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Southern HS Student Wins NAEA 'Rising Star Award' for Artwork

Congratulations to Southern High School Senior Cat Allen, who has been named the nation's 2013 NAEA Rising Star Award co-recipient. This prestigious annual award goes to the "best of the best" student artists in the country, based on portfolio submissions judged by the National Art



Education Association. Cat will receive this award in Fort Worth, Texas, on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Also,

congratulations to her art teacher, Michael Bell, who is also an NAEA award winner. He

will be receiving the 2013 National Art Honor Society Sponsor of the Year Award.

Cat puts great effort into honing her art skills. She has participated in the AACPS Gifted Visual Arts Program since she was in grade 7. Her outstanding portfolio gave her the opportunity to take the Honors Two-Dimensional Studio course III as a sophomore and AP Drawing her junior year. Her score on the AP Drawing Portfolio was a "Perfect 5." Her dedication and hard work is evident in her amazing sketchbooks that help document this journey and in her hyper-realist large-format portraits in oils.

This spring she will also be taking part in creating a huge public art mural to be installed on an Anne Arundel County Parks & Recreation building. The project is a partnership with Southern High School's National Art Honor Society and with the Muddy Creek Artist's Guild. She also has been a collaborative artist in other mural projects - one on the outside of the Muddy Creek Animal Hospital and one on the Bridge Marina Building in Deale. Cat has also led a student-run "Sketchbook making Thursdays", teaching Art Club and NJAHS students how to make handmade sketchbooks, which were donated to the Los Angeles Good Shepherd Domestic Violence Shelter.

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