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Spratt Announces High School Art Winners

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today the entries judged best in the 2003 congressional art competition, *An Artistic Discovery*.

Spratt was at the Black Creek Art Center in Hartsville yesterday for the kick-off of this year's high school art show, which runs through May 8 at the Center.

Katlin Barnhill, a sophomore at Northwestern High School, in Rock Hill, won first place with her paper mosaic of magazine clippings, "Meet Me." Barnhill, who is taught by Roseanne Koeller, is the daughter of Donald and Patricia Barnhill, of Rock Hill. Barnhill's art will be sent to Washington to be displayed for a year in a U.S. House Office Building.

Dahlia Wilson, a senior at Crestwood High School, in Sumter, won second place with her colored pencil work, "Just Me." Wilson is taught by Barbara Rosenberg and is the daughter of Donald and Dorothy Wilson, of Sumter.

Lauren Shuler, a freshman at Wilson Hall, in Sumter, won third place with "Tillman Hall," a pen and ink sketch. Shuler is taught by Mary Ann Reames and is the daughter of Paul Shuler and Melissa Lweonuk-Reardon, of Sumter.

Honorable mentions were awarded to the following:

Cherokee County:

Kristalyn Bunyan and Erica Higgins, Gaffney High School

Darlington County:

Irby Haynes and Jon Humphries, Hartsville High School

Lancaster County:

Phillip Townsend, Indian Land High School

Sumter County:

Elisa Robertson, Crestwood High School

Kim Shorter, Wilson Hall

York County:

Johanna Wiel, Fort Mill High School

Stephanie Godfrey and Anna Rice, Northwestern High School

Professor Jean Grosser, who chairs the Art Department at Coker College, judged this year's competition, which featured 99 entries from 14 high schools in the 5th Congressional District.

Spratt thanked everyone who submitted a entry and helped with the event, and he extended congratulations to the top three winners and to the students who won honorable mention for their art.

"I look forward to this competition every year," said Spratt. "And every year, the entries are impressive. They prove the value of making art a part of our school curricula. Our art competitions would be impossible without local support, and my thanks go to the Black Creek Art Center, to Jean Grosser, and to the art students and their teachers who made this contest a success."

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