

\$60 MILLION+ IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN 2021 FOR TOP ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS MORE AWARDS TO COME!

Illinois High School Art Exhibition Virtual Experience: Wednesday, April 7th - Sunday, April 11th.

The IHSAE Virtual Ceremony, Sunday, April 11th, 2021 — The best student artists from 100 Illinois high schools will virtually come together to celebrate the power of art in their lives and showcase their work at the 9th Annual Illinois High School Art Exhibition (IHSAE). They'll vie for top recognition awards and \$60,000,000 in college scholarships.

Schantelle Alonzo, Melissa Arroyo, Jaylene Caneda, Juan Pedro Corona, Sarah Deitcher, Aiyanna Hernandez, Esme Huynh, Mario Jimenez, Maia Palomar, Logan Parrish, David Sark, and Izzy Snyder from Lane Tech College Prep have received over 1,391,000!! This virtual event and digital exhibition will kick off on Wednesday, April 7th with Spring Mini Portfolio Week which consists of various college/university presentations, artist workshops, and more continuing through Sunday. The virtual event will conclude on April 11th around 4 pm following the Main Ceremony Event when all winning student artists will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Some 4,000 students, teachers, parents, college representatives, school district administrators, and guests are expected to virtually attend the state's largest high school student art show, which is widely considered the gold standard among high school student art exhibitions nationwide.

Links for this event, which will be experienced through the <u>Socio Event App</u>, can be provided upon request. No downloads required.

The IHSAE features several unique programs for high school art students and K- 12 Art Educators throughout the year. The first of many events is the IHSAE's **Northern Regional Exhibition**: a "Best of the Best" show featuring over 800 works of art in 8 distinct categories from Illinois suburban, public and private high schools, plus a Vendor & Career Expo. The virtual experience will also include the Vendor & Career Expo, and College Recruitment Fair. **The Senior Scholarship Exhibition** will exhibit some 350 senior artworks and recognize scholarship offers totaling over \$60 million dollars. IHSAE has partnered with more than 40 art schools, colleges and universities from across the nation, most of which will be on hand to meet with students and parents during the College Recruitment Fair. **The Early College Program Exhibition** will showcase approximately 100 underclassmen awarded life-changing scholarships to summer college experiences. **The Central Illinois Exhibition** will showcase more than 100 students from that region

who will be awarded during the Main Ceremony Event for the first time. All artwork will be exhibited through the digital gallery platform <u>Art Cloud</u>.

About Art ConnectED:

Started in 2013 with the IHSAE, Art ConnectED is 100% powered by teacher volunteers and has grown out of the passion they bring to making a difference for students, and has since facilitated \$350+ million in tuition scholarships cumulatively for more than 2,000 students. The IHSAE advocates for the power of art with exhibitions and other incentives for creative exploration and connections to innovative careers.

Art ConnectED is a not-for-profit with a mission to enhance the creative educational landscape, giving student and teacher artists agency to succeed by connecting them to a variety of remarkable exhibitions, opportunities, and programs, while advocating for and reinforcing the power of art in their lives. Developed by teachers for students, the organization is run by full-time art educators who collaborate with corporate sponsors, art schools/colleges/universities, and participating city, suburban, public and private high schools to celebrate and award the artistic talents of Illinois high school art students. The IHSAE cultivates further connections through a variety of programs, such as the Art Educator Exhibition, Visual Art Educator Summer Institute, Art Throwdown, Mini-Portfolio Events, Blick in-store events, Advocacy Events and Exhibitions, Art Educator Grants and more. For more information,

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