Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2005

Congressional Art Competition

Dear Colleague:

As the co-chairs for this year's High School Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, we invite you to this year's reception and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which will occur Tuesday, June 14, 2005. **On the reverse side of this letter is an agenda for the day's events.** General Motors will host the reception and ceremony, and the students will have the opportunity to hear from a celebrity guest. We hope that you will be able to join us for the unveiling of the 2005 winning pieces.

Because of heightened security in and around the Capitol, we ask that each student check in with their Member's office the morning of the event to receive their Competition folder. Those packets will be distributed to participating offices a few days before the reception. We also ask that each office designate a staff member or an intern to escort the student to the group photograph and to ensure that they reach the reception without difficulty. Because of the growing popularity of this event, 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.

The student's artwork must be dropped off on Friday, June 3, 2005 to 505 Cannon. Staff will be there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to check in the artwork and make sure that a Student Information/Release and Adhesive Label are included. Due to the review process, we will not be able to incorporate artwork received after the deadline. If you plan on mailing the artwork to Washington, please be sure to give yourself ample time.

If you have any questions or have a staff member or an intern who would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Ryan McKee in the office of Congressman Fossella (ryan.mckee@mail.house.gov, 202.225.3371) or Clint Carte in the office of Congresswoman Sánchez (clint.carte@mail.house.gov, 202.225.6676).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Vito Fossella
Member of Congress
Republican Co-Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress
Democratic Co-Chairwoman

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24th Annual Congressional Art Competition
An Artistic Discovery
June 14, 2005

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Students check in with individual Members' offices and pick up Information Packets.
10:00 a.m.	Group photograph at the Capitol Reflecting Pool Grant Statue (Students, Co-Chairs and celebrity only). *A staff member from your office should escort the student to the Capitol Reflecting Pool Grant Statue.* ***Please be prompt****. Rain contingency – Rayburn Foyer.*
10:20 a.m.	Students to be directed to photo opportunity at 340 Cannon House Office Building (CHOB). *A staff member or an intern from your office should direct the student to 340 CHOB.*
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Individual photo opportunity with celebrity and Members of Congress (340 CHOB). *The photo opportunity is for the students only.*
11:30 a.m.	Doors to the ribbon cutting ceremony open (345 CHOB)
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Ribbon cutting ceremony (345 CHOB) Students and guests must be inside 345 CHOB **before 12:00 p.m.** No one will be admitted to the room during the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Reception (345 CHOB)

Please note: Because of the increasing number of students attending this event every year, it is essential to limit the number of guests to **1 person per student.** No exceptions will be made.