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## 2013 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

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**Deadline for All Entries is April 18, 2012. Drop off Information below.**

The Art Institute of Charlotte is pleased to announce and to host, along with U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger, the 2013 Congressional Art Competition. This competition encompasses the 9th Congressional District of North Carolina and is an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of this area's high school constituents and to acknowledge our nation's gifted young artists.

The following pages outline the rules and dimensions for the artwork and include entry and release forms. Please follow the directions carefully.

This year, five finalists will be selected through a Facebook Competition hosted on Congressman Pittenger's Facebook page. The competition will begin at **12:01am on April 8<sup>th</sup>** and remain open until **midnight on April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The five students whose pieces of art receive the most "likes" will become our finalists. Finalists will be given the honor of having their artwork hung in the Congressman's District Offices. The First-Place winner will be chosen from those finalists by Congressman Pittenger and his staff. The First-Place winner will have his/her artwork hung in Washington, DC, representing North Carolina's Ninth District.

A reception with Congressman Pittenger will be held on **April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm at the Art Institute of Charlotte** to honor the participants and announce the winners of the 2013 Congressional Art Competition. All participants and their families are welcome to attend.

We would love to have a great showing from your school! We have high school students from Iredell, Mecklenburg, and Union counties competing, and we highly encourage you and your students to participate.

## ARTWORK DROP-OFF

Artwork may be dropped off at either of Congressman Pittenger's District Offices during business hours, between **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Mecklenburg County**

8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday - Friday

Address: 2701 Coltsgate Road, Suite 105 Charlotte, NC 28211

Phone: 704-362-1060

### **Iredell County\***

8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday - Friday

Address: 116 Morlake Drive, Suite 101A Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: (704) 696-8190

\*Please call ahead before dropping off artwork

## 2013 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

### **Teacher Responsibility**

- Each entry form should be checked and signed by the teacher for student eligibility and originality. This should be mounted on the back center of the work.
- Please help drop-off and pick up artwork.
- When the artwork is delivered to each site, please submit an inventory sheet and identification labels with the work.

### **Finances**

- This competition is carried out at no expense to the Federal Government. All expenses are provided locally in the community.

### **Judging and Awards**

- All artwork will be hung at the Art Institute of Charlotte.
- A Facebook Competition will be held beginning at 12:01am on April 8<sup>th</sup> and ending at midnight on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Once the competition is closed, the five students with the most “likes” will be named our finalists. The First-Place winner will be chosen from those five finalists by Congressman Pittenger and his staff.
- Awards will be presented by U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger at a reception organized by the Art Institute of Charlotte to be held at 5:00pm on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Awards:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive the Congressional Art Award.
    - The winning entry will be sent to hang in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year. After this period, it will be returned to the student. Art, if not already framed, will need framing by the student before it is sent.
    - Scholarship offer to the Savannah College of Art and Design.
    - The recipient and a guest will be flown to Washington DC to attend the national reception and to view their artwork in the Capitol.
  - The finalists will have their artwork hung in the Congressman's District Offices.