

# NHS artists to state

By Brenna Mock

Two Norwalk High School students won at the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition: the first state winners from NHS since 2016.

Seniors Petra Montana and Sophia Ward will have their art featured in the exhibition in Columbus.

Regional judging took place on March 2 and state judging took place on March 9 at Hilliard Davidson High School.

Artwork by 11,500 students from 1,112 schools was submitted. From there it was narrowed down to 2,500 students at the regional judging. Three hundred students' art pieces were chosen to be a part of the exhibit at the final stage, including Montana and Ward.

NHS submitted 33 pieces of art from 22 students. Regional winners were sophomores Sevanna Keegan, Kara Mosser, Tracy Silcox and Nancy Sommers; juniors Dylan Castle, Devin Dellinger, Bree McGlaston, Angela Olivarez-Ramirez and Cale Ours; and seniors Leonela Escobar, Abby Marchione, Alyssa Walsh, Montana and Ward.

For a picture of the regional winners, see page 3.

Ward's winning project was a ceramic piece called Lemon Lime Surprise.

"I felt happy when I found out," she said. "I never thought I'd do something like that."

The piece took about two weeks and was made out of white clay and glaze.

"I love that art is something I can make from my own mind," Ward said. "There were often rubrics and criteria but in the end it's all about what your personality is like to make the piece really work."

Ward said she has loved art since kindergarten.

"I can remember loving to draw and color since about kindergarten and how excited I would be when we got clay in art class."

Ward said she does not plan to continue art as a career, but plans to keep doing it as a hobby.

"The winning piece that Sophia entered showed great control of clay as a medium and her attention to detail and craftsmanship really helped to make the piece stand out in judging. She has always had great control of 3D art and is creative in her design and color choices," art teacher Tracy VanBuskirk said.

Ward created the project in VanBuskirk's ceramics class.

Ward's favorite artist is junior Dylan Castle.

"I've never seen such talent and such a good personality wrapped up in one person," she said.

Montana's winning piece was called Neo Nineteenth Century.

The piece was made out of acrylic paint and a canvas.

Montana has been a lover of art since she can remember.

"It felt very satisfying winning," she said. "I've been working [to win] for three years."

Montana said it took a month to create her winning project.

"I am so proud of her. She has worked very hard in all of her art classes all four years," art teacher Rachel Hipp said. "It's only fitting that she has one of the best 300 pieces in the state of Ohio."

Montana created the painting in Hipp's painting class.

She said she plans to continue art as an art therapist and sees herself treating patients with art.

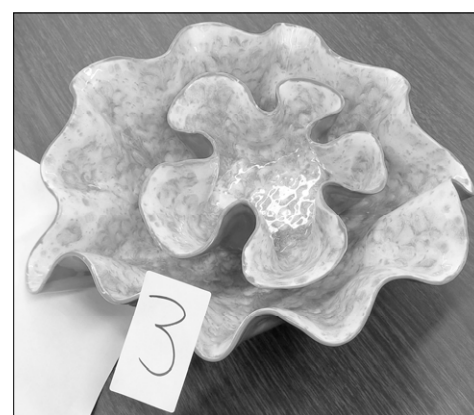
"My favorite part about art is seeing something in my head come to life through a medium," Montana said.

"I get goosebumps thinking about it," Hipp said about the winning pieces.

The exhibit opens April 22 at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower and closes May 16.



Submitted photos  
**Neo Nineteenth Century** (above) was made by Petra Montana. Lemon Lime Surprise (below) was made by Sophia Ward.



# Norwalk's newest sensation

By Olivia Schaffer

Recently, you may have been seeing a familiar face on the news. Senior Ethan Lindenberger has been making headlines as his story becomes more popular.

In November, Lindenberger took to Reddit to get advice after making the decision to get vaccinated after he turned 18. Lindenberger said that at first, his story did not blow up. After a small science magazine picked up his story, things began to snowball.

Lindenberger said he has done close to 200 interviews and has been featured on news outlets such as BBC, MSNBC, The Washington Post, USA Today, Fox and CNN. He had also testified in front of Congress and par-

ticipated in a TED conference. He added that his favorite interview was with an Australian radio station.

Traveling to Washington, D.C., to testify in front of Congress interfered with school, Lindenberger said. He added that his grades have not gone down but it was difficult to catch up and he would not recommend missing a week of school.



Photo from Twitter.com  
**Senior Ethan Lindenberger** testifies in front of Congress.

He got invited to speak to Congress by Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander's office. He said that he was asked over Facebook and was given a week notice.

After much preparation and stress, Lindenberger gave his testimony to Congress. He will travel to at least four different states in the next couple months for interviews, speeches and meetings.

"My situation could easily be replaced with someone else," Lindenberger said.

He added that the best part of his experience has been that he did not do much to get to where he is. As a result of his story and more debate about vaccinations, Facebook has changed their policy regarding anti-vaccination posts and information by making it more difficult to find false information pertaining to vaccinations.

Lindenberger's future plans are to become a pastor. He will attend Calvary Chapel Bible College next year and will continue to spread his story. He said he may also go to law school and become involved in politics, eventually running for the House of Representatives.

# TLC and students dance for the kids

By Mascie Horner

Teen Leadership Corps (TLC) hosted the fifth annual Dance Marathon at Norwalk High School on March 30.

The event started at 8 p.m. and ran until 6 the following morning. Students enjoyed competitive games as they stood "for the kids" as the night went on.

Activities at Dance Marathon included basketball, quidditch, car smash, volleyball and dodgeball.

Juniors Ben Penrose and Quinn Jaworski and senior Anna Little added an escape

room to the event this year, which was also a big hit.

After the night was complete, NHS raised approximately \$7,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.

Senior TLC member Jalyn Moore said the night was very successful.

"Everyone was very pleased with the amount of support we got throughout the night. A lot of people came and it was both fun and successful," she said.

Over the past five years, TLC's Dance Marathon has been able to raise more than \$45,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.



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**Juniors** (front from left) Grace Albright, Allison Fry, (back from left) Gabe Hainline, Brianna McGlaston, Tyler Hall, Claire Kelley and Colin Bement stop to pose for a picture at Dance Marathon.

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Next school year, E sports are coming to Norwalk High School. Read about them on page 7.

## Successful winter seasons



Winter sports had successful seasons. Read up on news about state on pages 12-13.