

Amador Valley High School student's artwork will hang in U.S. Capitol

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Washington D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today welcomed the winner of the 11th Congressional District Art Competition to Washington, D.C. Shao-Ning Lu, a student at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, won the competition last month for her pencil and color pencil piece titled “Together We Support.” She is in Washington, D.C. today for the opening of an exhibition in the U.S. Capitol that will include her artwork.

“I’m always impressed by the talent and creativity of our community’s students and this year was no exception,” said Rep. McNerney. “I’m proud of Shao-Ning Lu for winning this year’s 11th District competition from among many talented artists and am glad to welcome her to Washington, D.C. I’m looking forward to seeing her artwork every time I walk to the Capitol.”

The 11th District Art Competition is part of the nationwide annual Congressional Art Competition. The competition is intended to showcase the artistic talents and abilities of students from across the country. Each Member of Congress hosts a competition among high school students in his or her district. The winning art entry from each Congressional district is then displayed in the Capitol for one year.

As the winner of this year’s 11th Congressional District competition, Shao-Ning Lu’s piece will hang in a busy corridor that leads to the U.S. Capitol, used daily by Members of Congress and visitors to Washington, D.C. Her artwork will be unveiled at an exhibition today.

The second, third and fourth place winners' artwork will also be displayed, one at each of Congressman McNerney's three offices in Washington, D.C., Stockton and Pleasanton. The second place winner is Yandi Wu, a freshman at Foothill High School in Pleasanton for her oil painting entitled "Time is Ticking." Winnie Chang, a junior at California High School in San Ramon, took third place for her oil painting titled "Shh! Here Come the California Quails." Aaurie Dayak, a sophomore at Kimball High School in Tracy, took fourth place for a collage titled "Literary Cat."

A panel of judges selected the winning entries from the 11th Congressional District.