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Teen artists recognized at Visual Arts Competition awards ceremony

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Seventeen teen artists were recognized on March 16 at the culmination of the 20th annual High School Visual Arts Competition. The competition is open to all high school students who reside in or attend school in Orinda. The winning competitors were also given prizes of \$250 for first place and best of show, \$150 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Honorable mention winners were given certificates.

Best of Show was awarded to "Captured Youth" by 11th grader Joseph Pak. In the 2D category, first place went to "Bystander Behavior" by Ellia Chaney, second place went to "A Luxury Death" by Andrea Liu, third place went to "Michelle" by Rachel Chan and Honorable Mention was given to "Crystallization" by Benjamin Wang.

In the 3D category, first place was awarded to "Problem Solving" by Aaron Jiang, second place went to "The Khalkotauroi of Colchis" by Walter Yip, third place went to "Hush" by Alexandrina Gutu, with the Honorable Mention awarded to "On The Edge" by Phoebe Sulis.

"Farmer's Tool" by Chase Hammond took first place in the photography category.

Second place was awarded to "Midnight Scare," by Sasha Jayne, third place went to "Big World, Little People" by Katelyn Metherd, and Honorable Mention was presented to Sonya Barnett for her work, "Halo."

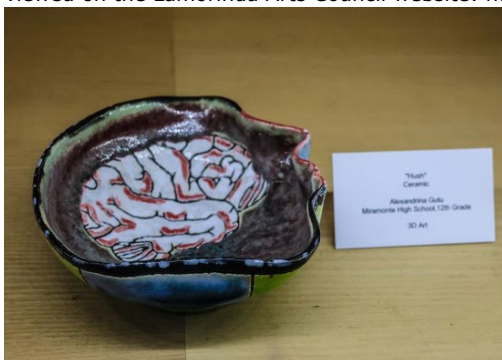
Jason Gutstadt took first place in the Digital Art category for "Dystopian,"

second place went to "Handy Dandy" by Natalie Hsu, third place was awarded to "Reality" by Anisa Huthman, and Honorable Mention went to "Things of Nature"

by Lily Kalmar.

The competition was sponsored in part by the Bentley School and the Lamorinda Arts Alliance.

All of the winners, along with their schools and their teachers, as well as images of their artwork can be viewed on the Lamorinda Arts Council website: <https://lamorindaarts.org/vac/>



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