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### **AHS Students' Art On Display At State Capital Exhibit Celebrating Youth Art Month**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – March 16, 2010** – Ashwaubenon High School seniors Austin Knoll and Kelsey Ryan have their art on display at the State Capitol Youth Art Month Exhibit sponsored by Wisconsin Art Education Association. The digital self portrait, “Eyes of Obsession” by Kelsey Ryan and the colorful marker and colored pencil drawing titled “Nerf Guns” by Austin Knoll will be on display from March 6<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

These student works were juried into the state show from the regional show by artist, teacher, and founder of the ARTgarage Sandi Van Sistine. March 19<sup>th</sup> marks the day of the exhibit closing and the award ceremony where Kelsey Ryan will receive the Sax Arts and Crafts Award.

Youth Art Month (YAM) is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Established in 1961 and sponsored by the Council for Art Education, Inc., YAM provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are not possible in other subjects. Art education develops self-esteem, appreciation of the work of others, self-expression, cooperation with others, and critical thinking skills. All of these skills are vital to the success of our future leaders – our children.

Youth Art Month is sponsored by the Wisconsin Art Education Association and the Council for Art Education, Inc. Awards at the exhibit are supported by William T. Graham, NASCO, Sax Arts and Crafts, and Wisconsin Alliance for Artists and Craftspeople. Donors include the Wisconsin Alliance for Artists and Craftspeople, EJ Gunther, Jack Richeson & Co., Inc., Dick Blick art materials, and General Pencil Company, Inc.

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