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NAEA EXHIBITS STUDENT HONOR SOCIETY ARTWORK FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

ALEXANDRIA, VA – June 15, 2018 – The National Art Education Association (NAEA) is hosting a juried exhibition of artwork created by students who are members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and the National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHs). The artwork will be on display at the NAEA Studio & Gallery through September 21.

For the second time, art submitted by students was evaluated by a jury made up of representatives from 12 member schools of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD): The University of the Arts; Pacific Northwest College of Art; Laguna College of Art + Design; Parsons School of Design, The New School; School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Minneapolis College of Art and Design; San Francisco Art Institute; Maryland Institute College of Art; Pennsylvania College of Art & Design; College for Creative Studies; Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts; and Kansas City Art Institute.

Juror selections were based on scores in five categories: Visual Communication, Execution, Formal Elements, Originality, and Artist Statement.

From a total of 1,160 submissions (400 more than last year), 66 pieces were selected for display. All submissions may be viewed on the NAEA Virtual Gallery.

“The exhibition demonstrates how the visual arts provide a context for all forms of learning and career preparation,” said NAEA President Kim Huyler Defibaugh. “We are living in an age of preponderant visual images, and proficiency in visual arts translates into valuable skills that include and extend beyond artistic pursuits.”

Media are invited to visit and view the exhibit. Contact David Harrison, david@harrisoncommunications.net, 410-804-1728.

Visit the Virtual Gallery [here](#).

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The **National Art Honor Society (NAHS)** is designed specifically for high school students in grades 9-12. In 1978, the National Art Education Association began the National Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community.

The **National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS)** is designed specifically for middle school and junior high school students. In 1989, the National Art Education Association began the National Junior Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art and to generate interest in art programs at the secondary level and beyond. Students inducted to the NJAHS must then be nominated for the NAHS when appropriate.

- National Art Honor Society students are in high school/grades 9-12
- National Junior Art Honor Society students are in middle school/grades 6-8
- The NAHS/NJAHS programs include over 2,300 chapters and over 58,000 student members

*Founded in 1947, **NAEA** is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts educators. Members include elementary, middle, and high school visual arts educators; college and university professors; university students preparing to be art educators; researchers and scholars; teaching artists; administrators and supervisors; and art museum educators—as well as more than 58,000 students who are members of the National Art Honor Society and National Junior Art Honor Society.*