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## **MOTHER MCAULEY ART STUDENTS PREVAIL IN POSTER CONTEST**

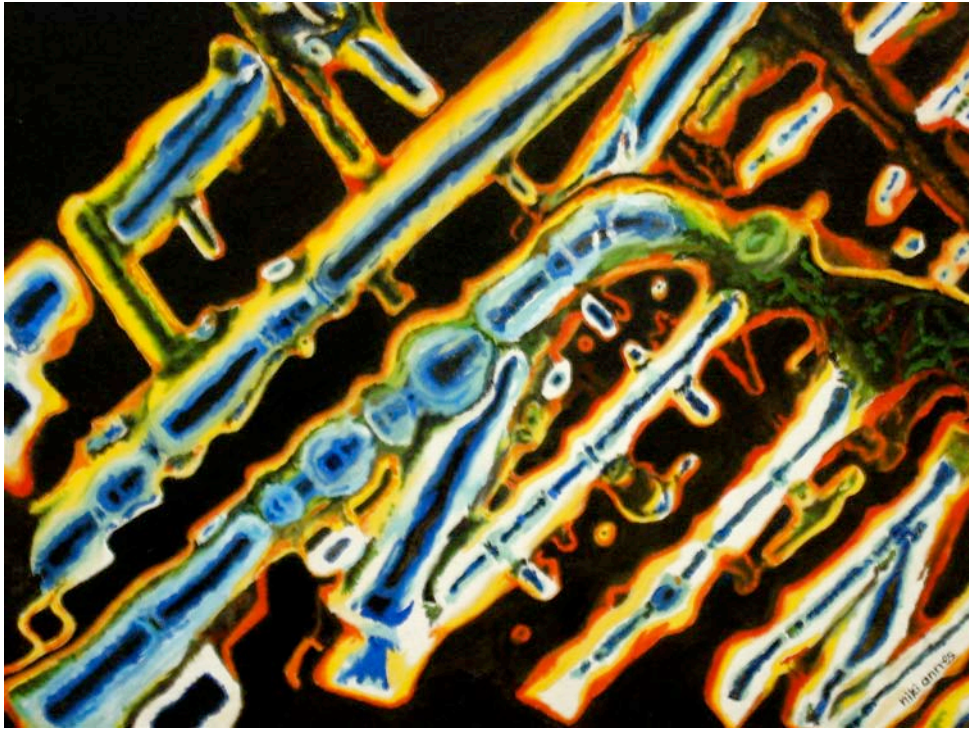
The Illinois Alliance of Art Education (IAAE) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) have selected the artwork of Mother McAuley senior Nikki Annes of Beverly to be on the 2009 Illinois Arts Education Week Poster. This is the second year in a row that a student from Mother McAuley has won the ISBE poster contest.

The theme of this year's contest was "Envisioning Our Future" through the arts. The contest, sponsored in cooperation with the Governor's Office, brought in nearly 150 entries. Senior Lauren Martinkus of Mt. Greenwood also had her artwork selected for an honorable mention award. Both Nikki and Lauren are students in Mrs. Kathy Gordon Davis' AP Studio Art class at McAuley.

The printed posters will be sent to all Illinois public and private schools to display during Illinois Arts Education Week, March 16-22. The winning artwork will also be on display at ISBE in Springfield and at the IAAE Awards Ceremony at Quad City Arts in Rock Island on March 19, 2009.



Two McAuley seniors received an award in the 2009 Illinois Arts Education Week Poster Contest. Senior Nikki Annes (left) won first place and senior Lauren Martinkus (right) received an honorable mention.



Nikki Annes artwork



Lauren Martinkus artwork