



2023-2024

RED RIBBON POSTER CONTEST

Castleberry Independent School District is *inspiring* and *empowering* all students to be *innovative thinkers* in the global community.

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GRADES 3 - 4

1ST PLACE

LEONEL ROCHA
JOY JAMES ACADEMY OF
LEADERSHIP



2ND PLACE

DESTINY GARCIA
CASTLEBERRY ELEMENTARY



3RD PLACE

MCKENZY MARROQUIN
JOY JAMES ACADEMY OF
LEADERSHIP



GRADES 5 - 6



1ST PLACE

AMELIA KHONDOKER

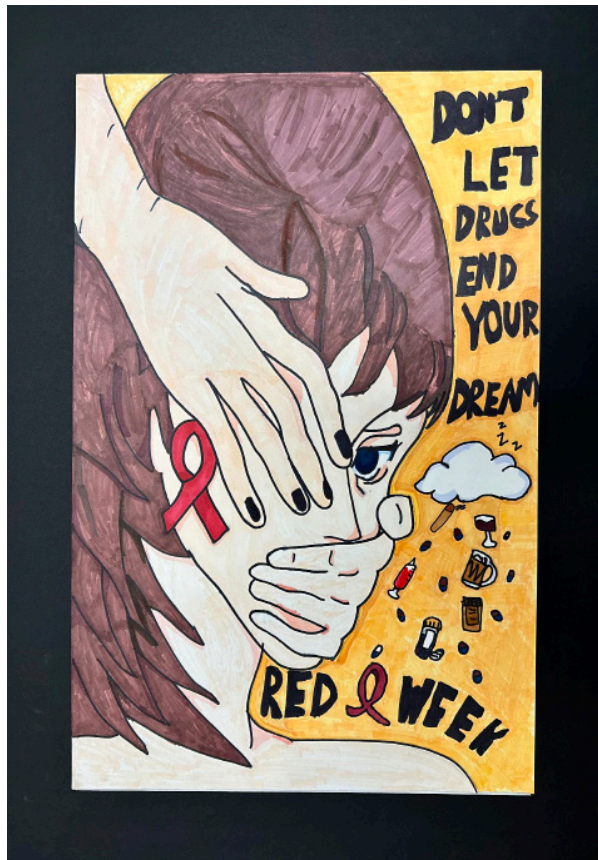
IRMA MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL

3RD PLACE



JULISSA CAMACHO

IRMA MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL



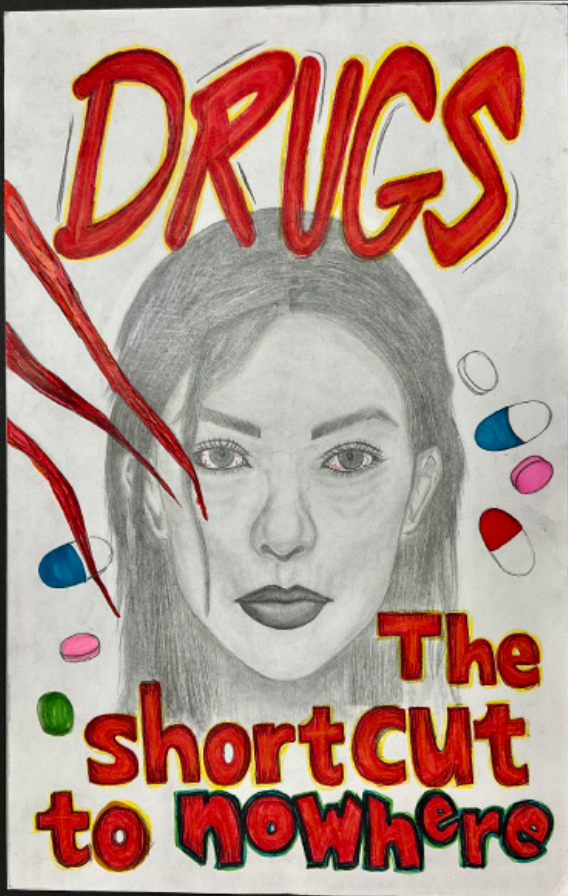
2ND PLACE

VALERIA MENDEZ

IRMA MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADES 7 - 9

1ST PLACE



MELINA ESPARZA
CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

2ND PLACE



EMERY MEDRANO
IRMA MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL

3RD PLACE



AILANY SALAZAR
CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 10 - 12

1ST PLACE



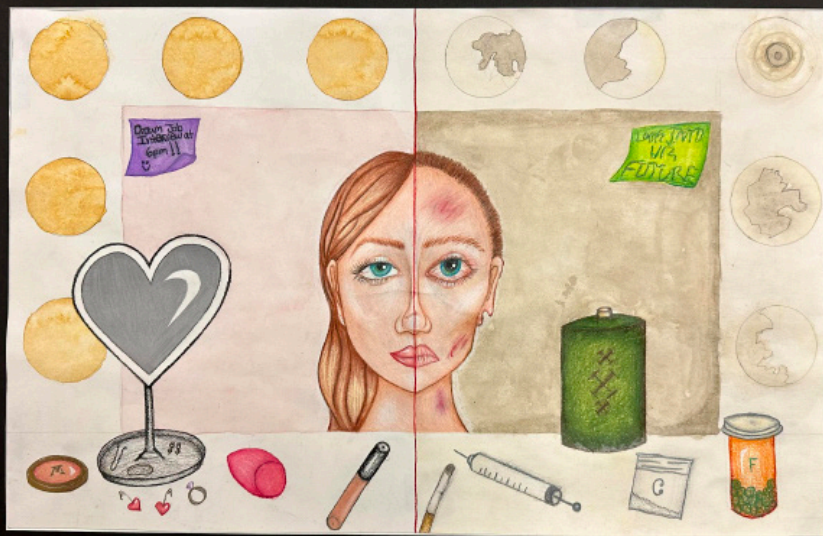
OZIAS NAVARRO
CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

3RD PLACE



BRENNA BARRINGTON
CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

2ND PLACE



BETHANY LEWTER
CASTLEBERRY HIGH SCHOOL

CASTLEBERRY ISD'S VISUAL *Texas Art Education Association*

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) announced the 68 winners of the 2023 District of Distinction Award. Among the list of honorees is Castleberry Independent School District. The districts received the honor for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity

criteria as evidenced from data.

The visual arts program in Castleberry ISD is a robust program that enjoys a great deal of support from the district. Every Castleberry ISD elementary student in grades pre-K through 5 receives 50 minutes of high-quality visual art instruction each week. Additionally, all secondary students in grades 6 through 12 have access to continue their visual arts education with Advanced Placement offerings at Castleberry High School. The district has 7 fully certified visual arts educators with a vertically and horizontally aligned visual arts curriculum.

"Visual Arts education is an integral component of our students' academic and personal growth, and the district is committed to providing our students with a comprehensive Visual Arts Program," emphasized Renee Smith-Faulkner, Castleberry ISD superintendent of schools. "Starting in pre-kindergarten, all elementary students participate in music and art through fifth grade. Our district recognizes the profound benefits of participating in the visual arts and is dedicated to ensuring our students have access to this invaluable resource."

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and build social emotional learning that connects learners to their community and beyond.

TAEA is the leading advocate for the visual arts in the state. The organization has previously honored outstanding TAEA members for work in their classrooms and districts. This is the fifth year that TAEA is honoring districts that meet rigorous



Front row (Left to Right): Jazmin Gonzalez (Castleberry High School), Amanda Cox (A.V. Cato Elementary), and Isabel Rocha (Joy James Academy of Leadership). **Back row (Left to Right):** Jason Brown (Irma Marsh Middle School), Greg Robinson (Irma Marsh Middle School), Rachel Cecil (Castleberry High School), and Tracey Haynes (Castleberry Elementary).

ARTS PROGRAM EARNED

District of Distinction Award

Over 1,200 districts were eligible to apply for the 2023 award. Each district submitted documentation they met from the 14-point rubric over the 2022-2023 school year. Only 68 districts met the high standard and will receive the outstanding honor indicating they are in the top 5.5 percent in art education of districts in the state.

The award application highlighted several notable achievements of the district's visual arts program from the previous year. One remarkable accomplishment was the submission of 10 out

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of 12 students who passed the AP Art Exam with a perfect score. This marked the first instance of such achievement in the school's history. Notably, a student from Castleberry High School emerged as the exclusive winner of the TAEA State Flag Contest among all participants across the state of Texas.



"Being counted among the top visual art programs in the state of Texas is a testament to how Castleberry ISD values and supports visual arts education in our wonderful district. It is an additional honor to be the only 4A district in the state to receive this honor in 2023," said Steven Moss, Castleberry ISD director of fine arts.

Castleberry ISD exhibited widespread participation in both the TAEA Visual Art Scholastic Event and the Texas Elementary Art Meet. Many students obtained perfect scores in these events, with representatives from elementary, middle, and high school advancing to the state level. Impressively, Castleberry ISD displayed its dominance by securing victories in all four categories of the Lions Club District 2E2 Red Ribbon Poster Contest for Visual Artists.

"Castleberry Independent School District has set a high standard for visual arts advocacy, integrated visual arts curriculum, encouraged creativity, community participation and student growth," said the Chair of the Visual Art Administrators of Texas, a division of TAEA, Sandra Newton. "It is a true testament to your visual art educators' skill, dedication, and flexibility that the quality of their programs continue to provide strong and comprehensive visual art educational experiences to students."

Sixty-eight school districts, including Castleberry ISD will be honored at the TAEA Administration & Supervision Division meeting and General Session during the TAEA Fall Conference General Assembly on Friday, November 17, 2023.



THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S LIONS CLUB DRUG
AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST IS
"THE DANGERS AND/OR CONSEQUENCES IN THE USE
OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS."

**THE LIONS CLUB, ALONG WITH CASTLEBERRY ISD, WOULD
LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE CISD STUDENTS AND THE
FOLLOWING ART TEACHERS WHO PARTICIPATED:**

**JASON BROWN
RACHEL CECIL
AMANDA COX
JAZMIN GONZALEZ
TRACEY HAYNES
GREG ROBINSON
ISABEL ROCHA**