

Rep Honda Invites High School Students to Participate in Congressional Art Competition

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Students may submit two-dimensional artworks, including: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, photographs, mixed media or computer-generated art by the April 26 deadline.

The winning piece will represent the 15th Congressional District and will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading from the Cannon House Office Building to the United States Capitol. The winning artist and a guest will be flown to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to attend the unveiling reception in June.

“Young people in my district have so much creativity and imagination to share with the rest of the country,” said Rep. Honda. “The art competition allows our students to engage their artistic talents and showcase their art work with the greater community.”

Last year’s contest winner was Yaewon Yun, of Monta Vista High School, whose piece was titled, “But the Greatest of these is Love.” Yaewon’s painting addressed the importance of providing health care and resources to children from all backgrounds and experiences. The second and third place winners were Sung Wook Yoo and Alisha Deshmukh, both of Monta Vista High School as well.

Rep. Honda also encourages local organizations and businesses to help our young artists pursue their creativity by contributing gift certificates, art supplies and other incentives for the entrants. Last year’s generous contributors include Southwest Airlines, Costco, Pizza My Heart, University Art.

All pieces will be judged by a diverse panel of community leaders and a winning artist will be announced at a reception to be hosted in May.

For additional information, please contact Danielle Duong in Rep. Honda’s District Office at 1999 South Bascom Ave, Suite 815, or by phone at (408) 558-8085.

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