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Madeira Art Student Makes History

Madeira High School (MHS) senior Ella Cuchra has had two paintings selected for the top 300 artworks in the state for "The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition." One of her paintings was also selected as one of the top 25 works of art and was given the Governor's Award of Excellence. Ella is the first Madeira High School student to receive the prestigious Governor's Award of Excellence.

The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, now in its fifty-fifth year, is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of talented young students in the state of Ohio. This exhibition is a valuable incentive for teenagers; encouraging an appreciation for the arts throughout Ohio and reflecting the fine quality of art instruction and talent that exist in our state.

A total of 6,756 art entries were submitted by approximately 2,500 Ohio high school students. Selections from each of the fourteen regions were made by a panel of judges - approximately 2,500 moved to the state judging. State jurors then select 300 artworks for the actual exhibition. From those 300 entries, only 25 are selected to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence. Scholarships are offered to seniors by over 30 universities and colleges of art by institutions that offer them.

Ella's paintings will be on display in the Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215, from April 14 - May 15. There will be an awards ceremony and celebration at Davidson Theatre, Verne Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215 on May 4. For more about the state exhibition please see <https://www.govart.org>.

After graduation Ella plans to attend DAAP and major in Communication Design.



Ella Cuchra and her winning designs. The Governor's Award of Excellence was given to the painting on the left.