

Greater Lowell Tech students are the real deal at faux finishing event

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TYNGSBORO -- Painting and Design students from Greater Lowell Technical High School competed against their peers from four other Massachusetts vocational-technical schools in a faux finishing competition sponsored by the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America, the national governing body of the paint industry.

The event was held at the Renaissance Marriott Hotel in Providence, R.I., and was attended by hundreds of professional paint contractors from across New England and New York.

Faux finishing is the art of using paint and glaze to create the illusion of something real, using such media as marble, granite, wood graining and a variety of wall-glazing techniques. The competition is a chance for students to highlight some of the skills they've learned. There were five categories: wall glazing, mixed techniques, wood graining, texturing/decorative plaster, and marble/polished stone.

In the wall-glazing category, ribbons were awarded Greater Lowell Tech's Lauren Matte won a first-place ribbon, Marina Villagran took second place and Jacqueline Mahoney fourth place, with Siobhan McVicker and Aliana Hernandez receiving honorable mentions.

In mixed techniques, honorable mentions went to Kera Bolarinho.

Justice Stallworth placed fourth in wood graining.

Annah Phen and Shayla Diaz received honorable mentions in the marble/polished stone category.

And in texturing/decorative plaster, Mercedes Lienqueo placed third, with honorable mentions going to Gabriella Tong, Kelis Morales, Elizabeth Ashton and Jayleen Pinero.



Greater Lowell Tech students who competed at the recent faux finishing competition include, with Instructor George Reynolds in back, front row, from left, Aliana Hernandez, Siobhan McVicker, Mercedes Lienqueo and Annah Phen; and back row, Justice Stallworth, Marina Villagran, Kelis Morales, Jayleen Pinero, Jacqueline Mahoney, Elizabeth Ashton, Lauren Matte and Kera Bolarinho. COURTESY PHOTO

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