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MAHS Senior Wins Art Institute Scholarship Competition

Moon Area High School senior Russell Passano claimed first place and a \$10,000 scholarship in the Art Institute of Pittsburgh Portfolio Scholarship Competition.

Russell's winning entry in the Media Arts category was titled "End It On This" and consisted of a roughly 10-minute video in the experimental genre. A written description detailing the concept behind his work and a formal description of his camera, lighting, audio and editing techniques accompanied his entry. Russell, a Photo 2 student in Jackie Gasior's class, worked independently on the Digital Filmmaking and Media Production entry that topped other artwork in the Media Arts category in game art and design, media art and animation, photography, visual effects and motion graphics and web design and interactive media subgroups.

The competition awarded \$10,000 scholarships to one winner in culinary, design, fashion and media arts categories as well as a Best of Show winner.