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2019 CDAF Student Art Competition

STARKVILLE, MS -

The Cotton District Arts Festival makes various awards each year as part of its effort to promote the arts. CDAF hosts a Student Art Competition to highlight the young talent in Oktibbeha County. This year's competition was cosponsored by Starkville Pediatric Clinic and 2 Sweet B's Chocolate Fountain. Winners in each place receive gift certificates to Chalet Arts, and the Best In Show Winner receives a small cash prize.

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Winners for Starkville Area Arts Council's CDAF Student Art Competition were announced on April 11 at a reception in The Partnership in downtown Starkville. Each year, as part of the Cotton District Arts Festival, SAAC hosts a juried competition for young art students ages 10 - 18. This year's competition included submissions from various schools and students in the Starkville area. Joseph MacGown and Lori Neuenfeldt, local artists, served as this year's Jurors.

The winners in each category are as follows:

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Painting and Drawing

- 1st place Payne Luke (Overstreet Elementary School)
- 2nd place Kate Radar (Overstreet Elementary School)
- 3rd place Savannah Hayes (Henderson Ward Stewart Elementary School)
- Honorable Mentions Heaven Vanhaften (Henderson Ward Stewart Elementary School), Maggie Rae Brown (Overstreet Elementary School), Morgan Wilson (Starkville Christian School)

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Photography

- 1st place Catherine Shapley (Overstreet Elementary School)
- 2nd place Sarah Weatherly (Starkville Academy)
- 3rd place Sable Ware (Henderson Ward Stewart Elementary School)

7th & 8th Grades Painting and Drawing

- 1st place Mina Clay (Armstrong Middle School)
- 2nd place Jamiya Sharp (Armstrong Middle School)
- 3rd place Christopher Hayes (Armstrong Middle School)
- Honorable Mentions Anthony Kirkland (Armstrong Middle School), Breelyn Smith (Armstrong Middle School), Whit Altmeyer (Armstrong Middle School), Katie Randall (Armstrong Middle School)

7th & 8th Grades Photography



- 1st place Caroline Murphy (Starkville Christian School)
- 2nd place Pricila Harvey (PK Academy Homeschool)

9th & 10th Grades Painting and Drawing

- 1st place Evelyn Smith (Starkville Christian School)
- 2nd place Keegan Lawrence (Starkville Christian School)
- 3rd place Kendall Willeford (Starkville Christian School)
- Honorable Mentions Annah Ware (Homeschool), Zachary Mord (Starkville Christian School)

9th & 10th Grades Photography

- 1st place Karlene Deng (Starkville High School)
- 2nd place Neely Wells (Starkville High School)
- 3rd place Zachary Mord (Starkville Christian School)
- Honorable Mentions Kendall Willeford (Starkville Christian School), Beatrice Dinep-Schneider (Homeschool), Ryan Leach (Starkville High School)

11th & 12th Grades Painting and Drawing

- 1st place Austin Brooks (Starkville Christian School)
- 2nd place Kristina Eaves (Starkville Christian School)
- 3rd place Erin Ruth (Starkville Christian School)

11th & 12th Grades Photography

- 1st place Jada Lark (Starkville High School)
- 2nd place Abigail Brazzeal (Starkville High School)

Best in Show (overall)

- Amy Zhang, (Starkville High School)

About SAAC

Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$25,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. The Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Development Authority, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at www.starkvillearts.org.

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