

Congressman Rothman Announces 2009 Congressional Art Competition Winners

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praises the arts education programs at local high school

(Rutherford, NJ)— On Friday night, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) hosted the 2009 Congressional Art Competition at The Williams Center for the Arts in Rutherford, New Jersey. 56 students submitted art work for the competition.

At the end of the evening, Rothman announced the following student winners—First Place: Daniel Curtin, a student at Saddle Brook High School, for his photograph, "Tupelo Honey"; Second Place: Shani Shih, a student at Bergen Academies High School for her sketch, "Wait for It"; Third Place: Sally Choe, a student at Bergen Academies High School, for her sketch, "A Train"; Honorable Mentions: Marcela Sierzega of Bergen Academies High School, Gabrielle Cimiluca of Saddle Brook High School, Ysabel Granda of Bergen County Technical High School, Nicole Cappelluti of Kearny High School, and Katrina Chelio of Saddle Brook High School.

"This year was one of the best competitions ever, with students from across the District submitting art work. I applaud all the young artists whose exemplary work stood out as award-winning and look forward to showcasing the winning pieces in my offices and, in Daniel's case, the U.S. Capitol for the next year. Additionally, I applaud local high schools for their dedication to arts education. At a time when many music and arts programs are struggling, it is good to see schools through the 9th District showing a true dedication to a well-rounded curriculum," said Rothman.

Rothman, a long-time supporter of the arts, has hosted this competition every year since his election to Congress in 1996. The Congressional Art Competition is an annual nationwide high school art competition sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus and initiated by Members of Congress in their districts. It is an opportunity for students across the country to exhibit their artwork and receive national recognition.

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