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## **Tombow Announces Art Scholarship Recipients**

**ATLANTA** – Three promising art students have been awarded Tombow’s Create Your Best Work Art Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Upon meticulously reviewing more than 100 applications, the judging panel named Bailey Wilson, a freshman at Virginia Commonwealth University, as the \$5,000 grand prize scholarship winner; along with Aisha Auradou, a sophomore at University of Wyoming, and Sharon Yehnert, a freshman at University of Notre Dame, as the two \$2,500 runners-up.

“Bailey’s work shows mature skills on a very professional level,” said Marie Browning, Tombow’s Signature Designer and one of the judges on the three-person judging panel. “The piece “Bloom” definitely put him over the top with originality and masterful execution of the elements of design.”

Accompanying Browning 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 incredibly pleased with the interest level and many talented applications we received for our first year offering the Create Your Best Work Art Scholarship,” said Tombow’s Director of Marketing Cathy Daniel. “It’s exciting to be able to play a part in helping these art students pursue their dreams, and we are proud they will be using Tombow products as they work to achieve their career goals.”

Five additional students will receive product-only awards in the amount of \$100. The students receiving those awards are Angelina Dukhonina, a high school senior at Evergreen High School; Anna Louise Brown, a freshman at Eastern Illinois University; Avery Hartranft, a freshman at Kent State University; Kate Goodvin, a high school senior at City High School; and Phoebe Wang, a sophomore at Art Center College of Design.

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