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**2004 ASAA/FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA STATE HIGH  
SCHOOL ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION  
MARCH 5-27 IN JUNEAU**

*Winners announced in 11 categories*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – More than 125 pieces of artwork submitted from Alaska's budding young artists were judged March 5 for the 2004 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska All-State High School Art Competition. The competition offers Alaskan students an opportunity to present their creative talent in a juried art show. This year, 70 of the 125 submissions were selected to be in the show, which will remain on display at the Alaska State Museum, 395 Whittier Street, in Juneau through March 27. Photos of the winning art pieces will be posted on the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) web site, at [www.asaa.org](http://www.asaa.org).

Awards are presented for outstanding and original works in 11 different art categories. These include Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, Photography, Mixed Media, Communication Arts/Graphic Design, Ceramics, Jewelry/Metalsmithing, Multicultural Art, Textile Arts / Fibre Design, and Multicultural Art.

The 18 schools participating in the All-State Art Competition include: Barrow, Deering, Eielson (Fairbanks), Haines, Homer, IDEA (Wasilla), Juneau-Douglas, Kodiak, Lathrop (Fairbanks), North Pole, Pacific Northern Academy (Anchorage), Seward, Soldotna, Tri-Valley (Healy), Unalaska, West Anchorage, West Valley (Fairbanks), and Wrangell.

The host school for this year's all-state art show is Juneau-Douglas High School (JDHS). Art teacher Tom Manning served as the Art Show Director, organizing the show.

Unique to this year's event was the additional involvement of students in other capacities. Under the coordination of JDHS home economics teacher Cynthia Shaw and school cafeteria staff Mike Young, students in the Chef and Gourmet Cooking classes provided the catered food and beverages for the Art Show Opening Reception in the evening of March 5.

In addition, Governor Frank Murkowski authorized an Executive Proclamation designating March as Alaska Arts Education Month. The proclamation was read at the opening reception. Text from the proclamation follows in this release.

The Alaska State Museum staff provided logistical support in hanging and jurying the show. The two jurors were Museum Exhibitions Curator Mark Daughhete and Museum Services Curator Ken DeRoux. Both are respected artists in their own right. They, along with Chief Curator Bruce Kato and Exhibitor Designer Paul Gardinier, provided the expertise in showcasing the art pieces.

This year's show and awards include:

### **Best of Show**

Heather Harris, Juneau-Douglas (Fishing For the Perfect Man – Textile/Fibre)

“We were looking for something truly unique – different from everything else. This piece really stood out,” said jurors Daughhete and DeRoux.

### **Congressional Award**

Alexandra Torres, Eielson (Am I 2 Part of the American Dream? - Drawing)

In art, high school is a time to test new media and technical aspects. Some students transcend this, going beyond manipulation to present a concept, an idea. For example, the Congressional Award winner used a flag, which is a powerful symbol, and by adding the young girl, the

drawing became more than a technically good portrait. The composition invites others to interpret the meaning,” said jurors Daughhetee and DeRoux.

### **Ceramics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brittany Dykstra, Lathrop, Fairbanks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Cue, Lathrop, Fairbanks (Cup o’ Joe)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Racheal Taylor, Eielson (Love Handles)

In the Show:

- Kjersten Criss, Juneau-Douglas
- Brittany Dykstra, Lathrop, Fairbanks
- Jennifer Stuvek, Lathrop, Fairbanks
- Matt Vasilie, Soldotna (Ricco)

### **Communication Arts/Graphic Design**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lydian Blossom, Pacific Northern Academy, Anchorage (Tartuffe Poster)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqueline van Driessche, Seward (N.O.S.B. Announcement)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Travis McKenzie, Pacific Northern Academy, Anchorage (Tartuffe Poster)

In the Show

- Crystal Martin, Barrow (Soaring Into The Future)

### **Drawing**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Dewey, West Anchorage (Subway)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Hartman, Lathrop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Miller, Juneau-Douglas (High Contrast)
- HM Kat Smart, North Pole (Rita)

In the Show:

- Elizabeth Anderson, Kodiak (Baby With Rattle)
- Doven Lindsey Barnett, West Valley, Fairbanks (Bone Dry Bovine)
- Cynthia Buckles, Lathrop (Safari)
- Lyndsey Diem, Eielson
- Clover Ercolin, Wrangell (In The Mood)
- Trevor Fristoe, West Valley, Fairbanks (Ben in Car)
- Iris Holmes, Haines
- Melissa Johnston, West Valley, Fairbanks
- Amerietz Luangasa, West Anchorage (Distortion)
- Hannah Paulicek, Soldotna (The Jellyfish)
- Brian Reishus, Juneau-Douglas
- Hilary Schwafel, Lathrop (Self Portrait)
- Jessie Sparkes, Lathrop

### **Jewelry/Metalsmithing**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy Finger, West Anchorage (In Flight)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Erica Drose, Lathrop, Fairbanks (Coddled Cuttlefish)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kimberly Taylor, Lathrop, Fairbanks (Polychaeta)

### **Mixed Media**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glenn Martin, Homer (And You Thought I Had Issues)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Dore, Juneau-Douglas

In the Show:

- Tyler Mores, Juneau-Douglas

### **Multicultural Art**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Eubank, West Valley, Fairbanks (Ceremonial Knife)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy McKinney, IDEA, Wasilla (He Is Risen)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Megan Humphrey, Lathrop (Sue Boe)

In the Show:

- Tommy Lokken, West Valley, Fairbanks (Killer Whale)
- Joe Manning, Juneau-Douglas
- Dominic Orv, West Valley, Fairbanks (Flight)

### **Painting**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynsey Stubbe, Unalaska (Self Portrait)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Noell Thorington, Juneau-Douglas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kerstin Bork-Malmo-Poindekiten, Homer (Tropical Paradise)  
HM Shara Kay, West Anchorage (Jessica)

In the Show:

- Kerstin Bork-Malmo-Poindekiten, Homer (Turbulent View)
- Erika Kanezaki, Unalaska (Sorrow)
- Trevor Kauffman, Soldotna (Van Gogh)
- Danielle Krause, North Pole
- Max Trenen, West Anchorage

### **Photography**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Clinton Severns, Lathrop, Fairbanks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kreystal Cockrell, IDEA, Wasilla (Reflections)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kendra Deutsch, Lathrop (Seeking Serenity)

In the Show

- Clinton Severns, Lathrop, Fairbanks (Leaf Detail)
- Julie Shelchik, West Valley, Fairbanks (After the Physics Test)
- Emily Wood, Lathrop (Riveted)

### **Printmaking**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lucas Elliott, North Pole (Mirror)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Orla Tigue, Lathrop, Fairbanks (Vision)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Pena, Lathrop (Honoring Andy)

In the Show

- Elizabeth Linxwiler, West Anchorage (Pinch Pot)

### **Sculpture**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Deeter, Seward (Contemplationj)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Erica Green, Juneau-Douglas (Self Portrait)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Nguyen, Unalaska

### In the Show

- Stephanie Deeter, Seward (Crumbling Hero)
- Mary Kotyk, Juneau-Douglas (Self Portrait)

### Textile/Fiber Design

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carmen Bower, Kodiak (Sunrise of Africa)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Barnes, Kodiak (Chamelion)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ingrid Troxell, Kodiak

## **Executive Proclamation: Alaska Arts Education Month**

Arts education contributes to increased self esteem and the development of creative thinking, problem solving and communications skills.

Arts educators strive to improve arts education opportunities for students in the arts and to stimulate interest in the arts among students and teachers.

Students who study the arts score higher on verbal and math SAT scores than those without arts in the classroom.

The arts – visual arts, music, theater and dance – challenge and extend the human experience.

The Alaska Art Educators Association, the Alaska Music Educators Association, Very Special Arts Alaska, the Alaska Arts Education Alliance, the Arts Education Consortium, and the Alaska State Council on the Arts are supporting and observing Alaska Arts Education Month by calling attention to special exhibits and events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim March 2004 as Alaska Arts Education Month in Alaska, and urge all Alaskans to support and encourage youth arts programs presented in schools and communities.

The all-state art competition, like all other state-level high school interscholastic championships, are organized by the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA), a statewide non-profit organization formed in 1956 to direct, develop and support Alaska's high school interscholastic sports, academic and fine arts activities. As ASAA's premier title sponsor, First National Bank Alaska is a co-sponsor of all state high school championships. ASAA is also supported by three major sponsors: AT&T Alascom, Alaska Commercial Company (ACC) and KTUU-TV Channel 2 (Anchorage).

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