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PHS Art students win Scholastic Art Show honors

Perkins Township – The Perkins High School Art Department had one of its most successful showings at the Lorain County Regional Scholastic Art Show 2018. Of the 62 works of art and two portfolios submitted, 39 student pieces were accepted into the show, resulting in 22 honorable mentions, 15 Silver Keys and two Gold Keys.

Senior Jerry Fantozzi was awarded a Gold Key for his painting portfolio, three Silver Keys and three honorable mentions for individual work.

Senior Hunter Bishop received a Gold Key for her photography portfolio and one Silver Key, while Junior Linh Ngo received three honorable mentions and four Silver Keys.

"Last year was our best showing at Scholastic. We had some extraordinary talent. With that being said I am amazed each year by the work these students turn out. We can stand toe to toe with any other school that enters this competition," said Mike Beuglass, PHS Art teacher. He and fellow Art teacher Donna Hensley collaborate to encourage students to showcase their work. They have submitted student works at the Lorain County Regional Scholastic Art Show for the past three years.

PHS student entries in 2017 yielded one American Vision Award (out of 5 for best of show), one Gold Key Portfolio, one Silver Key Portfolio, five individual Gold Keys, 16 Silver Keys, and 23 Honorable Mentions. One of the individual Gold Keys went on to win a Silver Key in the national competition.

This annual exhibition encourages and celebrates the creativity of teenagers by recognizing excellence in the visual arts. Students in grades 7-12 submit works of art to be evaluated by a panel of local jurors comprised of artists, educators and arts professionals who select the award-winning art to be exhibited. Each region then submits Gold Key artwork for evaluation at the national level.

Artwork is displayed until February 11 at the Stocker Arts Center, Beth K. Stocker Gallery (2nd floor), on the campus of Lorain County Community College in Elyria. A Gold Key Awards Ceremony is scheduled for February 11, from 1-3 pm at the Stocker Hall and Gallery.

Artwork is also showcased on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/events/137233867077330/>.

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The Perkins High School Art Department encourages student creativity and seeks opportunities for students to express themselves through their art as we fulfill our Perkins Promise to empower students to pursue their dreams and achieve success.