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Perry High Student Wins Congressional 2018 Art Competition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Perry High School student Ashley Wukasinovich won the grand prize in the 8th district 2018 Congressional Art Competition hosted by U.S. Congressman Austin Scott. The winners were announced at an awards ceremony in Valdosta, Ga. at the Valdosta Mall in coordination with the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts on April 22, 2018.

Ashley's winning artwork is titled "Mazed." She was awarded an airline ticket to Washington D.C. this June to attend the National Congressional Art Competition awards reception and to see her art hanging in the U. S Capitol Building. She is also eligible for scholarships. Pictured (from left) are: Perry High art teacher Catherine Heller, Ashley and Rep. Austin Scott.

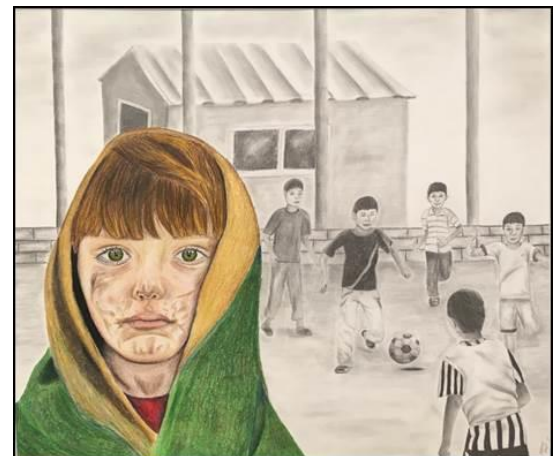
Houston County High School student Aisha Raza's

artwork titled "Reality" (pictured right), was the second-place winner. Aisha will have the opportunity to display her artwork in Rep. Scott's Tifton district office.

In addition, three Houston County High students were recognized with Honorable Mention awards:

- Lauren Booth, "A Warm Summer Day"
- Trina Nguyen-Lieu, "Cardinal"
- Abby Pickens, "Gentle Giant."

Each spring the United States House of Representatives sponsors an art competition for high school students.



The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, more than 650,000 high school students have participated in the nationwide competition. Students in grades 9-12 who reside in or attend school in the 8th Congressional District are encouraged to participate.

Houston County's students have won several awards over the years in this contest. In 2016, Perry High's Shelby Stamback won third place and Logan Hambrick won the People's Choice Award. In 2015, Perry High's James Steese won second place. In 2014, five Houston County students won awards, to include Veterans High's Riley Denton winning the grand prize. For more information, please contact Congressman Austin Scott's office at 478-971-1776. All the artwork may be viewed [online](#).

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