

ARTWORK BY WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH STUDENT WILL BE DISPLAYED IN U.S. CAPITOL

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that “Rush Hour,” a drawing by Loretta Liu of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, has won the 2012 Congressional Art Competition for the 12th District of New Jersey. Liu’s artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building alongside work by other high school artists from across the country, and she will be invited to join Rep. Holt in Washington, D.C. for a ribbon-cutting ceremony later this year.

The overall runner-up, “Clothesline,” a painting by Juliette Chen of East Brunswick High School, will be displayed in Rep. Holt’s New Jersey office.

Rep. Holt said, “I congratulate Loretta and all of the winners in this year’s Congressional Art Competition. Their work demonstrates great creativity, talent, and originality, and I am honored to showcase their efforts.”

Since 1982, the annual Congressional Art Competition has showcased exceptional art pieces by high school students from many of the nation’s 435 Congressional Districts. Artworks selected by each Member of Congress are displayed for one year in a gallery in the Cannon Tunnel, the passage that connects the U.S. Capitol with the House office buildings. The tunnel is traveled by Members of Congress, staff, and visitors on a daily basis, and the gallery is a prominent attraction on Capitol tours.

The art competition was judged by an independent panel of New Jerseyans with recognized artistic expertise: Pam Mount, former mayor of Lawrence; Andrea Honore, director of fund development at the Arts Council of Princeton; Maria Evans, community arts manager at the Arts Council of Princeton; Ann Marie Miller, executive director of ArtPrideNJ; Katherine Hackl, artist and owner of Swan Street Studio in Lambertville; and Dot Paolo, owner and director of Rabbet Gallery, Inc. in North Brunswick.

A full list of winners is below.

Grand Prize Winner

“Rush Hour” by Loretta Liu, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, Art Teacher Mary Atlas

Medium: Painting

3rd Place: “Anger” by Cassandra Weeden, South Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Betty Ann Snediker

2nd Place: “Tropics” by Anna Rose Waniak, South Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Kathleen McMillan

1st Place: “Clothesline” by Juliette Chen, East Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Matthew McCarthy

Medium: Drawing

3rd Place: “Aspiration” by Evgenia Dementyeu, Gemma Art Foundation, Art Teacher Anna Neis

2nd Place: “High Jinks” by Rachellanne Galang, South Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Laurie Budhu

1st Place: “Rush Hour” by Loretta Liu, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, Art Teacher Mary Atlas

Medium: Print

2nd Place: “Spots and Leaves” by Sneha Sareen, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, Art Teacher Jane Proulx

1st Place: “Untitled” by Elle Wilson, Princeton High School, Art Teacher Mollie Murphy

Medium: Mixed Media

3rd Place: “Just Looking at Birds” by Emily Charniga, East Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Dianne Belnay

2nd Place: “Untitled” by Raisha Friedman, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Art Teacher Nathan Leventhal

1st Place: “Deception” by Lucy Davis, West Windsor High School North, Art Teacher Jane Proulx

Medium: Computer Generated

3rd Place: "Use a Key to Get to the Real Me" by Deanna Washington, The Hun School, Art Teacher Stacy Collingham

2nd Place: "Laundry" by Jen Liu, Stuart Country Day School, Art Teacher Madelaine Shellaby

1st Place: "Night Parade" by Wenjia Tang, Stuart Country Day School, Art Teacher Madelaine Shellaby

Medium: Collage

3rd Place: "Face" by Ashley Perez, East Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Anna Grace Kasten

2nd Place: "Living in Splendor" by Tola Han Chen, East Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Anna Grace Kasten

1st Place: "Pinched" by Nivetha Kannan, South Brunswick High School, Art Teacher Dianne Belnay

Medium: Photography

3rd Place: "Mother and Family" by SuJung Jo, The Hun School, Art Teacher Stacy Collingham

2nd Place: "Audrey" by Emily Seymour, The Pennington School, Art Teacher Caroline Hall

1st Place: "Carousel on the Seine" by Vanessa Li, Stuart Country Day School, Art Teacher Phyllis Wright