

U.S. Rep. Adams announces NC 12th District congressional art competition winners

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Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Alma S. Adams (NC-12), a former art professor at Bennett College and member of the Congressional Arts Caucus has announced the winners of her 2015 Congressional art competition. Congresswoman Adams held an exhibit and competition at the African-American Atelier gallery.

During the reception, 38 pieces of art submitted by high school students in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District were displayed and judged by three local artists.

A "Kid's Choice" award was chosen by elementary school students participated in an arts program at the African-American Atelier gallery. All participating students received a Congressional certificate.

"As an artist and former art professor, art has been a huge part of my life," said Adams. "Art serves as an outlet for many youth and allows individuals to freely

express themselves. The students in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District are tremendously talented and I am proud of the 38 students who submitted their artwork for the competition. I look forward to hosting Caroline Li in D.C. and seeing her artwork exhibited in the U.S. Capitol."

The first-place winner won tickets to D.C. for the nationwide congressional art competition reception. Her art, along with other high school students across the country, will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

The second- and third-place entries will be on display for one year in Adams' D.C. office and two entries that received honorable mentions will be displayed in her district offices.

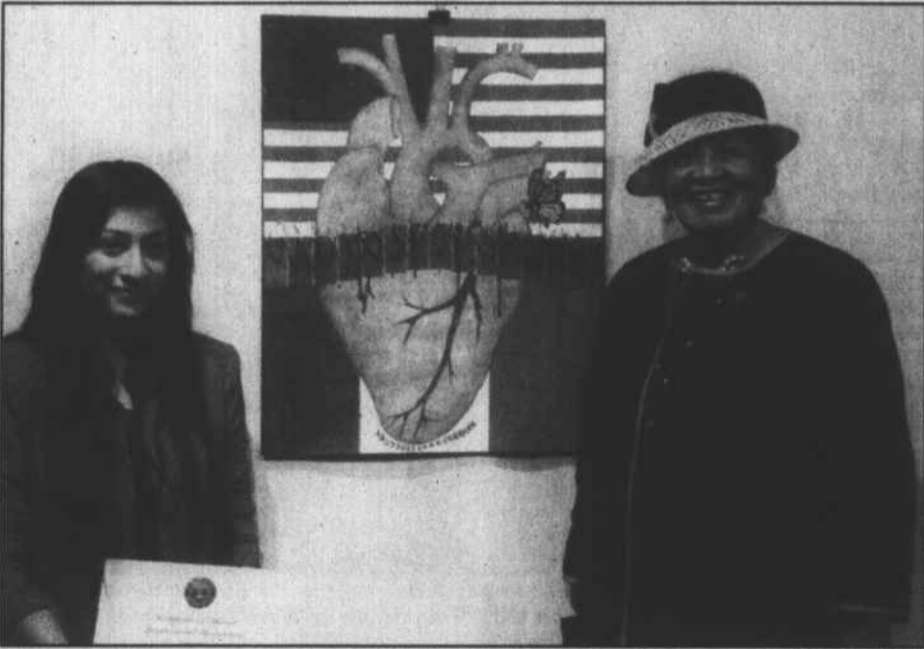
The U.S. House of Representatives hosts a congressional art competition each year as an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the country. Each representative holds a competition in their district and selects winning entries.



Submitted Photos
First place winner Caroline Li, a 12th-grade student from the Career Center in Winston-Salem, with Congresswoman Adams.



Caroline Li's piece that won first place in the art competition.



Second place winner Stephanie Orta, a 12th-grade student from Ledford High School in Thomasville, with Congresswoman Adams.



Third place winner Christian Jegbadai, a 10th-grade student from Dudley High School, and his artwork.



Honorable Mention Mary Alexander, a 12th-grade student from the Career Center in Winston-Salem, and her artwork.



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Honorable Mention Ginger Duchi, a 12th-grade student from Phillip O. Berry School in Charlotte, with Congresswoman Adams.



Ginger Duchi's piece that received an honorable mention in the art competition.

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