

Altmire Congratulates 27th Annual Congressional Arts Competition Finalists

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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- At an awards ceremony at the Northland Public Library on Saturday, April 4, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire announced that Cara Hertneky, a senior at Pine Richland High School, won the 27th Annual Congressional Art Competition. Each year, all 435 congressional districts host art competitions to celebrate the talents of America's young artists. Students from across Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District competed in this year's competition.

"Students from across the Fourth Congressional District submitted wonderful pieces of art as part of this year's competition," Altmire said. "I am proud that western Pennsylvania is home to so many talented young artists. I congratulate all of the artists who participated in this year's competition on their great work."

Cara submitted a painting entitled "Protection" which will now hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year. Cara will also receive a \$5,000 Artistic Honors Scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design.

A jury of five western Pennsylvania artists selected the winner, as well as 15 finalists, for this year's competition. All fifteen finalists' artwork will hang in a show at the Northland Public Library until May 16, 2009. Community members may view the artwork Monday through Friday from 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

A photo of Congressman Altmire with many of the 27th Annual Congressional Art Competition's finalists can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

A complete list of the 2009 finalists is as follows:

Caitlin Reese, Springdale Jr. /Sr. High School

Title: "Window Wonder"

Medium: Colored Pencil

Cara Hertneky, Pine Richland High School

Title: "Protection"

Medium: Mixed Media - acrylic paint, oil pastel, and chalk pastel

Casey Kendall, Highlands High School

Title: "Chelsy";

Medium: Painted paper collage

Desirae Mikus, Springdale Jr. / Sr. High School

Title: "Our Scars Give Experience to the Innocent";

Medium: Oil Paint

Devanne Frye, Springdale Jr. / Sr. High School

Title: "Innocence and Experience";

Medium: Ink

Ellen Sauer, North Allegheny High School

Title: "Birds Colorview";

Medium: Watercolor, acrylics

Emily Wobb, Pine Richland High School

Title: "Use Bright Colors";

Medium: Acrylic, dry pastel

Hannah Selin Hunter, Pine Richland High School

Title: "Basic";

Medium: Chalk pastel

Lacey Hall, Quaker Valley High School

Title: "Self Portrait";

Medium: Oil

Marissa Chute, New Brighton Area High School

Title: "Sweet As Honey";

Medium: Graphite on paper

Michelle Lee Caracaise, Rochester Area High School

Title: "Broken Vision";

Medium: Mixed media collage

Nathaniel Sullivan, Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School

Title: "Pears";

Medium: Digital photograph

Robert Fazio, Plum Senior High School

Title: "Matter of Time";

Medium: Acrylic

Stephanie Ross, Hopewell High School

Title: "Nebulae";

Medium: Watercolor

Taylor Pazzanita, Ambridge Area High School

Title: "Elements";

Medium: Acrylic on canvas board