

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) presented Sarah Crosier of Whitney Point High School with the first place prize in this year's Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition in a ceremony this past weekend at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica.

"It is an honor to host a program that fosters creativity and innovation – helping students succeed in school and in the workplace," Arcuri said. "The Congressional Art Competition expands artistic opportunity for local students and allows them a one-of-a-kind chance to share their talent with the rest of the country."

Arcuri presented the following awards to the first, second and third place winners:

1st place: Sarah Crosier, Whitney Point High School in Broome County, "At the Café," Oil on Canvas.

Crosier received a \$400 scholarship to Pratt at Munson-William-Proctor (MWP), and a \$150 savings bond from the Congressman. Crosier's picture will be sent to Washington, DC, to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol. Crosier will also be invited to a reception in Washington along with winners from each other congressional district.

2nd place: Alysha Camp, Homer High School in Cortland County, "Reflections of Me," Colored Pencil.

Camp received a \$300 scholarship to Pratt at MWP, and a \$100 savings bond from the Congressman. Camp's piece will be on display in Arcuri's Washington, DC, office.

3rd place: Lewis Latona, Dolgeville Central School/James A. Green School in Herkimer County, "Self Portrait," Charcoal on Paper.

Latona received a \$200 scholarship to Pratt at MWP, and a \$50 savings bond from the Congressman. Latona's artwork will be on display in Arcuri's Utica office.

All participants who were not place winners received \$100 scholarships to Pratt at MWP – if they choose to attend - and a U.S. House of Representatives pin from Arcuri.

Local art competitions have been held in each county in the 24th congressional district and county winners were displayed in the School of Art Gallery. On Saturday, May 10th, Arcuri announced the first, second, and third place winners.

The Artistic Discovery art competition is part of a nationwide art competition for high school students, sponsored each year by the Congressional Art Caucus, of which Arcuri is a member, and coordinated by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in their districts. Beginning with the first competition in 1982, it has become a tradition to recognize and encourage artistic creativity in young artists.

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