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NEVER FORGET THE DEBT YOU OWE TO ALL THOSE WHO
 HAVE COME BEFORE YOU.
 H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



photo by Jim Bocko

These HHS students in Juanetta Bocko's art class are pictured at the awards ceremony held Saturday in the Abraham Art Gallery on the Wayland Baptist University campus in Plainview. WBU is host of the West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibition. Pictured, l to r, are Justin Garcia, Honorable Mention; Nola Puente, Silver Award winner; Mrs. Bocko; Marissa Mendez, Gold Key Award Winner; and Monique Ayala, Gold Key Award Winner. (Not pictured is Candyce Neudorf, who was in a robotics competition in Amarillo for Hart High School.)

Five HHS Students Receive Honors At Art Competition

Five students in Juanetta Bocko's art class at Hart High School entered art exhibits in the West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition on display Jan. 9-30 in the Abraham Art Gallery on the lower level of the Learning Resources Center on the Plainview campus of Wayland Baptist University.

The five are Justin Garcia, junior, who received honorable mention; sophomore Candyce Neudorf, honorable mention; Nola Puente, junior, Silver Award winner; Marissa Mendez, freshman Gold Key Award Winner; and sophomore Monique Ayala, Gold Key Award Winner.

The Gold Key Award winners qualify for the national competition that is judged in New York City and usually displayed at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. Students compete on a national level for scholarship money and prizes. The national awards ceremony is held in May at the Kennedy Center.

The competition at Wayland included a 20-county region in West Texas. Junior high and high school students competed in various categories, including painting, photography, drawing digital art, fashion design, jewelry, video production and more. There were more than 450 pieces in the exhibit, and many

more were submitted for judging online.

Mendez's entry is a ceramic gas mask; Ayala's entry is a Day of the Dead mask. The five students were recognized in a ceremony in the Gallery on Saturday afternoon.

**Ladyhorns,
 Longhorns In Hunt
 For Playoffs**
 (See inside.)



photo by Gloria Godino

WINS FIRST PLACE - This robotics team from Hart High School captured first place in the advanced arena of a contest held Saturday at the Region 16 Service Center in Amarillo for those schools serviced by the Center. Team members are, l to r, Alexcia Calderon, Lilly Ramirez and Camarie Neudorf. Also pictured is the class teacher and coach, Rob O'Connor. The Texas Computer Education Association Mindstorms Challenge for the 2014-15 school year, titled "Food Frenzy," is designed around the theme of food, growing food and harvesting food through robotics. The team's robot, Nova, was designed to bring water to a regular food growing area, manage food pod units in a super-fertile area of a farm, grow the experimental food and harvest the grown food. Some Texas farmers in the most drought-stricken areas of Texas have called out to TCEA to help them develop more efficient ways of managing these resources in an automatable and scalable fashion. TCEA has funded a research team to investigate biologic solutions, but has turned to schools to help provide the robotic solutions. Investigating and implementing new ways to grow food, manage resources and bring the harvest to market can reduce America's dependence on other countries. In 2013, according to TCEA, the United States imported over 21 million metric tons of fruits and vegetables to feed its people. HHS fielded two other teams: Abigail Rosas and Candyce Neudorf came in fourth, and the trio of Jaime Rivera, Alicia dela Cruz and Chico Barron placed sixth. The first-place team will compete in the state competition on May 2 in Dallas. Hart also had a first-place team last year.