

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2004

Congressional Art Competition

Dear Colleague:

As the co-chairs for this year's High School Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, we are pleased to invite you to this year's reception and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, to be held Tuesday, July 13, 2004. On the reverse side of this letter is an agenda for the day's events.

The reception and ceremony will be hosted by General Motors, and the students will also have the opportunity to hear from a celebrity guest. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for the day's festivities. As the sponsor of your district's participant, your office will be the contact for him or her during the day's events.

Because of heightened security in and around the Capitol, we are asking that each student check in with their Member's office the morning of the event to receive their Competition folder with a program, map of the Capitol and Congressional Art Competition Certificate. Those packets will be distributed to the offices a few days before the reception. Please carefully look over this packet of information prior to the student's arrival. *If there is a spelling error on the certificate or a problem with the program, please e-mail Laura Campos (Rep. Pastor).* This will be the most efficient way to handle your request. We also ask that each office designate a staff member or intern to escort the student to the Capitol steps for the group photograph and ensure that they reach the reception without difficulty. As always, your office will be responsible for making any Capitol or other tour arrangements for their students and other visiting constituents.

Also, because of the growing popularity of the program, the reception will be open only to **Members, the student and the student's one guest**. Staff will not be allowed at the reception unless they are serving as event volunteers. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, or have a staff member or intern who would like to *volunteer* at the event, please contact Laura Campos in the office of Rep. Ed Pastor at 6-3847.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress



Ed Pastor
Member of Congress