



UNITED STATES CONGRESS
2012 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION
Congressman Brad Miller, NC-13

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Dear High School Art Teachers:

It's that time of year again to announce the 31st Annual Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*. This competition is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the artistic talent of high school students within each Congressional district, acknowledging our nation's most gifted young artists.

Your high school is located in North Carolina's 13th Congressional District. I would like to extend an invitation to your student body to participate in our contest. **Finalists will be invited to a reception on April 29, 2012 at the North Carolina Museum of Art, during which I will announce our district winners.** The first place student winner will be invited to Washington, D.C. for a reception taking place in June 2012 (date TBD), which will honor district winners from across the country. This student's winning entry will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year. Second through fourth place winners will also be recognized at the April 29th reception, and will have their artwork displayed in our Washington, Greensboro, and Raleigh offices.

Online links for copies of six documents are provided on this webpage: a timeline for teachers, entry guidelines, school participation form, student information/release form, student flyer, and the FAQ's sheet. **Please let us know whether your school will participate in this year's contest by faxing the school participation form to my office at (919) 836-1314, or emailing it to Mandy.Wellons@mail.house.gov by Wednesday, January 25th.** Please note the other important dates listed on the **timeline** sheet enclosed.

This contest continues to grow each year with the number of participants, and we hope to have an even greater number of high schools in the 13th District participating this year. I look forward to viewing the artwork of your students. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Barbour in my Raleigh office at (919) 836-1313. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Miller".

BRAD MILLER
Member of Congress