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## Students Celebrate the Arts in Statewide Video Contest

Olympia, WA – Vashon Island High School and Oakland Bay Junior High School (Shelton) took first place in their respective categories in the inaugural Washington State Board of Education student video contest.

The online video contest challenged students to create videos that defended the importance of arts education in school. Videos were evaluated on multiple factors, including cinematography, creativity, and effectiveness in showcasing student art.

“The videos demonstrated how students’ school arts experiences were enhancing their lives and the lives of others,” said AnnRene Joseph, Program Supervisor for the Arts at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

All videos were judged by the two student representatives of the Washington State Board of Education: Anna Laura Kastama (Tacoma) and Jared Costanza (Pasco).

The contest, which started March 1, 2010, came to end on May 3, 2010. All 28 entries are available on the State Board of Education [YouTube channel](#) for viewing. The top videos are highlighted on the State Board of Education’s [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

The Washington State Board of Education will undertake a new student video contest in March of 2011. Students fifth grade and up are eligible to compete.

### The Results

Finish	School	Name	Judges' Comments
1 <sup>st</sup> Place (High School)	Vashon High School	Leah Andrews, Corrine Pruett, and Conrad Pearson	The judges were impressed by its professionalism and ample student voice.
1 <sup>st</sup> Place (Middle School)	Oakland Bay Junior High	Coreless Fletcher, Colby Fuller, and Priscilla Ramirez.	In addition to the outstanding choir and perspective, the judges were especially impressed with the insight into the importance of the arts.
Honorable Mentions – In No Particular Order			
	Vancouver School of the Arts and Academics	Hayley Frahm & Heather Ferguson	What the judges said: "I like the signs at the end of the video that gave the quotes of the importance of art; I really liked the opening."
	Redmond High School	Claire Asplund, Rachel Kim, and Angela Page	What the judges said: "I really liked the music and the opening. Very, very well done; Interesting beginning with the tape; Loved the tope with writing shown at the beginning, very cute; The color pallet used the same

			concept; The art does the talking; Very creative and memorable."
	Evergreen High School	Jesse Rainey, Preston Smith, and Josh Whitehead	What the judges said: "Connecting the paranormal to the arts - freaky cool; Great beginning; Creative and fun; This video was very funny and creative. The students were passionate and showed their personalities; They really understood the topic and did a good job conveying the importance of arts in a fun and creative way."
	Vancouver School of the Arts and Academics	Chance Eichner, Austin Horjus, and Cole Hansell	What the judges said: "Absolutely fantastic examples of student art; Great teacher and student perspective: Very, very well done and an absolute pleasure to watch."
	Vancouver School of the Arts and the Academics	Aaron Henry	What the judges said: "I liked the focus on certain performances and artwork; very well edited; Very good video, expressed student arts, had a clear adult and student perspective."
	Evergreen High School	Eric Drigger, Chris Grove, and Caroline Haper	What the judges said: "I want a trench coat; Good movie feel with a soundtrack to boot; Loved the black and white before art was introduced and then the flashes of color as he experiences feelings and emotions."
	Redmond High School	Andrew Pang, Melissa Boyer, and Maddie Kinzer	What the judges said: "Video is incredibly creative. Loved the puppets, especially the piano playing; Really fun."
	Cascade High School	Chad Sepe	What the judges said: "Video was very professional; Really understood the topic; Students really expressed the importance of the arts in their loves. Loved the choir in the background; Choir sounded great."
	Vancouver School of the Arts and Academics	Rachel Lee	What the judges said: "Solid editing; Looks like they used a lot of time on this video; This was very good."
	Redmond High School	Kim Koyo, Jorel Murray, and Andrew Spencer	What the judges said: "Very impressive musicians; Clearly had fun making this; Enthusiastic group; Liked the ending where everyone was laughing and having fun; Shows the fun of the arts."
	Heritage High School	Bryce Baxter	What the judges said: "Cool opening; Lots of impressive editing; Loved the music in the background and all the examples of student art work/video; visually

			appealing; Very limited student perspective though; Needed more student interviews than teachers; Beginning catches the eye."
	Whitman Middle School	Sophia Peck	What the judges said: "Good ideas. If there was student voice and adult voice added, it would of made the video perfect; Clearly showed the importance of art; I appreciate the different camera angles."

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