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Congressman Jerry Moran presents Katie Wolters with the Best in Show award for her drawing "Girl Undefined" in the 2009 Congressional Art Competition.

RUSSELL - Congressman Jerry Moran this week announced the winners of the 2009 Congressional Arts Competition who were honored at a ceremony at the Denies Cultural Center in Russell. The annual competition showcases the artistic abilities of Kansas high school students. This year, more than 100 entries were submitted from 11 schools throughout the First Congressional District. The art will be on display at the Denies Cultural Center now through May 17.

"Art has a central role in fostering the creativity and enhancing the education of our students," Moran said. "I congratulate all the winners and the participants and thank Denies Cultural Center of Russell for hosting the event."

This year's competition was divided into six categories: painting, drawing, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art and photography. Katie Wolters, of Osborne, received Best of Show for her drawing entitled, "Girl Undefined." Katie's artwork will be on display this year in the U.S. Capitol. Joel Auer, also of Osborne, received Runner-Up for his mixed media piece entitled, "Triangular Escapade," and Jacy Porter of Little River received Honorable Mention for his photograph, "Farmer's Helper."

The winners of each category are as follows:

Painting:

First Place: Samantha Schmidt, Colby High School

Second Place: Danielle Dougherty, Little River High School

Drawing:

First Place: Sarah Emigh, Wheatland High School

Second Place: Dayna Shaw, Wheatland High School

Collage:

First Place: Jordann Seirer, Lucas-Luray High School

Second Place: Emily Douglas, Sacred Heart High School

Prints:

First Place: Taylor Thibault, Osborne High School

Second Place: Callie Ellwood, Little River High School

Mixed Media:

First Place: Joel Auer, Osborne High School

Second Place: Roxanne Nelson, Little River High School

Computer Generated Art:

First Place: Jennifer David, Hays High School

Second Place: Wendy Williams, Little River High School

Photography:

First Place: Jennifer David, Hays High School

Second Place: Roxanne Nelson, Little River High School

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