



News Tips

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Garfield High School Senior wins Annual 7th Congressional District Art competition

At a Glance: Noah Gallo-Brown, a senior at Garfield High School, won the annual 7th Congressional District Art Competition with an entry that was selected by a three-judge panel. His artwork will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol building tunnel. The decision was recently announced at a reception at Seattle Art Museum.

Gallo-Brown's entry was among 22 submitted by students in schools throughout the 7th Congressional District, represented by Congressman Jim McDermott. Noah will travel to Washington, D.C., to attend a ceremony on June 25th when the artwork will be officially placed in the U.S. Capitol building tunnel, where it will hang for one year. Millions of visitors to the nation's capitol use the tunnel annually.

For winning the competition, Noah Gallo-Brown will receive prizes provided by several local companies and organizations.

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Nine Seattle Public Schools students awarded National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships **Three students awarded corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship**

At a Glance: Nine distinguished high school seniors from Seattle Public Schools recently won National Merit Scholarships worth \$2,500 each. The students were part of about 2,500 seniors from around the country who won the scholarships. Seattle Public Schools students selected are:

Name	High School	Probable career field
Natalie Butterfield	Ingraham	International Relations
David A. Cutler	Roosevelt	Journalism
Megan M. Forry	Garfield	Education
Marisa R. Landicho	Roosevelt	Chemical Engineering
Colleen E. McGaughey	Garfield	Marine Biology
Nicholas J. Pleasants	Garfield	Law
Peter K. Reinhardt	Garfield	Aerospace Engineering
Justin D. Yan	Garfield	Mathematics
Alexander P. Yuly	Garfield	Architecture

On April 16, three students received corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships from The Boeing Company. Most of these awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends from \$500 to \$10,000 a year. The scholarships were awarded to:

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Name	High School	Probable career field
Christena J. Berner	Garfield	Undecided
Colin N. Hartman	Roosevelt	Theater
Andrea J. Love	Garfield	Theater

A third and fourth round of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners will be announced on May 28 and July 14.

Contact: Elaine Detweiler, National Merit Scholarship Corporation at (847) 866-5100 or mediainfo@nmerit.net for more information

Three students receive Award of Excellence in PTA Reflections competition

At a Glance: Three Seattle Public Schools students received the Award of Excellence for their music, film and photography entries in the Washington State Reflections competition. The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts contest, in which students use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. The 2007-08 Reflections theme was: "I Can Make A Difference By....". The winners will be recognized May 4 at the Doubletree Hotel in Seattle.

Name	School PTSA	Division	Category
Miran McPoland	Garfield High	Senior, Grades 9-12	Musical Composition
Zach England-Asplund	Daniel Bagley	Intermediate, Grades 3-5	Film/Video
Clayton Heirly	Nathan Hale High	Senior, Grades 9-12	Photography

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Ballard High School filmmakers' works selected for International Film Festival

At a Glance: Five short productions by Ballard High School video students have been named Official Selections of the Westport Youth Film Festival. The shorts are "Checking Out" by Justin Amorratanasuchad, Jacob Fabian and Annalee Millar; "Playdate" by Ilsina Nazarova, Reed Stevens and Kevin Vitz-Wong; "4th Floor" by Coburn Erskine, Sami Kubo and Nolan O'Connor; "Let Kids be Kids" by Oliver Brossmann, Sami Kubo and Matt Law-Phipps; and "SDA" by Justin Amorratanasuchad, Colin Colebrook and Jacob Fabian.

The festival, which begins May 10 in Westport, Connecticut, is designed to provide an outlet for young filmmakers to share their work in a professional environment and receive constructive criticism from a combination of peers and professionals. Hailed as screening "the best international and national high school and middle school films," the event is sponsored by the Independent Film Channel.

Ballard High School students distinguished themselves by having work selected in three different areas of festival competition: drama, comedy and public service announcement. The honored productions will be screened in the Ballard High School auditorium at a showing of student work on Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door.

Dates, times and location: 7 p.m., Friday, May 30
Ballard High School auditorium
1418 NW 65th Street

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Three B.F. Day student teams selected for the national Toy Challenge finals

At a Glance: Three teams of students from the classroom of Lauri Boren, science teacher at B.F. Day Elementary School, have been chosen to participate in the finals of The Sally Ride Toy Challenge in San Diego on May 31. The Toy Challenge is a competition in which fifth- to eighth-grade students design, make prototypes, and create a final product of a toy or game.

The three teams are in the process of creating their final products: *The Gastavians* are making “The Weatherboard,” the *6 Headed Awesome Dawgs* are creating “The Quado-stick,” and *Utter Nonsense* are creating “The Exo-Clock.”

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