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The 32nd Annual Mahaska Whitley High School Show: LeMoyne Arts Awards nearly \$4,000 in Scholarships *Exhibition on view through March 30, 2019*

Tallahassee, FL – (March 9, 2019) Over 400 students, parents, teachers, and special guests from the community gathered at LeMoyne Arts for the 32nd Annual *Mahaska Whitley High School Exhibition Opening Reception & Award Ceremony* that took place on the evening of **Thursday, March 7th**. High school students across Tallahassee had an opportunity to enter their art into this highly-anticipated competition for a chance to win awards ranging from gift cards to scholarships. This local tradition is open to all Leon County high school age students from public, private and home schools. **This year LeMoyne Arts awarded nearly \$4,000 to the winners.**

Award categories include; *Emerging, General and Senior*. This year LeMoyne Arts debuted the *Matt Callahan Memorial Scholarship Award*, that was established in memory of Matt Callahan, a talented artist who tragically lost his life in 2018. His family and friends established a legacy scholarship program in the artist's name, that is an additional award given out each year. Additional winners received gifts from the **Ann Kirn Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mad Dog Construction, Capital City Bank and Conn Architects. 2019 winners include:**

Senior Portfolio Scholarship Winners:

Matt Callahan Legacy Award – **Amari Lopez** (SAIL)
Ann Kirn Memorial Award - **Erin Polivka** (Chiles)
Mad Dog Construction Award - **Abbie Bucholz** (Chiles)
Julian & Betty Proctor; Ken & Carol Allman; Charles & Cynthia Tunicliff – **Isabella Rose** (SAIL)
Conn Architects and Associates Award - **Cheyenne Nick** (Lincoln)
Capital City bank – **Joi Berry** (Lively)

General Exhibiting Artist Award:

Gabriella Morales (SAIL)
Ryan Cake (SAIL)
Roman Le (SAIL)
Eva Mitcham (FSUS)
Alexandra Blackney (FSUS)
Yanelli Perez (FSUS)
Kate Kirchoff (Chiles)
Rachel Howard (Leon)
Nori Gammons (FSUS)
Hannah Yang (Chiles)
Lauren Fleischer (Maclay)
Ava Tillman (SAIL)
Casey Hoogerhyde (Lincoln)

Emerging Artist Award:

Valerie Johnstone (Chiles)
Gabby Carroll (FSUS)
Rylee Weatherford (Chiles)
Lindsey Gray (Maclay)
Stella Sutton (Chiles)

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Founded in 1963, LeMoyne Arts is a fine art gallery and venue for art education and appreciation activity for the citizens of north Florida and South Georgia. It promotes and advances education, interest and participation in the contemporary visual arts. The Lemoyne Arts complex covers nearly an acre located in Tallahassee's Park Avenue Historic District of Tallahassee and encompasses the restored 1854 Antebellum Meginnis-Monroe House, an education building and lush sculpture garden.

LeMoyne Arts is currently accepting gifts for the 2020 High School Show. For additional information about the *Mahaska Whitley Student Exhibition: High School Art & Senior Portfolio Competition*, its scholarship program and LeMoyne Arts visit: www.lemoyne.org or email education@lemoyne.org.