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**H.M. Jackson students earn top awards in Scholastic Art Show**

At the annual [Snohomish County Regional Scholastic Art](#) Awards in early February, an impressive number of H.M. Jackson High School students earned nine gold and 14 silver awards for their art, photography, and computer art. The number of JHS awards is especially noteworthy because the teachers who submitted student work for the competition were limited to just 10 pieces of art in each category. Therefore, each student entry was already a winner of a highly selective process even before the official Scholastic judging began.

The nine students earning gold awards will see their work submitted digitally for the [National Scholastic Art competition](#). If selected for the final national show, the pieces will be displayed in New York City for a month this spring. National award winners' work is publicized in a Scholastic art catalogue, and their teachers are recognized for the inspiration and guidance they give to students.

Of the two-dimensional art works submitted at the county level by JHS students, three who received gold awards are Hyungbin Kang, Macy Medema and Bailey Thorp. Receiving silver awards in that category were Alexa Taylor, Markie Carpenter, and Irina Mandzyuk. Receiving recognition with honorable mention awards were Kimberly Buno, Monica Dimaano, Alexandra Manea, and Kaleigh Boyd. Art teacher, Britt Barer submitted these entries.

Brandon Foshee won a gold award with his ceramic entry. Earning silver awards in Ceramics were Allison Higinbotham, Alana Pazevic and Benjamin Long. Markie Carpenter, J. D. Menzies, Ji Soo Won, and Daniel Reimer received Honorable Mention recognition in this category. The ceramic entries were submitted by the ceramics teacher, Julie Long.

In the category of Computer Art, Ashley Jackson won a silver Award for her portfolio of artworks produced digitally. Also in the category of computer art, Jackson earned a gold award with an individual piece, and Benjamin Beebe won two gold awards for two artworks. Earning silver awards for computer art were Heather Abernethy, Jay Shubert, Ashley Jackson, and Garrett Ochs. Alysha Gouveia earned two honorable mentions and Garrett Ochs earned an honorable mention. Graphics Design teacher Rick Wigre submitted the digital art entries of his students.

Casey Branson won a gold award in photography. Ashly Bruns earned the silver award for her photography. Earning honorable mention recognition in photography were Casey Branson, Daniel Yoon, Caitlin Naethe, Sam Marshall, and Danielle Schamer with two honorable mention awards. The photography teacher, Bill Trueit, submitted these entries.

[The Arts Council of Snohomish County](#) co-sponsors the local Scholastic Art Awards with the Verizon Foundation and the Everett Cultural Commission. The program gives students an opportunity to broaden their creative horizons while earning local and potentially, national recognition. It fosters young artists' confidence and opens the possibility for them to be recognized by the world at large for their creative achievements. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards were founded in 1923, and have become the nation's largest and longest running program of its kind.