

2019 Youth De'VIA Competition

Kansas School for the Deaf and the Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture

In memory of De'VIA artist Chuck Baird



This competition was for all deaf school-age children and youth. Artists were encouraged to incorporate one or more aspects of Deaf people's communication, culture, or history in their submissions. Submission of art was solicited in four categories:

- Two Dimensional Art
- Three Dimensional Art
- Photography
- Computer Generated Art (Graphic Design)

Art was judged in three grade groups in each category:

- Elementary (K-5)
- Middle School (6-8)
- High School (9-12)

The Youth De'VIA Competition received **598** pieces of artwork from 12 schools. The artwork was incredible and KSD is very proud of all the submissions. These are our future Deaf artists! All winners in each grade group received a certificate of recognition and a gift.

Learn more about the competition judges Ellen Mansfield, Nancy Rourke David Call and Kim Anderson below.

Congratulations to the Winners!

2D Category

Grades K-1



1st Place
"The Flying Bird"
Bieluke
Maryland School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Dog"
Healy
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"Dog Smiling in the Sunset"
Blomgren-Smith
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Clap Hands"
Wentz
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Afraid"
Mosshart
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Fish"
Hallom
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"The Braided Hair"
Beaumont
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Butterfly"
Jones
Indiana School for the Deaf

Grades 2-3



1st Place
"Underwater"
Blanco
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Rainbow ASL Light Switch"
Troy
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place
"Minnie Mouse"
Guerreo
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"ASL Flowers"
Sevier
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"The Map to The Deaf City"
Hoshina
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Shark"
Troy
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Piranha"
White
Metro Deaf School

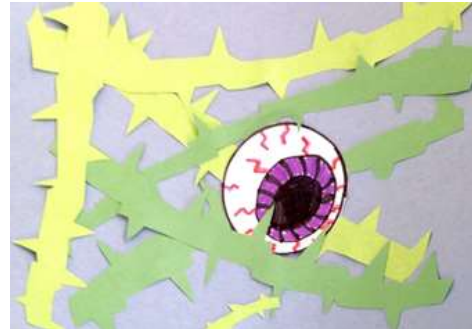


Honorable Mention
"Bird"
Oliveras
Indiana School for the Deaf

Grades 4-5



1st Place
"Being Deaf Shines"
Shank
Maryland School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Kind Vines Protect the Deaf Eye"
Sevier
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place
"Be Strong"
Abenchuchan
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Thumbs Up"
Staffa
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Love the Game PS4"
Cobos-Sosa
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"All in World Deaf"
Nathnson
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"My Name 'J'"
Maisel
Maryland School for the Deaf
Columbia Campus



Honorable Mention
"Colorful Fire Day"
Drayton
Wisconsin School for the Deaf

Middle School



1st Place
"Cochlear Implant"
Gale
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"My Eyes are Sunset"
Selzer
Maryland School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"Maze"
Ahearn
Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



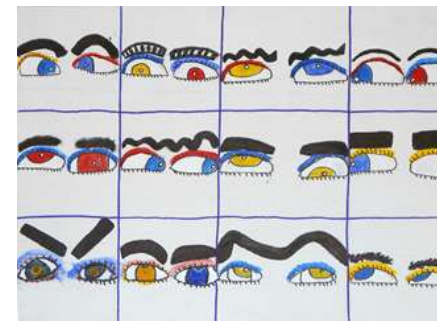
Honorable Mention
"Super Deafy"
Leitke
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Stars"
Sontag
Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind



Honorable Mention
"There will always be brightness"
Kulikov
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Deaf Eyes"
Poe
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Care"
Kahl
Wisconsin School for the Deaf

High School



1st Place
"Deaf Stay Out of Weeds"
Balderas-Soto
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"Transgender Equality"
Cash
Georgia School for the Deaf



3rd Place
ASL MLK Dream
Jarana
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Endless"
Licona
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"ASL Slam"
Lawer
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"De'VIA Room"
Marquez-Avales
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"ASL to Deaf"
Swinney
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Visual Access"
Parmar
Model Secondary School for The Deaf

3D Category

Grades K-1



1st Place
"Peacock"
Plummer
Kansas School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Monster"
Shamoun
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"Seal"
Camarena
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Unicorn"
Ramos-Espinoza
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Grades 2-3



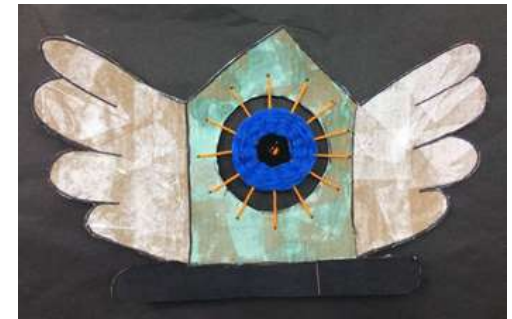
1st Place
"ASL vs English"
Allen-Bruns
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"Peacock"
Mejia
Kansas School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"Being Bored in the Fishbowl"
Abenchuchan
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"The Mobile Birdhouse"
Solazzo
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Home"
Mulrenin
Indiana School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Deaf Charm"
Maugh
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Baseball Glove"
Grove
Kansas School for the Deaf

Grades 4-5



1st Place
"Blossoming"
Underwood
Maryland School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Peacock"
Wilson
Maryland School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"Tin Can Robot I Give My Speech"
Johnston
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Piano"
Cisar
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Ojo de Dios"
Johnston
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Bus"
Rodriguez
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

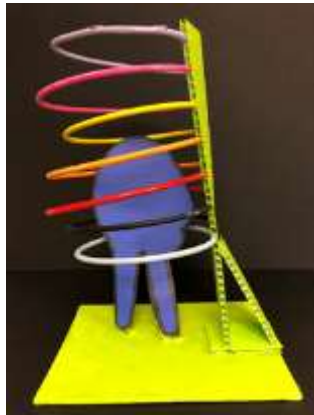


Honorable Mention
"The Desert Snake"
Brunson
Maryland School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Mexico"
Moranchel
Indiana School for the Deaf

Middle School



1st Place
"Playground"
Harge
Kansas School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Communication Mode"
Tuttle
Kansas School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"ASL Only"
Pepe
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Abstraction Hand Eye"
Needham
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"The Third Eye"
Keller
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Mouth Locked for No Oral Communication"
Greenlees
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"My Day"
Aiken
Kansas School for the Deaf

High School



1st Place
"Surf"
Olivia
Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



2nd Place
"Dragon Eye Jar"
Symansky
Kansas School for the Deaf



3rd Place
"Tank"
Rejack
Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Monkey"
Rebekah
Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

Photography Category

Grades K-1



1st Place
"Deaf American"
Flores
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Grades 2-3



1st Place
"Springtime"
Allen-Bruns
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"Colorful Day"
Sevier
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Grades 4-5



1st Place
"Deaf's Vision"
Ferguson
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"Black and White Rainbow"
Sandager
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place
"Our Imagery"
Ferguson
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Middle School



1st Place
"Cool"
Tinker
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"Pei Pei"
Cavillo-Gonzalez
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place
"Question Mark"
Greenlees
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Nyle's Reflection"
Martinez
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"do NOT tell BY 8"
Hart-Becraft
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

High School



1st Place
"Fighting loudness"
Thigpen
Model Secondary School for The Deaf



2nd Place
"DNA"
Vargas
Model Secondary School for The Deaf



3rd Place
"Fade Out"
Diaz
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Eye Hand"
Nash
Model Secondary School for The Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Whoa!"
Market
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Signing"
Biega
Model Secondary School for The Deaf

Computer Generated/Digital Changed Category

Grades 2-3



1st Place
"Fox"
Sevier
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



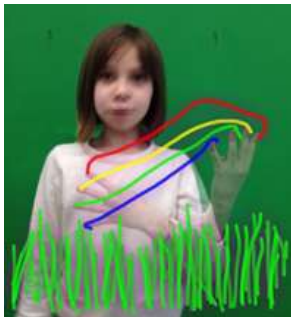
2nd Place
"The ASL Community"
Allen-Bruns
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place
"Roses"
Rodarte-Barela
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Butterfly"
Reyes
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Rainbow"
Webber
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Grades 4-5



1st Place
"Deaf White House"
Sevier
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place
"I, Cute Bear"
Gale
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place
"Beach"
Garland
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"ASL Umbrella"
Garland
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

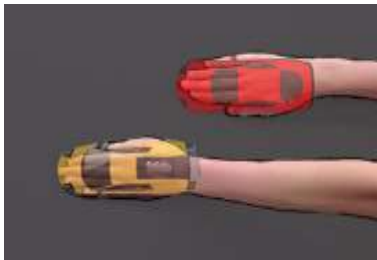


Honorable Mention
"Bright Sun Shining"
Romo
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Dragon"
Lienen
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Middle School



1st Place
"Car Race"
Sink
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

High School



1st Place
"Vision access"
Cochran

Model Secondary School for The Deaf



2nd Place
"Silence"
Williams

Model Secondary School for The Deaf



3rd Place
"It's just the DNA"
Scott

Model Secondary School for The Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Between Worlds"
Blessing

Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"Puppet"
Thigpen

Model Secondary School for The Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Dance"
Clardy

Model Secondary School for The Deaf



Honorable Mention
"Little in Cup"
McCosh

Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention
"The Hand way to Freedom"
Antal

Model Secondary School for The Deaf

Competition Judges

Ellen Mansfield



Currently, Ellen is a proud De'Artist who has combined her twin passions of being a De'VIA (Deaf View/Image Art) artist and Deaf rights advocate. She is a long term art teacher at Maryland School for the Deaf in 2019. Ellen has led a life richly filled with art and experiences. Her background in drawing, painting, batik, ceramics, and other media has brought her to her current place in her journey. Highlighting in Ellen's career is **Solo Retrospective exhibition," Through The Darkness Into The Light"** of her 125 artworks+ at the Williams Gallery, RIT/NTID Dyer Arts Center; and Pepco Edison Place Gallery, D.C. in 2018. And" **My Deafhood Art: Traveling Through the Darkness to the Light"** of her 50 artworks at the Greater Lafayette of Art Museum in Indiana for four months in late '15 and early '16. Ellen was born Deaf in Manhattan, New York but grew up in New Jersey for 7 years. She attended public school where she learned poorly without sign language and interpreters. She spent her summers in Golden's Bridge countryside, north of New York City. Later, she earned a BFA in illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. When she moved to Maryland, Ellen began to recognize just how much her Deaf identity had been emerging from her artwork. Surrounded by Deaf culture and ASL, her life started to blossom, and increasingly colorful images grew from her watercolors, oil paintings, and tile paintings. Her Tile Painting works resulted from a self-taught endeavor after taking a community center tile-making course years ago. Since 2011, hands and eyes have been a dominant motif in her tile designs. She has developed a strong voice—as a Deaf Activist who uses art to take a stand against injustices experienced by Deaf people. At the same time, she celebrates the language and culture of Deaf people---affirming our unique ways of being in the world. Thus, themes of darkness/light and oppression/liberation are often shown in her art. Ellen keeps a home studio called Ellen's Tile Stroke Studio in Frederick. The studio has a kiln and she had commissions for hand-painted tiles for mural decorations, kitchen backsplashes, fireplace mantel surroundings, and murals behind ranges for past 25 years. She led many workshops in ceramics, drawings and paintings for over 600 Deaf children, hearing children of Deaf parents, and Deaf adults. Ellen curated the first-known public gallery exhibition of Deaf artists' works in Washington DC. The **Let There Be Light: De^ARTivism** exhibit ran from August 12th-September 4th, 2015. This juried exhibition drew over 135 submissions with works from a variety of mediums: painting, drawing, sculpture, digital computer art, assembly art, and fabric art. The participating Deaf artists include professional artists, amateur/emerging artists, prisoners, and children.

Nancy Rourke



Nancy's work has a centralized focus that makes a theme; resistance, affirmation and liberation art. She creates words, images, colors and all of the construction that show blue tapes, yellow lights, hands, eyes, elephant, horse, strings, cracks, band aids and so on. Primary colors are what she uses in her paintings. She also uses monochrome for reinforcement. These elements make a big exposure to both Deaf and Hearing society.

This is what Deaf View/Image Art (De'VIA) is about, her interpretation. She makes a political statement. She captures today's society that needed attention because it is long overdue. Part of it, is to educate and part of it is a wake-up call. She paints how Deaf people have been controlled by predominantly audist environments. She felt this was important for the audience to see who and what our human rights are. Discrimination was too much, and this is what she is painting today.

She was born Deaf and her parents did not know it until she was six years old. Doctor told her parents she had a learning disability which was misdiagnosed.

She grew up orally and mainstreamed until she learned sign language when she was in college. She graduated with a master of fine arts in computer graphics and painting at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. She worked in the large corporation for 20 years. In 2009, she learned about Paddy Ladd's book, *Understanding Deaf Culture in Search of Deafhood* and that was when she decided to become a De'VIA surdist and have made over 2,000 paintings that is based on De'VIA themed since 2010. She picked red, yellow and blue colors because she wants to challenge herself with only three colors. Red means empowerment. Yellow means HOPE and light Deaf people need to see each other and Blue means AUDISM.

She is an internationally known Deaf artist and activist. As a full-time professional artist, she is involved implementing De'VIA art curriculum for Deaf children. She does art in residency at Deaf schools nationwide where she teaches and makes art in Rourkeism De'VIA. She lives in Colorado.

David Call



David was born in Garden Grove, California. He has two older brothers one of them of Deaf. He went to public elementary school with oralism program for the Deaf and it didn't work out for him. He went to another elementary school with Signing Exact English (SEE) program and it was limited success for him. He was enrolled at California School for the Deaf for five years until my graduation. He thrived very well in ASL environment at California School for the Deaf Riverside. He took art class there which made an everlasting impact on his artistic life. He went to Gallaudet University and earned BA degree in public education and history. He got his MA in special education at California School for the Deaf. He taught history and art at California School for the Deaf Fremont for 30 years until his retirement last summer. He had been actively involved in DeVIA as a DeVIA teacher and artist at CSDF. After retirement he continued to be DeVIA artist.

Kim Anderson



Kim was born Deaf. She is the creative designer of Anderson Designs, a Creative Company of two. Her creative partner is her husband Tim Anderson. She has been a crafter/artist/graphic and web designer for many years. She is passionate about lifelong learning and creativity.

She received her Master of Science in Adult, Occupational and Continuing Education, and Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies from Kansas State University. She previously worked in the Vocational Rehabilitation and Mental Health field for over 20 years. She currently resides in Lansing, Kansas with her husband, two teenagers, two dogs, three cats, four parakeets, and a cockatiel. Life is creatively good!