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Students Are From South Windsor High, Newington High and Windsor High

HARTFORD-U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) today announced the winners of the 22nd Annual Congressional Arts Competition held April 3 at the Wadsworth Atheneum.

The first place winner was Mark Schneider of South Windsor High School whose artwork is titled "The Date." The second place winner was Julie Bergernon of Newington High School and her work was titled "Goose Cryptic. The third place winner was Katherine Pelkey of Windsor High School, whose work was an untitled oil painting of a still life.

Congressman Larson stated: "It is truly an honor too see this level of creativity come from our high schools in the First District. The unique artwork in this contest should give us an idea of the incredible talent that exists among our young people. These students are a wonderful example of not only that talent, but the vitality of the visual arts programs in our schools. I sincerely congratulate all the students who participated."

The first place winner will have his work hung in the United States Capitol Building, the second place winners' work will hang in Congressman Larson's Washington, D.C. office and the third place winner will have her work displayed in Larson's Hartford District office, all for the period of one year.

Thirty-one students from seven different high schools, the largest and most diverse group yet, participated. Members of Congress from each Congressional District have held the competition since it was created in 1982.

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