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MAHS Junior Tops More Than 300 Entries at Art Show, Piece on Display at The Mall in Robinson



Moon Area High School junior and Art III student Russell Passano recently won second place overall at the Art+Smart High School Art Competition & Exhibition sponsored by The Art Institute of Pittsburgh and held at The Mall at Robinson.

Russell's pencil drawing of a young woman was selected from more than 300 entries by other talented students from across the region in the 11th and 12th Grades category and his runner-up finish also secured him a \$10,000 tuition scholarship to The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

His piece will be on display in The Mall at Robinson until April 17, and it is eligible for a People's Choice Award that will be awarded on April 21. A ballot box is available at the exhibition site.

The show was judged by a panel of creative professional representing a variety of artistic specialties and work was evaluated based on concept, idea generation, originality, technical proficiency and the judge's perception of the artist's potential as a commercial artist/designer.

Art+Smart seeks to support the work of local artists and raise awareness of creative career opportunities available for high school students in the area. It was created to recognize and encourage the work of art educators in the region's high schools.