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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS RECEIVE TOP RATINGS
AT REGIONAL VISUAL ARTS SCHOLASTIC EVENT;
CAROLL MAYS ADVANCES TO STATE COMPETITION**

Texarkana, TX – Texas High School students participated with 400 other students from Region VIII in the 11th Annual Region VIII Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) held on February 24 at Pleasant Grove High School bringing home 19 Superior Ratings.

Sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association, VASE provides the opportunity for students to bring artworks created in their art classes to a regional event where they are interviewed by a certified juror who evaluates their work based on a standards-based rubric and their understanding of the art processes involved in the development of their artwork. The jurors look for originality of concept, technical expertise, understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and the interpretation of the student's stated intent.

Jurors evaluate the student artwork using the following standard: Rating 4 Superior; Rating 3 Excellent; Rating 2 Average and Rating 1 Below Average. Students compete on four different experience levels depending on the credits in art that the student has received at the time of the regional event.

Caroll Mays, senior, who received a Superior Rating 4 will advance to the State competition with her ceramic artwork on April 13-14 at Texas A&M University – College Station.

Students receiving two Superior 4 Ratings for their entries are: Hannah Cochran, Jordan Johnson and Preston Reed.

Additional students receiving a Superior 4 Rating are: Oralia Basurto-Ruiz, Celeste Dart, Maria Gabriel, Sarah Hacker, Autumn Huckabee, Hannah Klopper, Joanne Lee, Sedric Martin, Kayla McKee, Morgan Norfleet, Krista Petty, Tiffany Richardson and Sha'Ti Sumpter.

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