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Eight Lyme-Old Lyme High School students and two Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School students have won honors for their entries to the Connecticut Region of the Scholastic Art Awards this year.

From the Middle School, Rande Gearing's sculpture took a Silver Key, while Jordan Bourne won an Honorable Mention in the Drawing category.

At the high school level, three seniors were awarded Gold Keys in the competitive Portfolio category. Shannon Chapman, Sterling Rountree and Hailey Thurott each submitted eight drawings or paintings, and all three were awarded special college scholarship offers for their portfolios: Sterling and Shannon from University of Hartford Art School and Hailey from Lyme Academy. Their portfolios, with all other Gold Key work, will go on to be juried for possible inclusion in the National Scholastic Art Awards in New York.

In the Ceramics category, senior Allison Fiscus won a Gold Key, while senior Avery Sharp won a Silver Key.

In the Drawing category, junior John Paul Abarca won a Gold Key and was also awarded the Connecticut Art Education Association "Best in Drawing" award.

Finally, Hailey Thurott took a Silver Key in the Film and Animation category, while senior Sophia Harvey won an Honorable Mention.

Art teachers throughout Connecticut may submit a maximum of four pieces or portfolios to Scholastic each year, and only about half of all submitted entries are accepted for the show at Hartford Art School's Silpe Gallery (January 17-February 4).

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

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