
Art Throw Down Invitational

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2021 Art Throw Down Invitational Award Winners

Animation

Hanako Barker

1st Place
North Atlanta

Ahva Mina

2nd Place
Midtown

Emily Albritton

3rd Place
West Forsyth

Art History

Malori Switzer

1st Place
Midtown

Broday Weiss

1st Place
Midtown

Tatyana Wilson

2nd Place
Spencer

Jaqueline Harvey

2nd Place
Spencer

Caroline Friedman

3rd Place
North Atlanta

Virginia Jacobs

3rd Place
North Atlanta

Ceramics

Morgan Chang

1st Place
West Forsyth

Riley Mullen

1st Place
Columbus

Erika Rames

1st Place
Coffee

Morgaux Wade

2nd Place
North Atlanta

Caitlin Miller

2nd Place
North Paulding

Ifama Frazier

2nd Place
Midtown

Tori Sellers

3rd Place
Columbus

Kayell Rumph

3rd Place
Peach County

Carrina Adams

3rd Place
Hardaway

Digital Drawing

Matten Rossi

1st Place
Midtown

Cein Scott

2nd Place
North Atlanta

Taylor Grunz

3rd Place
West Forsyth

Drawing Chiaroscuro

Gabby Dennis

1st Place
Peach County

Kaya Fitzpatrick

2nd Place
Spencer

Macuenzie Wharton

3rd Place
Columbus

Drawing as Performance**Abby Smallwood**

1st Place
North Paulding, Spencer

Constance Long

1st Place
North Paulding, Coffee

Ezra Roberts

2nd Place
Midtown, Hardaway

Adeline Hallowan

2nd Place
Midtown

Aisling Mahony

2nd Place
Midtown

Cade Tramel

3rd Place
Columbus

Patricia Brown

3rd Place
Columbus

Graphic Design**Manuel Galvan**

1st Place
North Paulding

Sophia Maxim

2nd Place
Midtown, Columbus

Leo Duggan

3rd Place
North Atlanta, Peach County

Instillation

Emma Barber

1st Place
Coffee

Adrianna Blackwell

2nd Place
North Paulding

James Washington

3rd Place
Midtown

Metalworking

Christina Spires

1st Place
Coffee

Avery Cole

1st Place
North Paulding

Emma McClure

1st Place
Columbus

Charlee Sharpe

2nd Place
West Forsyth

Elliot Ortiz

2nd Place
Hardaway

Trey Harris

2nd Place
North Atlanta

Byayan Martinez

3rd Place
Peach County

Brandon Alston

3rd Place
Spencer

Isabelle Perry

3rd Place
Midtown

Photo

Sara Sasser

1st Place
Midtown

Helena Pitts

2nd Place
Hardaway

Lauren Andrews

3rd Place
West Forsyth

2022 Art Throw Down Invitational Award Winners

Team Winners

North Gwinnett HS

1st Place

Kendrick HS & Chamblee HS

2nd Place

Denmark HS, North Oconee HS & Columbus HS

3rd Place

Mara Saunders

Most Value Artist
Alexander HS

Art History

North Oconee

1st Place

Columbus

2nd Place

Chamblee

3rd Place

Ceramics

Itama Frazier

1st Place
Denmark

Morgan Chen

2nd Place
North Gwinnett

Kelis Kim

3rd Place
Denmark

Chiaroscuro Drawing**Sophia Pernsley**

1st Place
Peach County

Li lin

2nd Place
North Gwinnett

Nadia Cho

3rd Place
Chamblee

Digital Drawing**Nicholas Sprinks**

1st Place
St. Anne-Pacelli

Idalyss Dumas

2nd Place
Kendrick

Elliot Ganas

3rd Place
North Oconee

Form and Figure**Jennifer Najera**

1st Place
Hardaway

Storm Farris

1st Place

Jimin Song

2nd Place
North Gwinnett

Jhohanna Canchola

2nd Place
Kendrick

Brooke Barazza

3rd Place
Chamblee

Samantha O'Neil

3rd Place
Chamblee

Graphic Design

Galijha Ellis

1st Place
Kendrick

Sons Sisodiya

2nd Place
South Forsyth

Karlyce Burgess

3rd Place
Spencer

Intro to Metalworking

Alex Miller

1st Place
Chamblee

Alex Spiegel

1st Place
Midtown

Darian Byrom

1st Place
North Oconee

Yuchen Wang

1st Place
South Forsyth

Jennifer Ceron

2nd Place
Peach County

Kaniya Felson

2nd Place
Hardaway

Mia Erasmus

2nd Place
Denmark

Alyssa McLendon

2nd Place
Coffee

Tatyana Moorer

3rd Place
St. Anne-Pacelli

Emma Fluharty

3rd Place
Alexander

Emma McClure

3rd Place
Columbus

Ethan Choi

3rd Place
North Gwinnett

Zi King

3rd Place
Alexander

Moving Still Life

Madison Greenwood

1st Place
Columbus

Margaret McNally

2nd Place
Chamblee

Mara Saunders

3rd Place
Alexander

Photography

Yunna Kim

1st Place
North Gwinnett

Sarah Sasser

2nd Place
Midtown

Lauren Glor

3rd Place
South Forsyth



The Columbus State Art Department is proud to host the sixth annual High School Art Throw Down Invitational!

Select your best and brightest art students to compete in the annual Art Throw Down Invitational and be part of history as they compete in various categories ranging from two- and three-dimensional media to animation and graphic design. In each competition, students will be taught a specific skill by CSU faculty for a 30-minute period and then be given 2 hours to create a work of art by incorporating what they have learned.

Give your book-loving and creative writing students a chance to shine in the annual Art Throw Down Invitational, where they can compete in tests of knowledge about literary genres ranging from fantasy and Sci-fi to canonical lit or match their skills against other students in creative writing and recitation categories, including spoken word and Poetry Out Loud. In each competition, students will be taught a specific skill by CSU faculty for a 30-minute period and then be given 2 hours to create a work of art by incorporating what they have learned.

Friday, November 7, 2025

Registration opens September 15 and will close October 6, 2025

Registration Information

Registration Opens: Monday, September 15, 2025

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2025

Registration fee: \$50.00 per team

[Registration Form](#)

Workshop Registration

- [Workshop Descriptions](#)
- [Student Workshop Sign Up Form](#)

Send checks to the following address
(payable to the CSU Department of Art):

Columbus State University
Department of Art
4225 University Avenue
Columbus, GA 31907

Waiver Form

All students participating in the Throw Down must have a [signed waiver](#) in order to compete in the event.

Location

Columbus State University
Department of Art
RiverPark Campus Corn Center for the Visual Arts
[920 Front Avenue, Columbus GA, 31901](#)

Schedule of Events

Arrival and registration: 1 p.m.

Workshops: 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Judging and Reception: 4 – 5 p.m.

Awards Ceremony: 5 – 5:30 p.m.

Departure: 5:30 p.m.

Calendar and Important Deadlines

Registration Opens: Monday, September 15, 2025

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2025

Event and Awards Ceremony and Results: Friday, November 7, 2025

Workshops: TBA

Special Notice: All students participating must wear close-toed shoes and pants—*no shorts*. If a student arrives to the Throw Down not dressed appropriately they will not be allowed to participate.

Most Valuable Artist Award Push Pin Show and Scholarship

Please have your students prepare a piece of art based on the following prompt:
Ocean sounds

- 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional work will be accepted, dimensions should not exceed 12” in height width or depth.

- Teachers will bring their students' work to the event and hang their students' pieces while the students are in their workshops.
- The Most Valuable Artist Award will be given during the awards ceremony and comes with a \$5,000 scholarship as long as the student meets the requirements to attend CSU.

What You Need to Do Beforehand

Select your best art students to be part of a twelve-person art competition team with two alternates in the event of the unforeseen (14 students total). Make selections based on skill level and in specific disciplines. Competitive categories can range from two- and three-dimensional media to animation and graphic design.

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If you are interested in taking part in this event or if you have any other questions feel free to contact:

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