



Press Release

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St. Cecilia Academy student wins in Congressional Art Competition, has art exhibited in Washington D.C.

St. Cecilia Academy has announced that Marissa Bulso, an SCA senior, has won first place for the 12th grade in the digital photography category of the Congressional High School Art Competition. Marissa won with her submission entitled "Holding Roses."

The show is an annual nationwide competition which was initiated in 1982 by the Congressional Arts Caucus. Each Congressional District holds its own competition, covering a variety of media including drawing, painting, photography and computer-generated art. The entries from SCA were included in the competition sponsored by the 5th Congressional District (Congressman Cooper).

SCA students from digital and 35mm photography classes as well as studio art classes submitted pieces to the show. According to Libby Goldammer, an art and photography teacher at SCA, all the artwork submitted was shown in Congressman Cooper's office on Saturday, April 24.

Although Marissa was the only SCA student to place for the 2010 competition, St. Cecilia Academy has placed in the past. The most recent winner was Ann Quigley, another SCA senior, who placed with her submission of a mixed media piece.

Marissa is pleased to have received the award in digital photography. She has enjoyed working in the media for several years, but just signed up for her first class this semester.

Mrs. Goldammer notes, "This is the first class that Marissa has taken in photography here at SCA...She has a natural eye for photography, and I know she has always been interested and excited about it. She often would bring her photographs to show me what she had been working on even though she was not enrolled in a photography class."

Marissa's piece will join high school artwork from across the nation as part of a public exhibit in Washington, D.C. For the next 12 months, the pieces can be viewed along the corridor leading from the House of Representatives' office buildings to the U.S. Capitol.

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville's oldest private high school, founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list four times since 2004. Seventy-eight percent of the Class of 2009 earned college scholarships totaling \$4.6 million. Five St. Cecilia Academy students—9% of the senior class—have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for high scores on the PSAT for 2009.