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### **Houston County Students Featured in Capitol Art Show Exhibit**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County students were selected to display their artwork at the Capitol Art Exhibit held Feb. 21, 2018. The largest student exhibition in the state, this is the premier event of Youth Art Month, which is celebrated each March. The event shares with legislators and the public the exceptional, creative ability of Georgia's students.

Only two students per art teacher may participate. Houston County's student who were artists chosen to be featured are listed below by school.

- Miller Elementary - Rayven Mathis and Andrew Lodde, art teacher April Weaks;
- Mossy Creek Middle - Madelyn Kilgore and Morgan Cunningham, art teacher Florrie Manning;
- Northside High - Kianna Hawkins and Brittney Truong, art teacher John Masters;
- Perry High - Ashlynn Runyon and Griffin Peavy, art teacher Cathy Heller; and
- Quail Run Elementary - Hannah Lee and Abigail Larson, art teacher Ginny Childers.

The Capitol Art Exhibit is cosponsored by the Georgia Art Education Association (GAEA) and the Office of the Secretary of State. GAEA members may submit two pieces of student work for the show. The students were required to write letters to their delegates to invite them to the show. During the reception, they were given the opportunity to take photographs with their legislators and art work.

Pictured with Senator Larry Walker, III are (from left): Madelyn Kilgore, Morgan Cunningham, Ashlynn Runyon, Senator Walker, Hannah Lee, Abbigail Larson and Griffin Peavy.

Also pictured (right) are Florrie Manning and Morgan Cunningham. Shown below are (from left): Cathy Heller, State Superintendent Richard Woods, Ginny Childers and Manning.



Youth Art Month is an annual observance to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. For more information, please contact Heller at 478-988-6298, ext. 21561, or [Catherine.Heller@hcbe.net](mailto:Catherine.Heller@hcbe.net).

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Note: Miller Elementary and Northside High were not present.