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Gold and Silver Keys to be awarded to Vestal High School Art Students in Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Vestal High School Senior Maya McCollum is one of 14 VHS art students who have been notified that they will be receiving 19 awards in the 76th Annual Regional Scholastic Art Awards ceremony scheduled for 12 p.m., January 27, 2019, at the Clemens Center in Elmira.

Maya, who won two Silver Key awards last year, will be honored with a Gold Portfolio award, along with three individual Gold Keys, two in film/animation and one in sculpture. After Maya's work is on display along with the winning art of other regional winners at Elmira's Arnot Art Museum until early March, it will go to New York City for the National Scholastic judging.

Junior Asher Danton received the highest regional award, a Silver Key, in film/animation. Another 12 students received Honorable Mentions for their work. Congratulations to

- Anna Bishop, Kirsten Cherevko, Alexandra Kalogris, Eunsu Kim, Joseph Lamoureux, Hannah Moyer, Tomiko Nicholson and Carley Zindle in Drawing & Illustration;
- Kelly Hao in Photography;
- Angelo Petrilli in Digital Art;
- Maya McCollum (2) and Brielle Sarkisian in Sculpture;
- Emily Xiao in Printmaking;
- Carley Zindle in Ceramics & Glass

The Vestal High School art educators who taught these student artists include Melissa Restuccia, Vestal Central School District Art chair, Sean Bowers, Peter Durham and Mallory Little.

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers celebrates the creative achievement of America's teens and, in 1923, founded the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in order to offer recognition and scholarships to students based on their artistic talents.

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NOTE: After the awards ceremony at the Clemens Center, the Gold and Silver Key-winning artists and their families traditionally go to the Arnot Art Museum (Lake Street, Elmira) for a reception. Their artwork will be in place at the museum for this occasion.

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