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Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition on Display Jan. 29- March 6

Final Friday Opening Reception Jan. 29

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita Center for the Arts, along with Elizabeth B. Koch and the K.T. Wiedemann Foundation, announces the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, on display Jan. 29 through March 6. A Final Friday opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 29, featuring live youth entertainment and complimentary light hors d'oeuvres.

The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition showcases select artwork created by middle school and high school students from 70 Kansas counties. The Scholastic Art Awards are the largest and longest-running recognition program for young artists in the United States, identifying and rewarding students who demonstrate superior talent and achievement.

Participants, supported by their visual arts teachers and other community mentors, create and submit their best works of art. Each work is reviewed by a panel of art professionals for originality, technical skill and the emergence of personal voice or vision.

This year, 2,386 entries were submitted and 595 were selected for exhibition, either as Gold Key, Silver Key or honorable mention. Gold Key works are entered into the national judging process, and five Gold Key recipients were nominated for the Eastern Kansas American Vision medal, which will be selected later this year.

The 2016 American Vision nominees are:

- Josie Krout of Arkansas City High School
- Morgan Massey of Wichita Northwest High School



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- Kylie Mitchell of The Independent School
- Emily Rozar of Maize South High School
- Zachary Zarling of Rose Hill High School

In 2015, educational institutions, businesses and individuals awarded \$2.3 million in scholarships and cash prizes to exhibiting students in the Eastern Kansas region.

The Final Friday reception on Jan. 29 will serve as the recognition event for Silver Key and Honorable Mention recipients. The Center will welcome scholarship and Gold Key recipients on March 6. An open house with collegiate representatives will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., and Gold Key recipients will be honored with an award ceremony at 4 p.m.

The gallery is open 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free. The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition is generously underwritten by Elizabeth B. Koch and the K.T. Wiedemann Foundation.

The mission of Wichita Center for the Arts is to be a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region by providing opportunities to appreciate, participate in and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning. Visit wcfta.com or call 316.634.2787.

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