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THS Art Students Place at the Annual **WASB STUDENT ART EXHIBIT AND AWARDS**

The Wisconsin Association for School Boards generously sponsors this annual showcase of young artists across the state with the partnership of the Wisconsin Art Education Association, and Performance Services. Kendalyn Gregar (3rd place), Falcia Christiansen (7th place) and Atlin Steinhoff will have their work on display at the [102nd State Education Convention](#) January 18 and 19, 2023 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Over 3,000 attendees will have the opportunity to view their artwork.

Kendalyn and Falcia were given prize money for placing in the competition that was generously provided by Performance Services. Keep your eye on these three artists as they continue to make and share their incredible work. This is a great representation of our honored and esteemed art program throughout our district. Pictured below are the students with their work and a few personal remarks.

Tomah was represented last year at EdConn by Olivia Wittren (10th place), Kylie Drinkwine (4th place) and Jazmine Gebhardt.

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Kendalyn Gregar, 10th Grade, THS

"I've always been into art and consider it my favorite among many hobbies. I have been drawing ever since I could hold a crayon. I love to decorate, thrift clothes, and play video games when I am not working on a new art piece. I plan on going into a field where I would be able to express my creativity such as a concept artist."

When I think of a brighter day, I think of a joyous face surrounded by color galore. The moment when we were able to take off our masks, to breathe fresh air unfiltered by cloth, it felt like a sense of relief. When looking at the prompt it made me think back to that moment. When I think of fresh air on a brighter day, possibly after a storm or a long winter, I thought of flowers of all shapes and sizes looking back at me with the brightest of colors. Keeping that in mind I chose to represent that fresh relief feeling with those flowers, and a lot of them. A breath of fresh air after the long winter we call "covid" is a great start to a brighter day.



Falcia Christiansen, 11th Grade, THS

"I love the outdoors and art. When it comes to the outdoors, I enjoy exploring the world seeing what the earth has to offer. I choose to be happy/joyful in every moment of life because it is better than being sad when I can be happy for so much that I have in my life. I love going to church and love my faith walk. I'm not too sure what I would like to do with my future yet but I'm sure God has something big planned for me!"

The woman you see in a black and white scale depicts where she is right now in her present hardships. The jar represents her future. The jar contains flickering lights that are being released into the sky as stars. This shows that her future is within reach but she's not there yet and she will persevere through the difficulties. She has a brighter future, a flicker of hope awaiting her. She now knows she will be ok, because there is something with the color orange that is warm and calming that says she will make it through to a brighter day.



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Atlin Steinhoff, 10th Grade, THS

"In my free time outside of school I like to play sports such as football, power lifting, and I throw shot put and discus in track & field. I also play guitar, create art, and have recently gotten into bodybuilding."

The theme "A Brighter Day" made me think of peace, prosperity, tranquility, and happiness. A few years ago, I was lucky enough to travel to Glacier National Park in the beautiful state of Montana. There, I discovered a different type of mother nature's landscape. Rather than hills and trees we have here in the midwest, I was amazed by the raw beauty and rough terrain of the mountains. I loved it. Since then I have been absolutely blown away by mother nature's beauty. As I let my hand roam on the canvas for hours and hours I imagined hearing the elk bugle a brighter day!

Last April, we featured these three artists as they were recognized at the Congressional Art Exhibit Reception with Congressman Ron Kind ([read article](#)).