



# Murals, Memes, Memories

## *D-T art students compete at HC Mural Day*

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HASTINGS – On Sept. 11th, art students from all over Nebraska met up at Hastings College for their annual Mural Day competition.

This year, Doniphan-Trumbull brought five of their best Advanced Art students to compete, junior Layne Haba and seniors Karly Varah, Casey Nelson, Elisa Schellino and Cade Shultz.

While D-T didn't bring home the championship - Sandy Creek walked away with the trophy, runner up was Omaha Burke and third place was Kenesaw - students enjoyed the opportunity to show off their talents.

"My favorite part about Mural Day was being able to get out of school and getting coffee in the morning, but I also had fun testing and improving my art skills," Haba said.

This year, 36 schools participated in the event. Each school is allowed to bring a team of two to six students so 200 students participated in the competition. The teams were given three and a half hours to complete their masterpieces.

This year, the fourth annual competition, the theme was memes. The theme was not revealed until the day of the competition, so the students had to brainstorm quickly in order to maximize their painting time. At the end of the allotted time,

judges, who were senior art majors, score all of the murals and the top three win a prize. First place is awarded a glass trophy and a student art exhibition at Hastings College's Jackson Dinsdale Art Center. Second and third place winners both receive a glass trophy to take home and show off at their school.

"The most challenging part was when it started to rain, and we had to move everything indoors, so we were starting to work on a time crunch," Varah said.

Mural Day can be a great opportunity for students to learn how to cooperate with their team members to get the job done in the most efficient way possible. These young artists can also use this opportunity to express themselves in a very creative way. Mural Day is a terrific experience for all art students, but it's especially good for seniors who are considering majoring in art because, at the end of the day, Hastings College offers a couple of different opportunities for scholarships.

D-T's art teacher Mrs. Stacey McCarty explained the benefits of the event.

"Mural Day is such a great opportunity for students because they can see what it's like to be in a college classroom," she said. "They are taken on a tour of the facility, so they get to see what it's all about. They also get the chance to create something without the pressures of school and grades."

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**D-T's Advanced Art Students show off their completed masterpiece from Mural Day.**