

STATE VISUAL ARTS

2025 marked the 11th 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 Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center. Over 370 pieces of artwork from 38 different schools were displayed during the two day gallery presentation. This was the first year that workshops were offered by the South Dakota Art Education Association on Saturday for students and advisors.

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.

2025 STATE VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION RESULTS

Crafts

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Brandon Valley** High School, is **Reese Weerheim**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Washington** High School, is **Addison Smith**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Mitchell** High School, is **Dailyn Kiner**

- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Baltic** High School, is **Shelby Appel**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Tri-Valley** High School, is **Sydney Anderson**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Vermillion** High School, is **Katelyn Proefrock**

- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Wessington Springs** High School, is **Darcy Ormsmith**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Highmore-Harrold** High School, is **Katelyn Dorsey**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Mount Vernon** High School, is **Bella Fillaus**

Digital Media/Graphic Design

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Yankton** High School, is **Rocco Cressy-Dull**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Roosevelt** High School, is **Emily Stripe**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Tea Area** High School, is **Ella Cambier**

- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Parker** High School, is **Colton Kleinsasser**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Jessie Johnson**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Baltic** High School, is **Shane Petersen**

- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Highmore-Harrold** High School, is **Hannah Zeigler**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Northwestern** High School, is **Annie Dvorak**
- **CHAMPION**, from **White River** High School, is **Samuel Beardt**

Drawing (Colored)

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School, is **Olivia Raveling**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Washington** High School, is **Katie Wiesenburger**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Brookings** High School, is **Julianna Converse**

- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Parker** High School, is **Oliva Anderson**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Tri-Valley** High School, is **Tiffany Tietgen**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Toree Mosel**

- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Hitchcock-Tulare** High School, is **Adelynn Ihnen**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Mount Vernon** High School, is **Elizabeth Strand**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Ipswich** High School, is **Shaylee Coisman**

Drawing (Monochromatic)

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Brookings** High School, is **John Hatton**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Jefferson** High School, is **Austyn Sluis**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Rapid City Stevens** High School, is **Brianna Greenwalt**

- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Madison** High School, is **Selma Brown**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Kamryn Willrodt**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Vermillion** High School, is **Gael Magana**

- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Wessington Springs** High School, is **Heyns Bothma**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Wall** High School, is **Harmony Nelson**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Ipswich** High School, is **Savannah Coisman**

Functional Ceramics

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Rapid City Stevens** High School, is **Lilija Coleman**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Washington** High School, is **Isabel Weber**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Mitchell** High School, is **Brooke Jones**

- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Milbank** High School, is **Qualon Grant**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Ainsley Kurtz**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Vermillion** High School, is **Sarah Burbach**

- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Hitchcock-Tulare** High School, is **Cooper Cole**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **White River** High School, is **Jovanna Dillon**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Sioux Falls Lutheran** High School, is **Dori Sproles**

Painting (Oil and Acrylic)

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Aberdeen Central** High School, is **Ken Aumer**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Jefferson** High School, is **Emery Petersen**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Brandon Valley** High School, is **Samantha Morris**

- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Madison** High School, is **Shay Poncelet**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Toree Mosel**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Tri-Valley** High School, is **Carly Rickenbaugh**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Mount Vernon** High School, is **Allyson Espedal**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Ipswich** High School, is **Savannah Coisman**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Wall** High School, is **Tylar Hines**

Painting (Watercolor)

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Brandon Valley** High School, is **Charlie VanGenderen**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Jefferson** High School, is **Linny Vrieze**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School, is **Sophia Pascoe**
- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Katie Lein**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Madison** High School, is **Jennifer DeLaTorre Quezada**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Tri-Valley** High School, is **Carly Rickenbaugh**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Ipswich** High School, is **Autumn Braun**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Hitchcock-Tulare** High School, is **Rylee Knock**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Northwestern** High School, is **Abigail Holmberg**

Photography

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Mitchell** High School, is **Brooke Jones**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Harrisburg** High School, is **Payton Revell**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Sioux Falls Washington** High School, is **Finn Iveland**
- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Beresford** High School, is **Kindra Sveeggen**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Daphne Krogman**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Madison** High School, is **Harmony Miller**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Northwestern** High School, is **Jessica Spurr**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sully Buttes** High School, is **Cheyenne Fuller**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Mount Vernon** High School, is **Morgan Hoffman**

Print Making

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School, is **Lucas Mournet**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Jefferson** High School, is **Katie Afdahl**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Brookings** High School, is **Julianna Converse**
- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Milbank** High School, is **Max Schuelke**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Baltic** High School, is **Shelby Appel**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Vermillion** High School, is **Gael Magana**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **White River** High School, is **Jovanna Dillon**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Mount Vernon** High School, is **Jon Jones**

- CHAMPION, from **Northwestern** High School, is **Payton Grandpre**

Three-Dimensional (3D)

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Brandon Valley** High School, is **Caleb Steffel**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Mitchell** High School, is **Jamina Halfmann**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School, is **Jacalyn Bechard**
- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Tri-Valley** High School, is **Reagan Pearson**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Valley** High School, is **Alaric Montanez**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Daphne Krogman**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Sioux Falls Lutheran** High School, is **Dori Sproles**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Northwestern** High School, is **Isabella Grenier**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Mount Vernon** High School, is **Madalynn Lorang**

Traditional Culture Art

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Pierre T.F. Riggs** High School, is **Amelia DuBray**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Aberdeen Central** High School, is **Alta Three Legs**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School, is **Mulder**
- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Chamberlain** High School, is **Angelina Roubideaux**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Baltic** High School, is **Maiya Fredrickson**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Aberdeen Roncalli** High School, is **Grace Seyer**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Ipswich** High School, is **LaVayah Russell**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Wessington Springs** High School, is **Lily Roesler**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Northwestern** High School, is **Annie Dvorak**

Two-Dimensional Mixed Media (2D)

- **AA 3RD PLACE**, from **Brookings** High School, is **Miriam Koch**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School, is **Valeria Navarro Herrera**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Sioux Falls Jefferson** High School, is **Claire Buskohl**
- **A 3RD PLACE**, from **Elkton-Lake Benton** High School, is **Trinity Rogue**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Beresford** High School, is **McKenzie Hebert**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Tri-Valley** High School, is **Carly Rickenbaugh**
- **B 3RD PLACE**, from **Wall** High School, is **Porshia Zimiga**
- **RUNNER-UP**, from **Highmore-Harrold** High School, is **Marleigh Rockwood**
- **CHAMPION**, from **Hitchcock-Tulare** High School, is **Adelynne Ihnen**

Director's Choice Award:

- Emma Langerock – Brandon Valley High School

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 **206** out of 210 possible points in the **Print Making** category, is **Julianna Converse** from **Brookings** High School.
- This year's **A BEST IN SHOW**, with **203** out of 210 possible points in the **Traditional Culture Art** category, is **Grace Seyer** from **Aberdeen Roncalli** High School.
- This year's **B BEST IN SHOW**, with **208** out of 210 possible points in the **Print Making** category, is **Payton Grandpre** from **Northwestern** High School.

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 **Northwestern** High School and their coach, **Jennifer Schell**.
- 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 **Chamberlain** High School and their coach, **Jordan Thaler**.
- The **Class AA RUNNER-UP** is **Sioux Falls Jefferson** High School and their coach, **Brittany Carmany**.
- This year's **Class AA CHAMPION** is **Sioux Falls Lincoln** High School and their coach, **Sarah Winterscheidt**.

ART WARS

2025 marked the 2nd 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.

State Art Wars Results

Clay Category

- 3rd Place – Raini LaBrosse – Aberdeen Central High School
- 2nd Place – Winston Mulder – Sioux Falls Lincoln High School
- 1st Place – Linny Vrieze – Sioux Falls Jefferson High School

Drawing Category

- 3rd Place – Caden Mousel – Sioux Falls Washington High School
- 2nd Place – Addison Smith – Sioux Falls Washington High School

- 1st Place – Alta Three Legs – Aberdeen Central High School

Digital Art/Tablet Category

- 3rd Place - Ella Cambier – Tea Area High School
- 2nd Place – Raini Labrosse – Aberdeen Central High School
- 1st Place – Saphira Smith – Sioux Falls Washington High School

Digital Photography Category

- 3rd Place – Sterling Palmer – Brookings High School
- 2nd Place – Abygail Bartscher – Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School
- 1st Place – Cambry Feickart – Aberdeen Roncalli High School

Painting Category:

- 3rd Place – Toree Mosel – Chamberlain High School
- 2nd Place – Aiden Lu – Rapid City Stevens High School
- 1st Place – Ken Aumer – Aberdeen Central High School