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New Mexico Art Students Take Center Stage in Washington

SANTA FE – The artwork of New Mexico’s students will be center stage at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. throughout the month of August. The “New Mexico: Best of the Best” exhibit is currently showing and features 66 pieces of art work from students in Albuquerque, Bloomfield, Hobbs, Gadsden, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, and Tucumcari, as well as state charter schools. The New Mexico Art Education Association (NMAEA) received a late-hour opportunity from the U.S. Department of Education to put on the exhibit. Under normal circumstances, organizations are given several months and sometimes years to prepare for similar shows. However, the NMAEA was able to respond within just a couple of months.

“We’re very proud of each of these students and are excited their work will receive this honor,” said New Mexico Public Education Department Secretary-Designate Hanna Skandera. “These students and organizers deserve all the credit in the world.”

Note to media – For information on NMAEA and pictures of the artwork, please contact Michelle Lemons at mlemons85@live.com.

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