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MVCTC Student, Rachel Leathers, Wins Grand Prize in 8th District Congressional Art Competition

Clayton, Ohio – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Graphic Arts senior, Rachel Leathers (Chaminade Julianne) won the grand prize in Congressman Boehner's 2011 8th District Congressional Art Competition. Rachel's white color pencil and graphite piece was selected for top honors after judges reviewed 156 entries submitted by 116 students from 22 area high schools. Her piece will hang in the U.S. Capitol for a year along with other winners from around the country. Rachel also won a trip to Washington D.C. in June for the national Awards ceremony. She will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design in the fall on a four-year renewable scholarship.

"Our judges had a very difficult decision to make with the number of gifted high school artists participating in this year's competition," said Boehner. "Congratulations to Rachel and all of the contestants for their hard work and amazing talents."

MVCTC other graphic art students earning prizes in the the 8th District Congressional Art Competition included:

- Jacquelyn Wagner (Miami East) won 2nd place for her work
- Taylor Bellomy (Wayne) won an Honorable Mention
- Bridget Mescher (Versailles) won an Honorable Mention

According to Congressman Boehner's website, "The 2011 Congressional Art Competition", An Artistic Discovery," aimed to showcase the artistic talents of 8th District high school students".

MVCTC is extremely proud of Rachel, Jacquelyn, Taylor, and Bridget for their work and professionalism. To learn more about the MVCTC award winning Graphic Commercial Art program, please visit www.mvctc.com.

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