Students Awarded High Honors in Art Competition

Eight art students have received top awards – in some cases multiple awards! – in the 2013 Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Among the honors were three Gold Key winners, four Silver Key, and three Honorable Mentions. The students’ work was selected from more than 2,000 pieces of artwork submitted to the competition.

Thirty local artists, Cleveland Institute of Art faculty, and retired art teachers adjudicated the pieces on originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal style or vision.

This year’s winners are: Emily Gorenc ‘15, Gold Key, Printmaking; Kaleigh Macalla ‘13, Gold Key, Printmaking, and Silver Key, Printmaking; Nina Ripich ‘14, Gold Key, Photography and Silver Key, Drawing; Erin Bator’13, Silver Key, Film & Animation; Bridget Egan ‘13, Silver Key, Sculpture; and Honorable Mentions for Delaney Bak ‘14, Digital Art; Jillian Chambers ‘13, Jewelry; and Isabella Ruta ‘13, Film & Animation.

“We are so proud of all of the 40 students who submitted artwork to the competition. They are extremely talented and represent the best of SJA’s art and writing talent!” shared art teacher Mrs. Kate Ward Terry ’67.
St. Edward, Saint Ignatius Auditions Planned
Auditions for the St. Edward High School production of "Parade" will be held Tuesday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 9 between 6-9 p.m. in the Band Room at St. Ed's. Packets are available in the SEHS band room between 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Saint Ignatius High School is having a meeting for its spring musical "The Wizard of Oz" on Thursday, January 10 at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Thomas Room of the Breen Center. Auditions are Tuesday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 23.

Swimming & Diving
On Saturday, December 22, the Jaguars competed against Stow High School. Sarah Sofish ‘14 took first place in the 100-yard backstroke, but it wasn't enough for a victory against Stow High School. The Jaguar swim team is now 2-2 in dual meets.

On Saturday, December 29, the team won First Place Overall at the Perry High School Invitational against 14 other local teams! Among the teams competing were Perry High School, three-time Perry Invitational winners, and Madison High School, which battled to keep the score within 10 points to the end. The turning point for the Jaguars was the performances in the 500m freestyle by Kiera Grady ‘15 achieving her personal best of 5:43, Julianna Spinazze ‘13 finishing in sixth place and also achieving a personal best of 6:08.59, and Gabriella Koussa ‘14 with a personal best of 6:19.93 to take ninth place. Also pivotal was the 400m Freestyle Relay’s First-Place finish by Katrin Blayney ‘15 with a split of 1:00.5, Gabriella Koussa ‘14 with a split of 1:04.33, Sarah Sofish ‘14 with a split of 59.03 and Maddie Zimmerman ‘14 with a split of 59.5.

Crew Tryouts
All those interested in competing for SJA's newest varsity sport, CREW, are encouraged to attend an athlete and parent informational meeting on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Those interested can e-mail Coach Rob Zdankiewicz for more information at rzdankiewicz@sjastudents.org.

College Corner
HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY
Location: Tiffin, OH (2 hours from Cleveland). Rural, small town.
Enrollment: 1,200 undergraduates.
Strongest Programs: Education, Business, Science/Pre-Med.
Fun Fact: School mascot is the "Student Prince," named after a 1920s German play. The Prince's identity is kept secret from students until after graduation!

Basketball
Varsity is now ranked 4th in the city by The Plain Dealer poll! On Wednesday, December 19, the Jaguars defeated No. 18-ranked Lake Catholic 60-46. The Jags were led by the relentless play of sophomore Brittany Morrison, who had 19 points and 11 rebounds. Seniors Katie Battaglia, Sarah Schwind, and Ann Conroy had 11, 10, and 8 points, respectively. JV: Loss 35-33; Frosh: Win 32-19

The Jaguars defeated host Avon Lake Shoregals 58-36 on Saturday, December 22. The Jaguars were led by senior Daija Jones and sophomore Brittany Morrison with 14 points each. JV: 41-28; Frosh: 41-22

On Thursday, December 27, the No. 7-ranked Jaguars defeated then No.4-ranked Walsh Jesuit with a thrilling 54-51 victory. The Jaguars were led by senior Katie Battaglia with 17 points, including five 3-pointers; junior Greta Burry with 12 points; and sophomore Brittany Morrison with 11 points and 11 rebounds. JV: 31-23; Frosh: 43-29