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**PIUS XI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ART STUDENTS EARN 108 AWARDS  
IN THE 2024 REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING COMPETITION**

*5 of the 10 Gold Senior Portfolio Awards awarded in Wisconsin went to Pius XI student artists.*

**(MILWAUKEE, WI)** Pius XI Catholic High School is proud to announce that Pius XI student artists received the highest number of awards (108) in the state for the 2024 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, surpassing every other school in Wisconsin. Freshman through Senior artwork was selected and in addition to the 5 Gold Senior Portfolio Awards for the State, Pius XI student artists also received 4 Silver Key Portfolios, and 2 Honorable Mention Portfolios.

The following 44 Pius XI Catholic High School students were recognized in the 2024 Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Competition: Myles Allen '24, Annelilya Beecham '24, Jada Bell '25, Migdalia Braun '25, Ethan Clardie-Hook '25, Ethan Cobb '25, Daisy DiCarlo '25, Lillian Coleman '24, Charles Elliott '24, Yazmin Fernandez Chavez '25, Lucy Finch '24, Anne Hemsworth '26, Anabela Herrera '24, Rhodesia Hill '24, Michael Ivy '24, Kayami Jackson '24, Jennifer Kasal '24, Keiko Kennedy '25, Ava Knudson '24, Brigid Koth '26, Zofia Kraszewski '26, Mia Leannah '24, Alexandria MacDonald '24, Anna Miler '24, Alexandria Moton '24, Jacqueline Mueller '25, Selena Olivero '25, Nayeli Ortiz-Castillo '25, Olivia Pagel '24, Morgan Parr '25, Julieris Roman Martinez '24, Hannah Rose '24, Isabella Saur '24, Adeline Sheets '27, Ali Smith '27, Michael Stempel '24, Kayla Teague '25, Megan Tervoort '26, Sydney Tezak '26, Jade Webster '25, Noella Weger '25, Maya Wilder '24, Mehandis Wolaver '25, Isabel Woods- Sweeney '24.

Congratulations to all of our young artists on their individual awards: 24 Gold Keys, 30 Silver Keys, and 43 Honorable Mentions. Pius XI Visual Art students will also be exhibiting their work at Fine Arts Night on March 26, 2024, from 7 - 9pm at Pius XI Catholic High School, 135 N. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53213.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition is the nation's longest-running annual competition and recognizes prestigious student artists statewide and features Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention, American Voices Nominee, and American Visions Nominee awards. Regional gold key entries are automatically considered for national gold medal, silver medal with distinction, silver medal, and scholarship awards. The Scholastic Visual Art Awards – Wisconsin Exhibition will be on view February 24 through April 7, 2024, at the Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

[Ethan Clardie-Hook – Gold Key, Drawing & Illustration](#)

[Charlie Elliott – Gold Key, Fine Art Portfolio](#)

[Jackie Mueller – Gold Key, Drawing and Illustration](#)

[Isabella Saur – Gold Key, Fine Art Portfolio](#)

[Kayla Teague – Gold Key, Painting](#)

[Maya Wilder – Gold Key Fine Art Portfolio](#)

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***About Pius XI Catholic High School***

Founded in 1929 by the School Sisters of St. Francis and the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, Pius XI Catholic High School offers a values-based education of extraordinary breadth and quality that is grounded in the traditions of those founding orders. Today, Pius XI is Milwaukee's and Southeastern Wisconsin's most diverse co-educational Catholic high school, serving a student body of approximately 730 students. Pius XI's college preparatory programming provides students with Advanced Placement courses; a nationally-recognized, four-year Fine Arts program; a four-year Project Lead the Way Engineering program; and a Special Studies program with certified special education teachers for students with learning disabilities. Pius XI offers 24 athletic programs and more than 24 co-curricular activities. For more information visit <http://www.piusxi.org>.

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