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Johnstown, PA- U.S. Rep. John Murtha has announced that he will once again sponsor "An Artistic Discovery," an annual national high school art competition conducted by members of the House of Representatives. The contest provides members of Congress with the opportunity to showcase the talents of their creative high school constituents and acknowledge the nation's gifted young artists.

All high schools within the 12th Congressional District have been invited to participate. Local entries must be submitted by May 1 to one of the congressman's district offices. A list of office locations is available on Congressman Murtha's Web site at <http://www.house.gov/murtha/contact.shtml> .

The works will be judged by members of the art faculty of California University of Pennsylvania, with an awards ceremony scheduled at the college's Mandarino Art Gallery at 1 p.m. May 11. The winning artwork will be displayed in the Capitol complex in Washington, D.C., and the artist and a guest will be invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 28.

"It's a pleasure to conduct a competition that allows Southwestern Pennsylvania's young artists to display their talents and compete with their peers across the region," Murtha said.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the competition. Since it was created in 1982, hundreds of thousands of high school students have participated at the local level. The winning entries from last year's successful competition hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol Building.

For additional information regarding the competition, student release forms or art competition official guidelines, please contact Joseph Yankovich in Congressman Murtha's district office in Johnstown toll-free at (800) 289-2642.

[2006 Art Competition Guidelines \(pdf\)](#)

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