

May 22, 2004- Garden Grove High School Student Wins Congressional Art Contest

Garden Grove High School Student
Wins Congressional Art Contest

GARDEN GROVE, Calif.; May 22, 2004 - Today, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez announced that Brittany Arnold, 18, of Marie L. Hare High School in Garden Grove, Calif., as the 1st place winner of Sanchez's 8th Annual "An Artistic Discovery" art competition. Arnold's winning piece was a positive-negative zerography collage of roses.

As first-place winner, Arnold's artwork will be hung in the Cannon Tunnel, a walkway used by Members of Congress to get to the U.S. Capitol. She will receive a \$3000 scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design and four round-trip tickets (courtesy of Southwest Airlines) to Washington, D.C., where she will attend the national awards ceremony at the Capitol.

"The best part about this competition is that not only am I lucky enough to meet great artistic talent from my district, I get to pass by the actual artwork every time I go to vote," said Rep. Sanchez. "Every time I walk through the tunnels on my way to the Capitol, I'm reminded of my constituents and those for whom I am about to cast a vote. It's a very powerful thing."

Arnold accepted her award alongside her grandmother Milly Arnold, art teacher Gloria Wargo and school counselor Jackie Skahill. Arnold's art teacher described her as a very driven self starter. "This award is very well deserved. Brittany is one of my top art students. She is like a sponge when it comes to learning," said Wargo.

Arnold "I was so surprised. I was not expecting to win," said 18-year old Arnold. Arnold is looking forward to becoming an art teacher."

Arnold accepted her award along side her grandmother Milly Arnold, art teacher Gloria Wargo and Jackie Skahill, school counselor. Arnold's art teacher describes her as "a very driven self starter. This award is very well deserved. Brittany is one of my top art students. She is like a sponge when it comes to learning."

"I was so surprised. I was not expecting to win," said Arnold. Arnold is looking forward to going on to study art and eventually becoming an art teacher.

The competition's 2nd place award went to Jose Navarro of Gilbert East High School in Anaheim; third place went to Aaron Delani, also of Gilbert East High School. Honorable Mentions went to Roxanne Mayor of Mater Dei in Santa Ana and C.J. Rizzuto of Servite High School in Anaheim.