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The final phases of construction are still taking place at the new One Bethany East office building, but the lobby already has a collection of professional artwork adorning the walls. The artists of the 11 original pieces all share a common bond: they are current Allen High School students.

The developers of One Bethany, Kaizen Development Partners, collaborated with the Allen High School Arts Department to host a competition for original artwork to hang in the lobby and common areas of the new building. Kaizen announced the winners on March 5 at an unveiling ceremony for the students, along with their parents and teachers.

“As we were developing this building, we went searching for artwork to hang in the lobby, but we just couldn’t find anything that spoke to us,” said Nick Summerville, Kaizen’s Chief Operating Officer. “We then realized what a fantastic opportunity it would be to partner with Allen High School and showcase the immense talent of these students.”

The unveiling ceremony was held on the fifth floor of the office building and each student spoke about their artwork and the inspiration behind his or her piece. As each student finished speaking, the artwork was taken to the lobby. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the students and parents entered the lobby to see the artwork hanging in its final position.

The following students were honored:

- Rae McGraw, *Reflections in Glass*, First Place
- Maria A. Ortiz, *Simpler Times*, Second Place
- Sarah Clark, *Touch*, Third Place
- Piper Roman, *Mind and Body*, Honorable Mention
- Katherine Huang, *Day in a Life*, Honorable Mention
- Dora Pang, *Flowers by the Road*, Honorable Mention
- Emma Morell, *Untitled Canvas 5*, Honorable Mention
- Austin Medlock, *Hold Me Together*, Honorable Mention
- Nelle Polansky, *Sydney Opera House*, Honorable Mention
- Julia Gorthey, *Wishful Thinking*, Honorable Mention
- Somi Matthews, *Flag Deconstructed*, Honorable Mention



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