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EIGHT SANTA CATALINA SCHOOL ARTISTS WIN NATIONAL AND LOCAL AWARDS

MONTEREY, Calif. – March 14, 2008 – Santa Catalina School in Monterey, California, is proud to announce that eight student artists have recently won awards in local and regional art shows.

Creative writing and art pieces from Santa Catalina School students were among 100,000 entries judged in the *Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2008*, and among the 10 percent to win Gold Key awards. Three Santa Catalina students were awarded regional Gold Keys for their exceptional artwork. The winners were **Amber Clarke** for painting, **Ariana Patterson** for ceramics and glass, and **Rosemary Hall** for two printmaking pieces (winner of two Gold Keys).

The regional Gold Key winners will go on to be judged at the national level with the results to be announced in April. The *Scholastic Art and Writing Awards*, administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, offers creative teenagers recognition, exhibition and publication opportunities as well as scholarships.

Locally, four Santa Catalina Students received praise in the *Youth Art Competition* at the Walter Lee Avery Gallery in Seaside. Santa Catalina School entered 15 pieces in the *Youth Art Competition* and won the following five awards: **Kristina Wasserman**, first place for sculpture; **Rachael O'Leary**, first place for graphics; **Rosemary Hall**, honorable mention for graphics; **Amber Clarke**, second place for painting; and **Lauren Boczek**, honorable mention for photography.

The *Youth Art Competition* promotes students' talent and aims to give the community hope for the future of Art in Schools. Entries will be on display through March 28 at the Walter Lee Avery Gallery, located inside the Seaside City Hall. Santa Catalina students also have artwork on display at the Cherry Center for the Arts in Carmel as part of the *Thinking Out Loud* exhibit, which runs through March 30.

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About Santa Catalina School

Santa Catalina School is dedicated to the education of young people between the ages of 4-18, giving careful consideration to the individual abilities and potential of each child. The school's mission is to balance intellectual growth with spiritual awareness, creativity with order, and individuality with compassion. Santa Catalina School is enriched by the diversity of socioeconomic, religious, geographic, and cultural backgrounds represented by students and faculty. The Upper School includes boarding students from 14 states and 9 countries. Local students come from not only the Central Coast, but also from cities as far away as Gilroy, King City, Santa Cruz, San Jose and Santa Clara. For more information visit www.santacatalina.org or call 831.655.9300