

Mitchell Announces District 5 Congressional Art Competition Winners

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SCOTTSDALE – Artwork by Allison Waltz-Hill of Tempe’s The New School for Arts and Academics will be displayed in the corridors of the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell said today. Waltz-Hill’s “Animal Attached” earned first place for District 5 in the 26th Annual Congressional Art Competition.

Jessica Willittes of Tempe’s Corona Del Sol High School earned second place. Her artwork, “The Event of a Giant Octopus at Teatime,” will be displayed in Mitchell’s Washington, D.C. office. Erin Lowe of Scottsdale’s Chaparral High School earned third place with “Blue Truth.”

“I’m very proud of all of the students throughout the Fifth District who participated in this year’s contest,” said Mitchell. “We have some incredible art students at our local high schools and I’m looking forward to having their artwork at the Capitol and in my office.”

Mitchell made the announcement at an awards ceremony at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Tempe. The first-place winner is also the recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design, if accepted for admission.

Award of Excellence winners include: “Bovine Bliss” by Chelsea Lenke of Corona Del Sol High School, untitled by Nick Shively of the New School for Arts and Academics, “Eric” by Irena Hwang of Chaparral High School.

Honorable Mention winners include: “Taxes” by Katie Porter of Desert Mountain High School, “Don’t Forget the Past” by Alexa Johnson of Pinnacle High School, “The Invisible Children” by Alex Anderson of Desert Vista High School.

The winners were chosen from 78 pieces from seven District 5 high schools, including schools from Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, Mesa and Ahwatukee.