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Washington, DC – On Saturday, Rep. Ben Ray Luján announced the winners of the Congressional Art Competition. Michelle Dinkel of Los Alamos High School won first place for her piece, “Flower Child.” The Congressional Art Competition is held annually, allowing members of Congress to showcase the talent and creativity of their high school constituents. The winning entry from each Congressional District is displayed as part of an exhibit in the United States Capitol for one year. The winner travels to Washington D.C. for a reception honoring the national winners.

“New Mexico is home to a long and storied tradition of artistic contributions,” said Rep. Luján. “People come from around the world to view the art our communities offers. Each of today’s winners are part of that proud culture and tradition. Their dedication and talent are commendable, and I hope they will continue to nurture their skills and to share their gifts with our community and beyond.”

Top finishers:

1. Michelle Dinkel of Los Alamos High School

Her piece is “Flower Child”

2. Miles Carlsten of Los Alamos High School

His piece is “Fruit and Boot”

3. Kyle Toledo of Kirtland Central High School

His piece is “Who We Are”

Honorable Mentions

Laura Garnanez of Kirtland Central High School. Her piece is “New Mexico Night.”

Samantha Cauble of Clayton High School. Her piece is “Sunflowers.”