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Tombow Announces 2020 Art Scholarship Recipients

ATLANTA – Two promising art students have been awarded Tombow’s Create Your Best Work Art Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Upon meticulously reviewing nearly 200 applications, the judging panel named Amie Xu, a recent graduate of Johns Creek High School, as the \$5,000 grand prize scholarship winner; along with Zachary Wyland, a recent graduate of Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School, as the \$2,500 runner-up.

“The compositions of Amie’s work are extremely ambitious and convey a convincing sense of an atmosphere,” said Clara Lieu, Adjunct Professor at the Rhode Island School of Design and one of the judges on the three-person judging panel. “Several pieces of her artwork showed a sensitivity toward texture surfaces, architecture, and the human figure.”

Accompanying Lieu on the judging panel were Thomas Burns, Professor of Illustration at the Savannah College of Art and Design, and Tim Jeffs, a Creative Director in publishing as well as author/illustrator and graduate of the Parsons School of Design. The judges evaluated each applicant’s submissions on composition and design, skill and technique, creativity and originality, and craftsmanship and presentation.

In addition to their scholarships, each student will receive \$500 worth of Tombow products to use in the coming academic year, and the art departments of the high schools they graduated from will also receive a \$500 package of Tombow products.

“We are thrilled to play a part in helping art students pursue their dreams,” said Tombow’s Chief Marketing Director Cathy Daniel. “We’re especially excited this year that we received so many applications from graduating high school seniors. In such a tumultuous year to graduate, we hope this scholarship can be a bright spot in jumpstarting their college careers.”

Five additional students will receive product-only awards in the amount of \$100. The students receiving those awards are Erika Sheehan, a recent graduate of Eastern Regional High School; Jaeyeon Lee, a recent graduate of Arnold O. Beckman High School; Nina Chang, a recent graduate of Cheshire High School; Savannah Meyer, a recent graduate of Lee’s Summit West High School; and Sophia Rosado, a recent graduate of Jefferson Forest High School.

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