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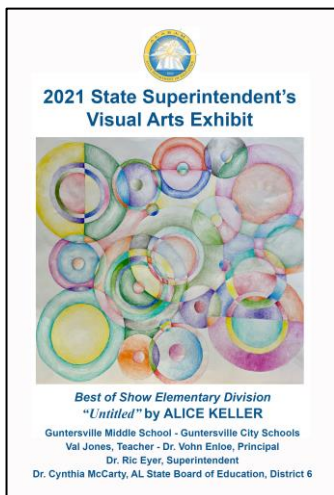
**TALENTED ALABAMA STUDENTS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED
AS STATE'S BEST YOUNG ARTISTS FOR 2021**

"K-12 Visual Arts Winners Acknowledged by Governor and State Board of Education"

Montgomery, Ala. – For centuries, the appreciation of fine artistic works has played an important role in our society.

Arts Education and the Visual Arts in particular, are now a vital learning resource in local schools nationwide. The important concepts taught in these areas allows students to grow academically, while also promoting positive methods for students to express themselves – through sketched art, graphic design, and painting.

During this week's upcoming *March State Board of Education Meeting*, education leaders and Alabama's entire arts community will recognize our state's top K-12 Visual Arts Winners:



- **Cullman City Schools – K-2 – Wilson Carter**
- **Mountain Brook City Schools – K-2 – Oscar Mondragon**
- **Auburn City Schools – K-2 – Evelyn Green**

- **Auburn City Schools – K-2 – Millie Spiers**
- **St Clair County Schools – K-2 – John Curtis Crow**
- **Chilton County Schools – K-2 – Ellie Harrison**
- **Mountain Brook City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Iona Sommers**
- **Shelby County Schools – 3-4 Grade – Annalee Fuller**
- **Enterprise City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Sophia Quinn**
- **Athens City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Chloe Herren**
- **Mountain Brook City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Evie Noel**
- **Pelham City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Brianna Crumley**
- **Decatur City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Christian Thompson**
- **Blount County Schools – 3-4 Grade – Canaan Moon**
- **Macon County Schools – 3-4 Grade – Calvin Pearsall**
- **Mountain Brook City Schools – 3-4 Grade – Jack Couch**
- **St Clair County Schools – 5-6 Grade – Darrione Tate**
- **Calhoun County Schools – 5-6 Grade – Miller Spencer**
- **Trussville City Schools – 5-6 Grade – Taylor McLaughlin**
- **Madison City Schools – 5-6 Grade – Daniel Jang**
- **St Clair County Schools – 5-6 Grade – Jolie Free**

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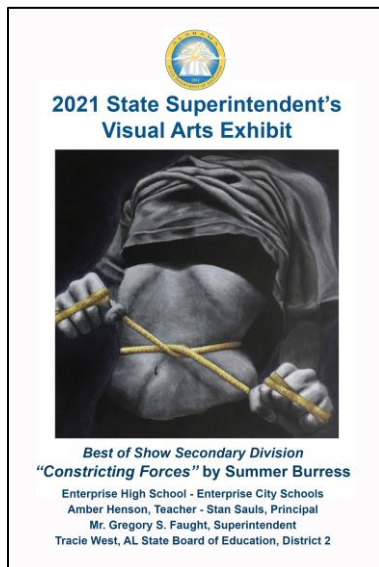
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2021 Alabama K-12 Visual Arts Competition and Winners

- Tuscaloosa City Schools – 5-6 Grade – **Trinity Spain**



- St Clair County Schools – 5-6 Grade – **Adalyn Starling**
- Albertville City Schools – 5-6 Grade – **Eli Sims**
- Jefferson County Schools – 5-6 Grade – **Sadie Shinkle**
- Tuscaloosa City Schools – 5-6 Grade – **Toni Roper**
- Guntersville City Schools – 5-6 Grade – **Alice Keller**
- Albertville City Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Veronica Coody**
- Madison City Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Olivia Woodbury**
- Mobile County Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Makayla Ransom**
- Madison City Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Sofia Peralta**
- St Clair County Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Roeun Dia**
- St Clair County Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Sarah Crow**
- Trussville City Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Emma Haynes**
- Macon County Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Jordyn Slater**
- Macon County Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Jayden Howard**
- Saraland City Schools – 7-8 Grade – **Aydan Wells**
- Haleyville City Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Ping Church**
- Montgomery County Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Madeline Morgan**
- Cullman City Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Whitley Lawson**
- Montgomery County Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Daniel Vallejo**
- Opelika City Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Josalyn Tolbert**
- Scottsboro City Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Frisdelia Ramirez**
- Montgomery County Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Gensis Frazier**
- Haleyville City Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Jeb Lester**
- Jefferson County Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Joseph Motes**
- Jefferson County Schools – 9-10 Grade – **Christopher Bates**
- Hoover City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Philip Deuel**
- Vestavia Hills City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Esther Lee**
- Guntersville City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Courtney Lupton**
- Baldwin County Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Clarissa Sowell**
- Vestavia Hills City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Cecilia Kong**
- Jefferson County Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Aniyah Curry**
- Trussville City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Kyla Cherry**
- Gulf Shores City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Rebecka Hennis**
- Athens City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Elisabeth Elgin**
- Phenix City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Kiana Libran**
- Enterprise City Schools – 11-12 Grade – **Summer Burress**

See this complete list of state winners with full school details at the following link:

<https://www.alsde.edu/sec/comm/News%20Releases/2021%20State%20Winners%20List%20for%20Alabama%20K-12%20Visual%20Arts%20Award.pdf>

“Congratulations to the 2021 State Visual Arts Award winners,” said State Superintendent Dr. Eric G. Mackey. “The arts truly enrich our lives. In schools, the arts impact a student’s social, emotional, and mental health. Incorporating these concepts into our classroom infuses academic balance and supports well-rounded students.”


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Arts education helps nurture healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected. It supports the social and emotional well-being of students while fostering more positive school environments.

The arts, through a rich partnership among certified arts educators, teaching artists, and community supporters, plays a valuable role in helping students and their families build and sustain community and cultural connections.

To learn more about the *2021 Alabama K-12 Visual Arts Competition and Winners*, contact State Arts Education Coordinator Andy Meadows at 334-694-4768 or ameadows@alsde.edu.



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