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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### National and State Awards for Kimberly High School Scholastic Award Winners

#### **Kinley Hammatt Earns Silver Key National Medal and State Awards, Kyle Gietman and Jordanne Thiel Also Receive State Awards**

**Kimberly, Wis. – March 15, 2017** – Several KHS students and their families attended the Scholastic Art Awards at the Milwaukee Art Museum on February 11, 2017, where student artwork from the state was recognized in the Scholastic Arts Exhibition. Three Kimberly students were surprised with five honorary state awards in addition to the 18 Honorable Mentions, Silver, and Gold key awards announced in January. Kinley Hammatt received the Museum of Wisconsin Art Award and a family membership to the Milwaukee Art Museum. Kyle Gietman was awarded the Milwaukee Art Museum Docent Award and the Mary E. Kelley Award. Jordanne Thiel was awarded the Peter and Wendy Crawford Award.



Kinley Hammatt was awarded a Silver Key National Award, American Visions Award and the Museum of Wisconsin Art Award for her painting "Maren."

Kinley also received the American Visions Award, the highest honor of the show, and was selected as the regional winner. Scholastic Art states the criteria for American Visions Award “exemplifies originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.”

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Her painting “Maren” was selected from over 3,700 initial entries to represent this region for Scholastic Art. She, along with four other students in the state of Wisconsin, had their artwork juried for national recognition. On March 14, 2017, it was announced that she was awarded a Silver Key National Medal for her painting. The National Young Artists Awards will be presented in New York City at Carnegie Hall on June 8, 2017.

Kinley’s painting “Maren” was created with a great level of thought and depth as a way to honor her friend’s experience and to reach out to teens who may suffer from body image and eating disorders. In her artist statement, she hopes to help others find strength from within to develop a healthy relationship with themselves. For more information about The Scholastic Art Awards, please visit [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).

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