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CONGRESSMAN PITTENGER CONGRATULATES WINNER OF CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

CHARLOTTE – Beth Richter, a senior at Charlotte Christian, is the winner of the 2013 Congressional Art Competition. Her black and white acrylic painting, titled “Medal of Honor,” was judged the best entry by Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09), his staff, and an expert from the Art Institute of Charlotte.

“Each entry showed tremendous talent, and I am proud of all the high school art students in the Charlotte region,” commented Congressman Pittenger. *“Ms. Richter’s painting makes very nice use of contrast and carries us into the moment of that powerful ceremony. Her painting will now be displayed in the U.S. Capitol, and I’ll be proud to show it off to visitors and colleagues.”*

In addition to having her artwork displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, Ms. Richter will be awarded a scholarship to the Summer Studio program at the Art Institute of Charlotte, a scholarship offer from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and two Southwest Airlines tickets to fly her and a guest to Washington for a reception in her honor.

Sabrina Collias, a sophomore at Myers Park High School, was first runner-up and will receive a scholarship to the Summer Studio program at the Art Institute of Charlotte. Her watercolor, titled “The Old Days,” will be displayed in Congressman Pittenger’s Charlotte office.

Additional finalists were Asherel Kaseorg, a homeschooled 10th grader from Charlotte; Morgan Yeargan, a senior at Charlotte Christian; and Paul Hanegraaff, also a senior at Charlotte Christian.

An album displaying every entry in this year’s competition is available on Congressman Pittenger’s Facebook page ([facebook.com/CongressmanPittenger](https://www.facebook.com/CongressmanPittenger)). More than 30,000 have already viewed the artwork.

The 2013 Congressional Art Competition is carried out at no expense to the Federal Government. All expenses are provided locally in the community.

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