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Subject: **New Providence School District awards Certificates of Excellence in Visual Art and Music**

The New Providence School District was pleased to recognize the 2024/2025 school year recipients of the Certificate of Excellence in Visual Arts and Music at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Certificates were bestowed by Board of Education member, Mr. Joseph Walsh.

Students who excel in art and design routinely think “outside the box” to create new and exciting works. These skills in creativity and innovation are essential for success in college and in the workplace. Students who excel in music exhibit a high level of motivation and work ethic to develop their talents. Those who perform in ensembles become outstanding team members and masters at collaboration.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a national competition, awards regional and national recognition to students who exhibit originality, technical skill, and emergence of a personal vision through their works. For the year 2025, over 5,000 works of art were submitted in the Northern New Jersey region.

The New Providence Visual Arts Department recognized this year’s Scholastic Art & Writing winners. Adam Moy has been awarded a National Silver Medal and a Gold Key in digital art. Senior Camryn Bedder is also a Gold Key recipient. The following students received a Scholastic Art & Writing Honorable Mention: Michael Aranda, Sofia Cadmus and Mia Montero. This year, New Providence also had the first ever middle school Scholastic Art & Writing recipient, Rama Bhor.

New Providence takes pride in providing opportunities for young musicians to fully develop this musical potential within the school program, as well as in auditioned honors ensembles. The New Jersey Music Educators Association divides the state into three regions. The central region, C.J.M.E.A., sponsors auditioned Honors Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs at the intermediate and high school levels every year. Hundreds of students throughout the region, who are sponsored by their school music teachers, prepare and audition. Only the highest scoring applicants are accepted. This year, 18 students represented New Providence in region ensembles.

Abigail Boshart, Olivia Hoang, Abigail Kim, Mia Pardo, and Naomi Wu were selected for the Intermediate Region Orchestra.

Jared Becker, Lillian Cai, Asher Chow, Leo Ettinger, and James Tan were selected for the Intermediate Region Band.

Tyler Lee was selected for the Intermediate Region Percussion Ensemble.

Alexander Gigliotti, Sean Kruger, and Natalie Tom were selected for the High School Region Orchestra.

Dan Ruzicka was selected for the High School Region Symphonic Band.

Julia Halldorson, Sophia Scott, and Rachel Zack were selected for the High School Region Chorus.

Along with regional ensembles, N.J.M.E.A. sponsors auditioned all-state honors ensembles at the elementary, middle, and high school levels every year. Hundreds of students throughout the entire state, who are sponsored by their school music teachers, prepare and audition. Only the highest scoring applicants are accepted. Membership in an all-state ensemble is a prestigious distinction. In collaboration with N.J.M.E.A., the New Jersey chapter of the American Choral Directors Association sponsors auditioned all-state honor choirs at the elementary and junior high school levels. This year, 21 students represented New Providence in All-State Ensembles.

Ana Sofia Alves Invante, Shania Arora, Sarina Loor, Aarohi Misra, Olivia Salazar, Aariyana Sharma, and Evelyn Tai were selected for the Elementary All-State Chorus.

Isabella Arias, Abigail Boshart, Raina Kamath, Shaurya Kotte, Anisha Kumar, Annie Liu, and Shreya Rao were selected for the Junior High All-State Choir.

Olivia Huang and Naomi Wu were selected for the Intermediate All-State Orchestra.

Alexander Gigliotti and Natalie Tom were selected for the High School All-State Orchestra.

Dan Ruzicka was selected for the High School All-State Band.

Finally, Julia Halldorson and Rachel Zack were selected for the High School All-State Chorus.

All of these students have earned special recognition for excellence in the visual arts or music performance. New Providence is very proud of their achievement and encourages them to continue with their arts and music education.



