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PHOTO CAPTION: *SHS senior Lauren Potter received a Gold Key Award for her sculpture entitled "Hippocampus."*

Simsbury Students Earn Scholastic Art Awards

SIMSBURY--Simsbury Public Schools' Department of Visual Arts recently announced its winners for the 2017 Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards. Each year, the Connecticut Art Education Association

(CAEA) hosts this art and writing competition for students in grades 7 through 12 across the state of Connecticut. Artwork is submitted to a jury of professional artists, who choose the highest quality work. Winners' artwork will be featured in a gallery at The Hartford Art School, Taub Hall, Silpe Gallery. The exhibit opening is January 29 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Each piece is awarded at a different level: Honorable Mention, Silver Key, Gold Key, and various scholarships. Students whose pieces win Gold Keys at the regional level will have their artwork judged at a national level by a panel of professional artists in New York City. This, year, 16 Simsbury students were recipients of awards. In addition SHS twelfth grader Lois Black was nominated for a scholarship. The award recipients are listed below.

Simsbury High School (teachers Megan Antosik, David Holzman, Thea Ciciotte, Stephanie Lauretano, Shannon Gagne)

Katie Euting, Grade 12, Film & Animation, Honorable Mention
Abbey Mundt, Grade 11, Painting, Gold Key
Regina Caggiano, Grade 11, Painting, Silver Key
Carolyn Flammini, Grade 11, Sculpture, Gold Key
Abbey Mundt, Grade 11, Sculpture, Honorable Mention
Kevin Barch, Grade 12, Sculpture, Gold Key, American Visions Award
Lauren Potter, Grade 12, Sculpture, Gold Key
Jessica Shin, Grade 12, Mixed Media, Gold Key
Laura Hinojosa Silva, Grade 10, Digital Art, Honorable Mention
Kara Mortimer, Grade 10, Photography, Honorable Mention
Kevin Barch, Grade 12, Sculpture Portfolio, Gold Key
Sophie Hiatt, Grade 12, Jewelry, Honorable Mention

Henry James Memorial School (teachers Laurel Archambault, Kristie Foley, Stephanie Lauretano)

Carolyn Westhaver, Grade 8, Sculpture, Silver Key
Nick Bobinski, Grade 8, Mixed Media, Honorable Mention
Audrey Zhang, Grade 8, Drawing & Illustration, Gold Key
Paulina Ganych, Grade 7, Drawing & Illustration, Honorable Mention
Riley Lill, Grade 7, Digital Art, Gold Key

Simsbury Arts Academy (instructor Katarina McKinney)

Audrey Zhang, Grade 8, Fashion, Gold Key
Abbey Mundt, Grade 11, Fashion, Gold Key, Jerry's Artarama Best in Fashion

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