

## Sweeping Number of Works Receive Scholastic Art Awards

Middle and Upper School students received regional high honors for more than 60 works of art, nearly half of which will advance to judging at the national level. The recognition reflects high skill levels across University School's broad range of arts electives—from ceramics and glass, jewelry and sculpture to drawing, mixed media, painting, print-making and photography—as well as across the judge's criteria for originality, technical proficiency and personal voice. This year's expansion of Middle School digital photography classes was particularly evident as 25 photographs received awards.

University School students also captured two of only five American Vision awards. Gillian Newman's mixed media piece titled *"Hoarders"*, and Anh Nguyen's print-making piece titled *"Seam-Stress,"* were selected from nearly 1,000 entries to receive not only a Gold Key, but to compete separately for the "Best in Show" regional title as well as for the final national exhibition. From over 100,000 submissions nationwide, only 300 works will be chosen for the final exhibit.



Newman, who won recognition for six different works, is an artist, musician and soccer player as well as a top student. (She used to act, too, until too many scheduling conflicts arose.) Her American Vision piece, *"Hoarders"* reflects her thematic concentration for the year: anger, as well as a

relatively new medium for the well-rounded talent: mixed media. Her introduction to the medium last year resulted in her first American Vision award. For Newman, mixed media is "freeing because you can use everything."



Nguyen's preferred tool is the pencil, although she is being honored this year for her work in print-making and drawing. She also is a two-time American Vision award winner. For her, the pleasure in taking art classes comes down to the hands-on experience and intricate detailing involved. In this way, art led her to choose dentistry as the career she will pursue beginning next year at Nova Southeastern University.

"I'm very meticulous, very detailed," Nguyen said. "And I just learned how to apply [art techniques] to dentistry."

For both students, art is just one among many activities that USchool's learning environment has allowed them to explore, and they appreciate their teachers' recognition of their many sides and talents.

"Ms. Cohen is a really good teacher and she makes me expand my ideas," Newman said. "And my other teachers and coaches always come and support me at art shows. It's unexpected. They just come, and so that's nice because they know that I have interests other than the activity I'm involved in with them."

A full list of Scholastic Award winners follows to complete Part 1 of this story. A second article and video albums displaying the honored pieces produced by Upper School and Middle School are in the works.

# University School

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

## 2012 Scholastic Art Award Winners

UPPER SCHOOL AWARDS			
<b><u>American Vision Award</u></b>		<b><u>Honorable Mention</u></b>	
Gillian Newman	Mixed Media	Scott Anderson	Photography
Anh Nguyen	Print-Making	Kyle Appel	Photography
<b><u>Photography Portfolio</u></b>		Harley Dante	Drawing
Rori Kotch	Honorable Mention	Joyce Esquenazi	Painting
<b><u>Gold Key*</u></b>		Rachel Friedman	Sculpture
David DeLaFuente	Drawing	Gillian Newman	Painting
Molly Gordon	Painting	Krissa Robinson	Photography
Rhandi Green	Painting	Gabby Patino	Drawing
Emily Kopas	Ceramics and Glass	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS</b>	
Rori Kotch	Photography	<b><u>Gold Key*</u></b>	
Gabi Lauzier	Jewelry	Jamie Baer	Photography
Maya McCoy	Drawing	Chiara Omsky	Photography
Gillian Newman	Mixed Media	Sofia Pozsonyiova	Photography
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Anh Nguyen	Drawing	<b><u>Silver Key</u></b>	
Anh Nguyen	Print-Making	Katelyn Barclay	Photography
Maya Renaud	Mixed Media	Laryssa Bedley	Drawing
Jordyn Rosenblum	Photography	Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
Evy Sands	Painting	Stephanie Gonzalez	Photography
Abigail Tami	Drawing	Stephanie Gonzalez	Photography
Abigail Tami	Drawing	Sydney Pollack	Photography
Yasmin Uddin	Ceramics and Glass	Sofia Pozsonyiova	Photography
Yasmin Uddin	Ceramics and Glass	<b><u>Honorable Mention</u></b>	
Dylan Weitzman	Sculpture	Emily Africk	Drawing
Dylan Weitzman	Ceramics and Glass	Katelyn Barclay	Photography
<b><u>Silver Key</u></b>		Sierra Bardfeld	Photography
David DeLaFuente	Mixed Media	Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
Rori Kotch	Photography	Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
Maya McCoy	Drawing	Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
Gillian Newman	Mixed Media	Alyssa Bonchick	Photography
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Gillian Newman	Sculpture	Gabriella Bowling	Photography
Yasmin Uddin	Jewelry	Josh Churba	Photography
Leith Van Schalkwyk	Painting	Josh Churba	Photography
Chiara Waingarten	Drawing	Orli Maya	Drawing
<i>*Gold Key works will be submitted to New York for national judging, to select the top 300 Scholastic art works in the country.</i>		Chiara Omsky	Photography
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		Alexandria Persad	Photography
		Sydney Pollock	Photography