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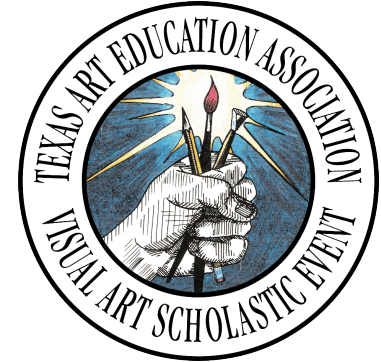
THE MISSION OF THE TAEA VISUAL ARTS SCHOLASTIC EVENT IS TO RECOGNIZE EXEMPLARY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS BY PROVIDING ART STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE IN WHICH TO ACHIEVE.

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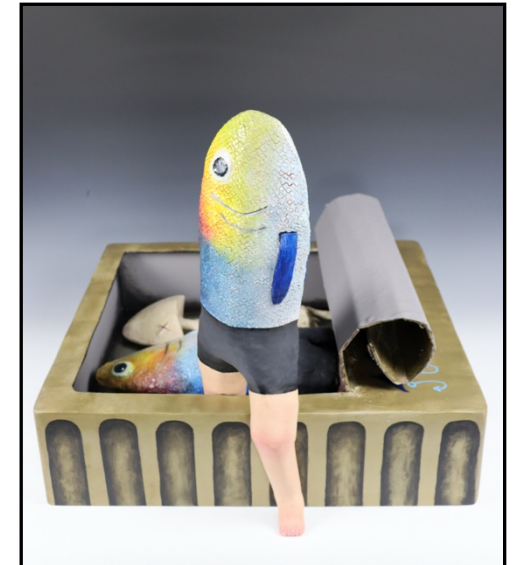
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STATE VASE

APRIL 25, 2026

SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL
SAN MARCOS, TX



2025 Gold Seal Recipient
Cielo Garcia
The Sar-Three

Young Women's Leadership Academy
Region 20E

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Special Thanks:

Jerry's Artarama
Blick Art Materials
School Specialty

Noteworthy Locations

Art Supply Vendors (Front Foyer Area and Cafeteria)
TAEA / VASE Merchandise, Information, and Lost & Found (Cafeteria)
SMHS Booster Organization Food Booths (Cafeteria & Courtyard)
Nurse / First Aid (Main Street of San Marcos HS)

VASE State Event Program

Saturday, April 25, 2026

- 7:15** **Teacher Check-in: Main Street of SMHS**
All teachers officially check in with Regional Director at this time. All participants wear an official VASE ID badge while on site.
- 7:15** **On-Site Workshop Registration: Library of SMHS**
Teachers may register students for available workshops.
- 8:00** **Orientation & Welcome: SAC Field**
- Director Recognition
 - Spirit of VASE Award
 - Gold Seal Awards (*Designated student seating in front.*)
 - Outstanding Artwork and Memorial Scholarship Awards (*Designated student seating in front.*)
- Award Ceremonies are a special time for students.
Please remain seated until the presentation has concluded.
- 9:45 - 11:00** **Sessions I and II: Workshops and Portfolio Review**
11:15 - 12:30 Various Campus locations; please see school map for details. Students show ID Badge before entering a workshop.
- 9:30-2:30** **Student Exhibitions: 2D – Competition Gym; 3D – Practice Gym; Gold Seal Exhibit– SAC Gym**
- 12:30** **Lunch-on your own:** Food vendors which support student programs at SMHS or off-site
- 12:30-2:00** **College & University Portfolio Review: Room 905**
An informal open forum. No previous registration is needed.
- 2:30** **Student Exhibitions Close:** (Exit all exhibitions at this time)
Collect artwork after the Closing Awards Ceremony.
Collect Scholarship Workshop Artwork:
3D in Room 900; 2D at Teacher Checkout at Main Street of SMHS.
- 3:00** **Closing Awards Ceremony: SAC Field**
The Awards Ceremony is a special time for students. Please remain seated until the presentation has concluded.
- 3:30** **Collect VASE Artwork (after Closing Awards Ceremony):**
Will be released by region / sticker color to collect artwork.
2D – Competition Gym; 3D – Practice Gym
Teachers and students will be released by their **HS VASE Region / Designated sticker color**. Each teacher can bring 2 helpers to collect artwork. Name badges required. All other guests remain in SAC Field.
- 4:00** **Artwork and Teacher Checkout: Main Street of SMHS**
Directions provided in teacher check-in envelope and online.