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Guerin Prep Students Win First Place in the 5th District Annual Congressional Artistic Discovery Competition

Senior Matt Kopf of Chicago has kept up the Guerin Prep tradition of being named the winner of the 5th District Congressional Artistic Discovery Competition.

Congressman Michael Quigley, whose office sponsors the contest, awarded Matt first place at a ceremony May 9. His winning painting will be on display for one year in the United States Capitol Building along with the winning pieces from all 435 congressional districts.

Kopf received the first-place certificate as well as all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for two in order to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony when the artwork is put on display in June.

Kopf is the fifth student to win first prize since Guerin Prep became co-ed in 2004. The other winners are last year's winner Agatha Waranka of Elmwood Park; and Elizabeth Pina, 2009, Kristy Alexander, 2008, and Christina Casey, 2006, all of Chicago.

Kopf's piece, a landscape in watercolor and acrylic, was painted for Mr. Tom Susin's art class.

At the awards ceremony, Congressman Quigley presented all contest participants with a recognition certificate. In all, Guerin Prep had 25 students submit an entry for the contest.

The other Guerin Prep artists are Seniors Adriana Bialas, Joe Garstki, Danielle Golab, Anna Gurgul, Anna Kross, Eduardo Linares, Gianna Marzec, Rudy Melgar, Samantha Mistretta, Grace Pflaumer, Jake Pielli, Coraima Rosario, Rolando Rodriguez, Derek Rogoz, Rhiannon Taylor, Lauren Tisza, Victoria Williamson and Bryan Worman, all of Chicago and Mia Pamiias of Melrose Park.

Juniors are Jaime Saavedra, Melissa Shore and Karina Villanueva of Chicago.

Freshmen are Rachel Del Baccio and Gino Parlich, both of Chicago.

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