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Jeff,

Here is the info on Noelle's award and a statement by Richard. Thanks for doing this!

Mary

This is the award that Noelle won for one of her photographs:

American Visions & Voices Medal: Works selected from the American Visions & Voices nominees as the national "Best in Region."

Judging Criteria

Works are reviewed by professionals in the visual and literary arts for 1) Originality, 2) Technical Skill, and 3) Emergence of a Personal Vision or Voice.

See this page for background:

<http://www.artandwriting.org/Alliance/About>

While this is not Noelle's first recognition by the Scholastic Art and Writing Award's organization, it is the highest level of recognition that a student from Cape Elizabeth High School has achieved to date. To be awarded this honor on a national level is a tremendous achievement and brings recognition not only to Noelle, but to her school and teachers.

"I have had Noelle in a visual arts class since her Freshman year, often in more than one class consecutively. Besides being one of the most gracious and humble human beings that I have had the pleasure of meeting in my teaching career, she is dedicated, self-disciplined and has truly found her "bliss" in the process of making art. It continues to be an honor for me to participate in her journey." RR

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