

News release



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Three of five national medalists in Scholastic art competition are from Cascade High School

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[Scholastic Art Awards](#) entries were submitted in January, and national award winners [announced](#) on March 17. From Snohomish County, five students won national medals and of those, three were from Cascade High School.

Visual communications teacher, [Scott Shafer](#) is very proud of his two students, Sid Jensen and Sam Cahill. Twelfth-grader Sid Jensen's animation, [In A Rut](#), was awarded a gold medal and 10th-grader Sam Cahill earned a silver medal for his 'World War 3' entry.

Art teacher, [Britt Barer](#), is equally proud of her student, 11th-grader Laila Vik, for her piece, 'Still Life Study,' which earned a silver medal.

Regionally, there were 621 High School entries submitted, 68 of which won Gold Medals and four earned (Best of Show) American Vision Awards.

"Over 255,000 pieces of art and writing were submitted to the national contest. Of those, 1,800 received national medals. We earned THREE medals from this school alone. Do we rock, or what?" exclaimed [Ann Morgan](#), Cascade High School art teacher.

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"I am proud to report that in the regional competition, two of the best of show awards, 16 gold medals, eight silver medals and 15 honorable mentions went to Cascade students – that's almost 50 percent of our entries earning awards!" added Morgan.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards has an [impressive legacy](#) dating back to 1923. Over the years, the Awards have grown to become the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the nation's largest source of scholarships for creative young artists and writers. A noteworthy roster of past winners includes Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen King, John Updike, and [many more](#).

Don't miss the upcoming *Everett Public Schools High School Art Show* which will be on display at the Community Resource Center beginning April 7.

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