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HCDE Names the Regional 2012 Scholastic Art and Writing Winners

Talented teens throughout Harris County are being recognized for their creative talent in art and writing as the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) announces the regional winners of The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2012.

Alief ISD is proud to congratulate 46 Scholastic Art Winners who earned a total of 48 art awards, and four Scholastic Writing Winners who earned a total of five awards.

The 89-year-old "The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards" gives young artists in grades 7-12 the opportunity to showcase their work as it identifies and documents their outstanding achievements. The competition's mission is to bring outstanding visual art and writing, created by teens, to a national audience. The intention is to highlight student art and writing work to encourage their creativity and career development.

At the regional level, special awards are given by HCDE, the Art League of Houston, Texas Art Supply, Women in the Visual and Literary Arts and individual donors.

Gold Key art and writing winners advance to the national level in New York City, and national winners are announced in March. Both students and their sponsoring teachers are invited to the awards ceremony in June at Carnegie Hall. Art and writing student portfolios are also recognized with coveted awards. Regional Gold Key portfolio awardees are eligible for scholarship awards at the national level.

The general public is welcome to see the winning pieces. Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Key art awardees are being showcased at the Art League Houston, located at 1953 Montrose, through February 8. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Gold Key Art and Writing winners will be honored at receptions at the HCDE building later in the month.

Student names will be posted online and in the Spring edition of the Alief ISD Communicator.

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