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### **JURIED EXHIBITION OF STUDENT ART TO OPEN IN ALEXANDRIA, VA**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA – January 11, 2021** – The sixth annual National Art Honor Society/National Junior Art Honor Society (NAHS/NJAHS) Juried Exhibition of artwork will take place in NAEA's [Virtual Gallery](#) from January 11 to April 30, 2021. The exhibition showcases the work of talented student artists who are members of NAEA's NAHS/NJAHS programs.

From a total of 1,187 submissions, 93 works representing 49 schools and 20 states will be on exhibit in the online Virtual Gallery.

Submissions were juried digitally by representatives from eight member schools of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD) — Burren College of Art, College for Creative Studies, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Laguna College of Art & Design, Maryland Institute College of Art, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and Parsons School of Design

Juror selections were guided by scoring in 5 categories: Visual Communication, Execution, Formal Elements, Originality, and Artist Statement.

The **National Art Honor Society (NAHS)** is designed specifically for high school students in grades 9-12. In 1978, NAEA 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 (grades 6-9). In 1989, NAEA 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 are 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

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- The NAHS/NJAHS programs include over 2,400 chapters and 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.*