

2007 Congressional Art Competition Winners | Photos

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Announcing the 2007 Congressional Art Competition Winners

Rothman praises the arts education programs at 16 participating high schools.

Pictured: Students proudly display their artwork with Rep. Rothman (center), including the 1st and 2nd place winners, Jae Yon Ku and Joanna Trawinska. [View more photos.](#)

(Rutherford, NJ)- Tonight, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) hosted the 2007 Congressional Art Competition at The Williams Art Center in Rutherford, NJ. The largest district art competition since he took office ten years ago, over 87 students from 16 area high schools competed for top honors.

At the end of the evening, Rothman announced the following student winners-

First Place: Jae Yon Ku of Ridgefield, a student at Bergen County Academies; Second Place: Joanna Trawinska of Garfield, a student at Bergen County Academies; Third Place: Daniela Giglio of Saddle Brook High School; Honorable Mentions: Robyn Mazzella, Alicia Hernandez, and Kaitlyn Samra of Saddle Brook High School and Su Min Park of Palisades Park High School.

"This year was one of the best competitions ever, with nearly twice the number of participating schools as last year. I applaud all the young artists whose exemplary work stood out as award-winning and look forward to showcasing the winning pieces in my offices and, in Ku's case, the U.S. Capitol for the next year. Additionally, I applaud the 16 participating high schools for their dedication to arts education. At a time when many music and arts programs are struggling, these schools have shown a true dedication to a well-rounded curriculum," said Rothman.

The sixteen participating high schools were: Becton, Fair Lawn, Garfield, Hasbrouck Heights, Lyndhurst, North Arlington, Palisades Park Junior/Senior High, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Rutherford, Saddle Brook, Kearny, North Bergen, Secaucus, Hawthorne, and the Bergen County Academies.

The winning entry by a Bergen County Academies student was a marker on vellum rendering of a girl in a sunlit room titled "Revealed by the Sun." Second place was a self-portrait ("Joanna) painted with oils. Third place was a photograph of a fallen autumn leaf ("Crisped Autumn"). The honorable mentions were a photo of an elephant's face ("Skin Care") by Mazzella, a photograph of a puddle's reflection on a windy autumn day ("Through the Water's Eye") by Hernandez, an acrylic painting of a young girl ("Twisted Aura") by Park, and a photograph of vibrantly colored boots and shoes ("Happy Soles") by Samra.

Rothman, a long-time supporter of the arts, has hosted this competition every year since his election to Congress a decade ago. The Congressional Art Competition is an annual nationwide high school art competition sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and initiated by Members of Congress in their districts. It is an opportunity for students across the country to exhibit their artwork and receive national recognition.

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