

Congressional Art Competition

2012 Artistic Discovery Art Competition

I am pleased to announce that the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina will be participating in the 2012 Congressional Art Competition: An Artistic Discovery, the Congressional high school art competition that encourages and recognizes the rich artistic talents of our nation's young people. The competition is open to all high school students who reside, attend school or are enrolled in an art program in the 12th Congressional District.

I am excited that the Gantt Center for African American Arts + Culture (551 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina) will host the reception for this year's competition on May 4 at 7:00 PM. Our distinguished panel of judges includes Roy Carter, Chairman of Visual Arts, North Carolina A & T State University, Patrick Diamond, Arts Advocate and Collector, Xandra Eden, Curator of the Weatherspoon Museum, University of North Carolina Greensboro and Gordon C. James, Professional Artist. Students who submit entries will be invited to come to the Gantt Center Saturday, April 28 if they wish to receive a personal critique from the judges about their work. However, the winners of the competition will be announced at the reception and I hope that you will encourage your students who submit entries to attend.

The winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed for one year in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The winning student and a guest will be invited to attend a Congressional reception to honor this year's student winners. This student will also become eligible to receive a \$1500 per year scholarship. Additional prizes will be presented to the top three entries during the May 4 reception.

Art work will be accepted April 16-20, 2012. Below you will find links for the 2012 competition guidelines, entry form and detailed information regarding where and how to submit entries as well as how to sign up for a personal critique from judges. Please contact Barbara Carter in my Charlotte office at 704-344-9950 or by email at barbara.carter@mail.house.gov with any additional questions.

[2012 Art Competition Guidelines for Students](#)

[2012 Student Information Release Form](#)

[2012 Student Art Work Log-In](#)

As in previous years, there will be a panel discussion before the reception about the importance of art to education, revitalization and economic growth. This year's panel discussion will focus on the extensive collaboration involved in developing Levine Center for the Arts and how efforts such as this serve as in impetus to academic, social, economic and sustainable development and to public engagement in a community. I would be extremely pleased if your schedule will allow you to attend this event. Please [click here](#) to view the detailed information. You are also invited to stay after the discussion to enjoy the reception and view the outstanding work of student artists who have competed in this year's 12

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District art competition.