STATE VISUAL ARTS

2024 marked the 10th year for an SDHSAA sponsored State Visual Arts Contest. The Visual Arts Contest had twelve categories: Drawing (Monochromatic), Drawing Colored, Painting Oil and Acrylic, Painting Watercolor, Photography, Print Making, Three Dimensional, Crafts, Traditional Cultural Art, Digital-Media /Graphic Design, Two-Dimensional Mixed Media, and Functional Ceramics.

This year's contest was held at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls. Over 360 pieces of artwork from 35 different schools were displayed during the two day gallery presentation.

Schools that participated in the Visual Arts Contest were divided into three classes AA (450+), A (449.999—90), and B (89.999 and below). Individual awards were given to the top three entries in each class and in each category. Team awards were given to the top two schools in each class, as determined by team sweepstakes points. A best in show award was given to the top artwork in each class, and a director's choice award was chosen by the attending SDHSAA Board of Directors.

2024 STATE VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION RESULTS

Crafts

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is Bella Ford
- RUNNER-UP, from O'Gorman High School, is Paige Clausen
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Washington High School, is Emily Stahlberg

- A 3RD PLACE, from Tri-Valley High School, is Nevaeh Grann
- RUNNER-UP, from Hamlin High School, is Anni Levijoki
- CHAMPION, from Chamberlain High School, is Alex Pease

- B 3RD PLACE, from Wessington Springs High School, is Haeleigh Mulder
- RUNNER-UP, from Northwestern High School, is Gregory Nelson
- CHAMPION, from Ipswich High School, is Laila Middleton

Digital Media/Graphic Design

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Sioux Falls Washington High School, is Kaden Knutson
- RUNNER-UP, from Yankton High School, is Isabella Panteleao
- CHAMPION, from Rapid City Stevens High School, is Petra Mandy

- A 3RD PLACE, from Hamlin High School, is Anni Levijoki
- RUNNER-UP, from Parker High School, is Meah Wright
- CHAMPION, from Tea Area High School, is Dominick Heier

- B 3RD PLACE, from Deubrook Area High School, is Lulu Grazier
- RUNNER-UP, from Hitchcock-Tulare High School, is Rebecca Huizenga
- CHAMPION, from White River High School, is Samuel Beardt

Drawing

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Mitchell High School, is Johnathan "Cleo" Van Meter
- RUNNER-UP, from Brookings High School, is Maya Enz
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, is Isabella Larsen

- A 3RD PLACE, from Chamberlain High School, is Saylor Lippert
- RUNNER-UP, from Aberdeen Roncalli High School, is Eva Madsen
- CHAMPION, from Parker High School, is Olivia Anderson

- B 3RD PLACE, from Mount Vernon High School, is Brooklyn Meyer
- RUNNER-UP, from Northwestern High School, is Gregory Nelson
- CHAMPION, from Deubrook Area High School, is Brynnlee Hanson

Drawing (Colored)

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Brookings High School, is Miriam Koch
- RUNNER-UP, from Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School, is Kylie Gosch
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is McKaylee Duff

- A 3RD PLACE, from Baltic High School, is Lydia Magnuson
- RUNNER-UP, from Vermillion High School, is Gael Magana
- CHAMPION, from Parker High School, is Olivia Anderson

- B 3RD PLACE, from Wessington Springs High School, is Brock Krueger
- RUNNER-UP, from Wall High School, is Hadley Bryan
- CHAMPION, from Mount Vernon High School, is Mylee Rainbow

Functional Ceramics

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, is Gabriella Rabanales
- RUNNER-UP, from Brandon Valley High School, is Athiang Mabiei
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School, is Ruby Gray

- A 3RD PLACE, from Tri-Valley High School, is Reagan Pearson
- RUNNER-UP, from Dakota Valley High School, is Sophia Durr
- CHAMPION, from Parker High School, is Shayla Even

- B 3RD PLACE, from Ipswich High School, is Laila Middleton
- RUNNER-UP, from Mount Vernon High School, is Kalissa Mayclin
- CHAMPION, from Wessington Springs High School, is Darcy Ormsmith

Mixed Media

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Rapid City Stevens High School, is Robin Thrash
- RUNNER-UP, from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, is Jacalyn Bechard
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is Claire Buskohl

- A 3RD PLACE, from Parker High School, is Graison Barron
- RUNNER-UP, from Dakota Valley High School, is Maddy Grooms
- CHAMPION, from Aberdeen Roncalli High School, is Anna Mitzel

- B 3RD PLACE, from Wessington Springs High School, is Wynand Bothma
- RUNNER-UP, from Mount Vernon High School, is Marley Velez
- CHAMPION, from Highmore-Harrold High School, is April Fallis

Painting (Oil and Acrylic)

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is Emily Johnson
- RUNNER-UP, from Aberdeen Central High School, is Ken Aumer
- CHAMPION, from Rapid City Stevens High School, is Petra Mandy

- A 3RD PLACE, from Tri-Valley High School, is Carly Rickenbaugh
- RUNNER-UP, from Chamberlain High School, is Toree Mosel
- CHAMPION, from Parker High School, is Olivia Anderson

- B 3RD PLACE, from Ipswich High School, is Laila Middleton
- RUNNER-UP, from Wessington Springs High School, is Ashlyn Weber
- CHAMPION, from Northwestern High School, is Natasha Kaderabek

Painting (Watercolor)

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School, is Zuri Cleland
- RUNNER-UP, from O'Gorman High School, is Elsa Bell
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is Alex Schultz

- A 3RD PLACE, from Vermillion High School, is Nui Nui Zhang
- RUNNER-UP, from Parker High School, is Kevin Martinez
- CHAMPION, from Tri-Valley High School, is Carly Rickenbaugh

- B 3RD PLACE, from Mount Vernon High School, is Katie Laufman
- RUNNER-UP, from Wessington Springs High School, is Darcy Ormsmith
- CHAMPION, from Northwestern High School, is Abigail Holmberg

Photography

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Harrisburg High School, is Payton Colter
- RUNNER-UP, from Brookings High School, is Abigail Mohs
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, is Trinity Endsley

- A 3RD PLACE, from Hamlin High School, is Lucy Kaski
- RUNNER-UP, from Vermillion High School, is Brilie Mayer
- CHAMPION, from Baltic High School, is Coryn Wolff

- B 3RD PLACE, from Highmore-Harrold High School, is Callie Chavez
- RUNNER-UP, from Northwestern High School, is Natasha Kaderabek
- CHAMPION, from Hitchcock-Tulare High School, is Sienna Stoner

Print Making

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Brookings High School, is Julianna Converse
- RUNNER-UP, from O'Gorman High School, is Sydney VanDenHemel
- CHAMPION, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is Elie Land

- A 3RD PLACE, from Aberdeen Roncalli High School, is Eva Madsen
- RUNNER-UP, from Vermillion High School, is Gael Magana
- CHAMPION, from Baltic High School, is Shelby Appel

- B 3RD PLACE, from Mount Vernon High School, is Isabella Gortmaker
- RUNNER-UP, from Wessington Springs High School, is JD Thompson
- CHAMPION, from Northwestern High School, is Angelina Molina

Three-Dimensional (3D)

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Brandon Valley High School, is Caleb Steffel
- RUNNER-UP, from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School, is Clara Carlson
- CHAMPION, from Brookings High School, is Abigail Mohs

- A 3RD PLACE, from Hamlin High School, is Anni Levijoki
- RUNNER-UP, from Tri-Valley High School, is Reese Wilt
- CHAMPION, from Chamberlain High School, is Daphne Krogman

- B 3RD PLACE, from Highmore-Harrold High School, is Autumn Fallis
- RUNNER-UP, from Wessington Springs High School, is Wynand Bothma
- CHAMPION, from Mount Vernon High School, is Madalynn Lorang

Traditional Culture Art

- AA 3RD PLACE, from Pierre T.F. Riggs High School, is Alex Zachmeier
- RUNNER-UP, from Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, is Danna HuezoVargas
- CHAMPION, from O'Gorman High School, is Kyungjoo Oh

- A 3RD PLACE, from Beresford High School, is Mikiela Greene
- RUNNER-UP, from Chamberlain High School, is Cante Rencountre
- CHAMPION, from Parker High School, is Ashlynn Walton

- B 3RD PLACE, from Mount Vernon High School, is Cole Sandland
- RUNNER-UP, from Highmore-Harrold High School, is Callie Chavez
- CHAMPION, from Hitchcock-Tulare High School, is Avarie Estey

Best In Show Award

The Best in Show award is awarded to one entry in each class, regardless of category, with the highest ranking from the State Gallery judges.

- This year's AA BEST IN SHOW, with 201 out of 210 possible points in the Photography category, is Trinity Endsley from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School.
- This year's A BEST IN SHOW, with 196 out of 210 possible points in the Drawing category, is Olivia Anderson from Parker High School.
- This year's B BEST IN SHOW, with 203 out of 210 possible points in the Print Making category, is Angelina Molina from Northwestern High School.

Director's Choice Award

Class AA Painting (Watercolor) – Sioux Falls Lincoln – Winston Mulder

Overall Team Champion Award

The Overall Team Champion Award is awarded to one school in each class that accumulates the most sweepstakes points across all State Gallery categories.

- The Class B RUNNER-UP is Wessington Springs High School and their coach, Alicia Roesler.
- This year's Class B CHAMPION is Mount Vernon High School and their coach, Dana Schuldt.
- The Class A RUNNER-UP is Tri-Valley High School and their coach, Mandy DeWitt.
- This year's Class A CHAMPION is Parker High School and their coach, Dave Fuller.
- The Class AA RUNNER-UP is Brookings High School and their coach, Aubrey Vanderbush, Shelby Meyer.
- This year's Class AA CHAMPION is Sioux Falls Jefferson High School and their coach, Brit Carmany.

ART WARS

2024 marked the 1st year for an SDHSAA sponsored Art Wars competition. Art Wars is a live art competition where students create artwork within a set timeframe based on a contest prompt. Students can compete in Painting, Drawing, Ceramics, Digital Art, and Photography. All schools are assigned to 4 regions. The top 3 entries in each category from each region advanced to the State Art Wars Competition which took place in conjunction with the SDHSAA State Visual Arts Competition. This year, the Digital Art category was not offered at the state competition.

State Art Wars Results

Photography
3rd – Abygail Bartscher – SF Roosevelt
2nd – Liz Preszler – Aberdeen Central
1st – Melita Portillo-Monge – SF Jefferson

Drawing
3rd – Juliana Converse - Brookings
2nd – Marshall Lyle - Beresford
1st – Finn Erp - Brookings

Painting
3rd – Carly Rickenbaugh – Tri-Valley
2nd – Mekaylee Duff – SF Jefferson
1st – Payton Colter – Harrisburg

Ceramics
3rd – Jovanna Dillon – White River
2nd – Reagan Pearson – Tri-Valley
1st – Brilie Mayer - Vermillion