

February 2, 2016

Dear High School Art Department:

**Note: Entry Deadline is April 22, 2016.**

It's that time of year again! **The Annual Congressional High School Art Competition and National Exhibition, *An Artistic Discovery***, is being launched in the Fourth Congressional District.

**Teachers, please pass the enclosed information along to all of your students and give them the opportunity to participate in this unique competition.** The first place winner from our district will have their artwork displayed for a year in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. We are hoping for a great showing of talent from the Fourth District in this competition.

The enclosed packet of information about the competition includes contest guidelines and a student release form. The winner will be selected by a panel of judges consisting of university art professors and local artists. **Friday, April 22, 2016 by 5:00 PM has been set as the deadline for entry.** This deadline provides us ample time to select a winner and return the winning piece to the student to be framed before our office ships it to the Capitol for the May 24th art intake day. Initial submissions do not need to be framed however; the overall winning piece for the district will need to be framed according to the framing guidelines included in this packet.

The "*Artistic Discovery*" winner from the Forth District and a guest will be flown to Washington, D.C. for a reception and award presentation courtesy of Southwest Airlines. As a Congressional Art District First Place winner, he or she may also be eligible to receive a \$3,000 per year scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design or Tennessee Wesleyan University.

**All entries must be delivered to one of the following locations by the April 22<sup>th</sup> deadline:**

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| <b>Norman Office</b>             | <b>Lawton Office</b>         | <b>Ada Office</b>              | <b>Ardmore Chamber</b> |
| <b>2424 Springer Dr. Ste 201</b> | <b>711 SW D Ave, Ste 201</b> | <b>100 E. 13th St. Ste 213</b> | <b>410 W Main</b>      |
| <b>(405) 329-6500</b>            | <b>(580) 357-2131</b>        | <b>(580) 436-5375</b>          | <b>(580) 223-7765</b>  |

**Please remember that an enclosed copy of the Student Information/Release Form must be attached to the back of the artwork.**

If you have any questions or students who would like to participate, please contact Katie Ringer in my Norman office at 405-329-6500.

With best regards,



Tom Cole  
Member of Congress