

March 7, 2012

Dear Art Department:

I am pleased to announce that I am sponsoring the 30th annual Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, for senior high school students who live within the Sixth Congressional District of Maryland. Initiated by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982, the event is a nationwide annual art competition that allows high school students from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories to showcase their artistic ability. The winning art piece from each Congressional district is displayed in an eleven month exhibit in the Cannon tunnel that leads into the U.S. Capitol. I believe that this competition provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of students in the Sixth District and acknowledge our nation's gifted young artists.

PLEASE NOTE: Participating students must reside in the Sixth Congressional District. If your students reside in Harford, Baltimore or Montgomery County, I recommend that you verify their Congressional District online at: <http://mdelect.net/> to avoid disqualification.

Please complete the enclosed High School Participation Form and fax or email it to my office listed on the form, no later than March 16, 2012.

Enclosed you will find the art competition guidelines and a student information/release form. Each student must complete this form and attach it to the back of their artwork. You may duplicate as needed. You may also download this form and the competition guidelines from the following website, www.bartlett.house.gov.

Artwork may be dropped off at the nearest office to you; a list of my district offices follows. All artwork is due on or before Wednesday, May 2, 2012. **Artwork dropped off after this date will be disqualified.**

For purposes of judging at the local level, all artwork must be mounted on foam core board or framed. No "snap on" frames with glass are to be used. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside with arrows, which side is up.

District Offices

<u>Frederick County</u> 7360 Guilford Drive, Suite 101 Frederick, Maryland 21704 Phone: 301-694-3030 Toll Free: 1-888-297-8006	<u>Allegany and Garrett Counties</u> 1 Frederick Street, Suite 2 Cumberland, Maryland 21502 Phone: 301-724-3105 Toll Free: 1-800-889-3012
<u>Carroll, Harford, and Baltimore Counties</u> 412 Malcolm Drive, Suite 200 Westminster, Maryland 21157 Phone: 410-857-1115 Toll Free: 1-800-705-2385	<u>Washington and Montgomery Counties</u> 1800 Dual Highway, Suite 301 Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Phone: 301-797-6043 Toll Free: 1-888-863-4581

On May 7, 2012, I will announce the Sixth Congressional District Best in Show and winners in each of the seven categories. The Best in Show from our competition will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel on Capitol Hill for one year. Students selected as the districts' Best of Show may be eligible to receive an artistic scholarship of at least \$3,000 to the Savannah College of Art and Design. The student must meet or exceed admission requirements and provide documentation of this achievement, should they apply and be accepted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Frantz, Art Competition Coordinator at 301-724-3105 or toll free at 800-889-3012.

Sincerely,



ROSCOE G. BARTLETT
Member of Congress

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Enclosures