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**THS SOPHOMORE, GINGER MOORE, AWARDED GOLD SEAL
DURING STATE VISUAL ARTS EVENT**

Texarkana, TX – During the Texas Arts Education Association Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE), Ginger Moore, Texas High School sophomore, was one of 150 State Qualifiers honored with a Gold Seal for her artwork. Over 1,500 state qualifying students attended the event that was held in Bryan, TX on April 4.



As a Gold Seal award winner, Moore's work received a Rating IV – Superior during the state event which then made her eligible for consideration for the highest honor in VASE. State VASE Jurors select artworks that represent the goals of VASE and exemplary examples of concept, technique, craftsmanship and creativity in student artwork. Students selected as Gold Seal winners receive a Gold State Medallion and their artwork is exhibited in a variety of venues across the state, culminating with the Gold Seal Exhibition at the Annual TAEA Fall Conference.

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Moore's "Chained Off" mixed media work is a powerful piece that focuses on animal cruelty. Her art features a charcoal drawing of a dog along with plywood and found objects reflecting abuse to animals.

"As a volunteer at the Texarkana Animal Shelter, I have seen so many cases of animal abuse," commented Moore. "My point of the piece is to help people realize that abuse is happening every day. Despite the lack of media coverage, it is important that we continually be aware of animal cruelty and take the necessary steps to have stronger enforcement of local/national cruelty laws and advocate in the fight against animal abuse."

Moore lends her artistic talents to the Artisans Gallery and has donated several pieces of art as auction pieces to raise money for area shelters. She has studied art since pre-school and loves trying new techniques and medias. Moore is the daughter of Rhenee & Phillip Moore.

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