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**The Charleston Artist Guild Grants Awards and Scholarships to  
Charleston's young artists!**

On Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, the **Charleston Artist Guild** held a reception and awards ceremony for its **41<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Artistic Merit Awards and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship** Competition at the Gaillard Auditorium. This event is open to all high school students in the tri-county area and culminates in the awarding of prize money and scholarship awards from the over \$5000 fund available for this special program thanks to the Guild's sponsors and members.

Co-Anchor of ABC News 4's morning show, "Good Morning Charleston," Angela May, not only presented the awards, but graciously gave words of encouragement to the audience of the young talented artists, their family and friends.

This year's program was a dazzling success featuring 147 works of art, from 15 schools, which were exhibited at the Gaillard Auditorium. Winners this year were:

**Scholarships**

Hanna Trussler - School Of The Arts – "Affixed By Gravity" – Oil  
Rhianon Neuman – Stratford – "Dance Of Dreams" – Colored Pencil  
Tisha Rodriguez – Fort Dorchester HS – "Media Affect On Youth" - Mixed

**Awards**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Hanna Trussler – School of the Arts – "Affixed By Gravity – Oil  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Justin Lindgren – Northwoods Academy – "Orange Delight" – Oil  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Laura Nimmons – Wando – "Sacrifice" – Colored Pencil  
**Verner Award** – Tananda Egbert – Goose Creek HS – "Untitled" – Pencil  
**Halsey Award** – Miles Kennedy – Summerville HS – "Face In The Wind" – Collage/Ink

**Honorable Mentions**

Thomas Waldren – Wando – "Heart Of A Skeleton" – Acrylic  
Renee Huesca – Bishop England – "Emilie's Orchard" – Oil  
Ashley Burton – Stratford – "Kagami" – Graphite  
Rhianon Neuman – Stratford – "Dance of Dreams" – Colored Pencil  
Elliot Dempster – Pinewood Prep – "Black & Decker" – Wire  
Whitney Jordan – Pinewood Prep – "Heron" – Graphite & watercolor  
Hans Turner – School Of the Arts – "Self-Portrait" – Colored Pencil  
Amber Sloksechesli – Stratford – "Lazy Cat" – Acrylic  
Anastasia Timina – School Of The Arts – "Last Minute" Oil  
Lei Yu – Pinewood Prep – "Untitled" – Pencil

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