impressive,” said Coffman. “I am proud of all these young artists in our community and I look forward to seeing Ms. Padgett’s piece on display in the U.S. Capitol.”

The 6th Congressional District Arts Competition is part of a nationwide program, in which all Members of Congress recognize and encourage the artistic talent of high school students in each Congressional District. Ms. Goldstein chose three winners and seven honorable mentions out of a total of 48 entries at the reception. Congressman Coffman also personally chose a piece to receive the “Mike Coffman Award.”

Other top finishers included:

- 2nd Place Winner: Jenna McMullins of Castle View High School for “Untitled.”
- 3rd Place Winner: Lindsey Schriver of Collegiate Academy for “And They Were Tranquil.”
- Mike Coffman Award Winner: Julia Sanders of Castle View High School for “Cici.”
- Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design (RMCAD) Scholarship Winner: Aaron Garcia of Collegiate Academy for “Wasteland.”

The winning entry, Kirsten’s batik painting piece entitled “Leap Frog Jumps” will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibit in the walkway between the U.S. Capitol and the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C. The D’Evelyn junior will receive a cash award of \$200, two roundtrip plane tickets to Washington to attend the congressional reception as well as a \$1,500 per year scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia

should she attend.

To view more pictures from the ceremony, [please click here](#) .



Congressman Coffman with Congressional Arts Competition 1st Place winner Kristine Padgott, right, and her teacher at D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School Nicole Brown, left.

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