

## **Press Release**

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## Paris High School art students win top awards

The Paris High School VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) Team competed recently in the Regional Competition against over 500 regional entries and over 25,000 entries across the state. The four Paris High School students in Gail Hogue's art program competed with six artworks and won three Gold Medals, two 2nd place awards, and one 3rd place award.

Mario Munguia won a gold medal in black and white drawing and 3rd place in painting. Caitlyn Harrison won a gold medal in scratchboard drawing and 2nd place in painting. Meredith Thrasher won a gold medal in black and white drawing. Brianna Lacaze won 2nd place in painting.

Entries are judged with an oral interview (30%) and the artwork evaluation (70%). Overall, only 10% of the Regional entries received gold medals. Only 5% percent of the gold medal winners in the Area advanced to state.



PHS Vase Team members photographed from left are Meredith Thrasher, Mario Mungia, Caitlyn Harrison, and Brianna Lacaze. Their art teacher is Gail Hogue.