

# Youth De'VIA Competition:

2023-2024 Rules and Guidelines



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Art, No. 2 by Chuck Baird, 1993  
Acrylic on Canvas (24" by 30")

# HISTORY

With the backing of De'VIA Artists, the Youth De'VIA Competition is a joint project hosted by the Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) and Museum of Deaf History, Arts, and Culture, Inc. (MDHAC) in loving memory of Chuck Baird, known as the “*Father of De'VIA*” and alumni of KSD, class of '65.

Summer 2013: The first De'VIA Artist Retreat was held at KSD where Sandra Kelly, former MDHAC Executive Director, and Jeanne Ewald, former MDHAC Board Member, coordinated logistics and other activities on behalf of Deaf Artists. The retreat focused on discussions about developing a De'VIA curriculum and hosting a Youth De'VIA Competition because they wanted to honor Chuck Baird's dream to keep De'VIA alive for generations.

Summer 2014: A group of Deaf artists hosted their first working group seminar to initiate the development of the De'VIA Curriculum at the Rochester School for the Deaf. It has since been held annually at different schools for the Deaf for art teachers and other artists. This curriculum was intended to be free and available for Deaf schools or any programs with Deaf children. More information here: [DeVIA Curriculum](#)

Fall 2014: Sherry Gabel, a former KSD ASL teacher, and Takako Kerns, a KSD art teacher, developed ideas and guidelines for the Youth De'VIA competition. They asked MDHAC (formerly the Deaf Cultural Center Foundation) to be a sponsor, using funds from Chuck Baird's Foundation that was passed on to MDHAC by Chuck Baird in 2010.

January 2015: The first Youth De'VIA competition began across the United States with 6 schools participating and 142 pieces of artwork submitted. By 2023, the number of participants and submissions grew to a record 17 schools and 940 submissions!

Spring 2017: KSD and MDHAC agreed on a more formal partnership, where each has their own set of responsibilities such as KSD dedicating staff time to coordinate all school-related logistics for the national competition, and MDHAC showcasing annual winners in their Chuck Baird Art Gallery and dedicating a specific line item in MDHAC's annual budget for Youth De'VIA Competition expenses (honorarium fees for judges, costs of shipping artworks, and awards for winners).

January 2024: Added 1) competition fees to enhance award amounts given to winners and 2) two new groups, in Divisions, specific to Deaf Plus (as recommended by participants who attended the De'VIA Curriculum Seminar at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in 2023).

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# 1. Introduction

This Rules & Guidelines booklet is written to govern the Youth De'VIA Competition for Deaf/hard-of-hearing youths.

The purpose of this project is to promote the creative abilities of Deaf children/youth from schools all over the United States in producing De'VIA artwork describing Deaf experiences in a way that helps them learn more about themselves and their community and heritage. Best works of art, following accepted mediums as established by the committee, are chosen per age group, and results are shared with the public to highlight and raise awareness about Deaf people's experiences.

The submissions for the Youth DeVIA Competition will be done entirely through Google Drive links for photographs of artwork. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges consisting of Deaf Artists.

First-place winners will be shipped to MDHAC and displayed at the Chuck Baird Art Gallery in MDHAC. All winners will receive prizes (Amazon gift cards for secondary winners and art kits for elementary winners).

## 2. Objectives

Students will create art that expresses their experience and feelings as a Deaf/Hard of Hearing person.

Create art that includes one or more De'VIA elements:

- Deaf/DeafBlind expression of affirmation, resistance, and liberation,
- View of how they experience the world,
- Images/Motifs/Symbols of the experience, and
- Art, Activism, Aesthetics, and Authentic expressions.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

This competition is for all Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing school-aged children and youth. Young artists must incorporate one or more aspects of the Deaf experience, language, culture, or history in their submissions.

### 4. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

#### 4a. Divisions

All categories of the competition are broken down into seven groups.

1. Kindergarten & 1st grade
2. 2nd grade & 3rd grade
3. 4th grade & 5th grade
4. Middle school (6th grade to 8th grade)
5. High school (9th grade to 12th grade)
6. Deaf Plus\* (Kindergarten to 5th grade)
7. Deaf Plus\* (6th grade to 12th grade)

\*The term “Deaf Plus” is used here as a general grouping for students with additional learning disabilities and/or who are on an alternative educational track in school.

#### 4b. Categories

Artwork is submitted within these four categories:

**2D 2-dimensional:** Painting, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, and collage.

**3D 3-dimensional:** Sculpture, ceramics, jewelry making, wood making.

**PH Photography:** Black/white, color or/and digital photography.

The photography must be original and cannot be altered by adding, reversing, removing people or objects, or adding unique effect enhancements. There are acceptable exceptions: color enhancement includes increased contrast, lightening, darkening, and image cropping. Photo collage and triptych photography are also permitted.

CG Computer Generated: The application of computer graphics to create or contribute to the image.

All entries must contain copyright-free art or art released for the entrant and public use. No unauthorized use of any copyrighted images, text, or other material.

## 5. TIMELINE

Submission Period: March 25, 8:00 A.M. to March 29, 3:00 P.M., 2024

Award Ceremony: May 6th, 2024 (email PDF to art teachers)

First Place Winners' Artwork will be displayed in the Chuck Baird Art Gallery, within the Museum of Deaf History, Arts, and Culture: September 2024.

## 6. RULES AND GUIDELINES

### 6a. Rules

- Artists must submit images of their artwork in JPEG format.
- Digitals cannot be longer than 2MB, or they will not be accepted.
- Selections will be made from digital designs. Artists should provide accurate representation of work to be considered (please only one per piece).
- Students are limited to 3 entries in total.
- Students may enter more than one category. It does not matter which category is entered. Only 3 entries per student are allowed.
- Students are not allowed to copy other artwork.

Artists must submit images of their artwork in **JPEG format**.

Digitals cannot be larger than 2MB, or they will not be accepted.

Selections will be made from digital designs. Artists should provide accurate representation of work to be considered (please only one per piece). Students are limited to 3 entries in total.

Students may enter more than one category. It does not matter which category is entered. Only 3 entries per student are allowed.

This is very important! The image file name must be labeled as follows:

Category code (2D, 3D, PH, CG); title of work; student's first initial of the first name and last name; grade; school's initials

A 2-dimensional work titled "Tiger" by Chuck Baird, 12th grade for Kansas School for the Deaf should be named: **2DTigerCBaird12KSD**

**2DTigerCBaird12KSD.jpeg**

Code category Title Student's First Initial LastName Grade School's initials

## 6b. Guidelines

### EXCEL SPREADSHEET:

Submit an Excel spreadsheet.

The template and guidelines can be downloaded from [www.ksdeaf.org](http://www.ksdeaf.org) OR <https://www.museumofdeaf.org/de-via>. They also will be emailed with your invitation in October.

## 7. SUBMITTED ENTRIES:

The entry fee is \$100 per school with 5 or more student submissions. \$50 per school with 4 or less student submissions.

[Youth De'VIA Competition Fee](#)

Images and Excel spreadsheets must be submitted to [youthdevia@kssdb.org](mailto:youthdevia@kssdb.org) from March 25th, 8 a.m. to March 29th, 3 p.m. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.

## 8. JUDGING CRITERIA:

The artwork will be judged using the following criteria: originality, creativity, uniqueness, and professional quality.

Judges will look for originality, creative use of language, and use of the theme in an inventive and meaningful way.

## 9. PRIZES & AWARDS:

All teachers will be notified via email of the winners on May 6, 2024.

Awards and prizes will be mailed to schools in early May.

Prizes:

Elementary group - Art Kits

Middle/High school groups - Amazon gift cards

First-place winners' artwork will be displayed at the Museum of Deaf History, Arts, & Culture in late September. First-place winners are required to have their parent/legal guardian sign a Media Content & Release form for MDHAC; if MDHAC doesn't have a form signed, then the artwork will be shared without a name. First-place winners will be asked to create a description of the artwork to add to the museum. The De'VIA coordinator will contact the first-place winners' art teacher with the form. The art teacher will be responsible for collecting the signed form of Media Content & Release.



# 10. 2022-2023 Winners:

## 2D CATEGORY

### GRADES K-1



1st place  
"Red Eye"  
Williams  
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



2nd place  
"Growing a Flower"  
Miles  
Kansas School for the Deaf



3rd place  
"Butterfly"  
Avila  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"The Butterfly"  
Colon Ares  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick



Honorable Mention  
"Cool Bird"  
DeSiervi  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick



Honorable Mention  
"Cat"  
Barnett  
Metro Day School

**GRADES 2 - 3**



1st place  
"Light for the Deaf"  
Bradshaw  
Rocky Mountain Deaf  
School



2nd place  
"ASL in the Eyes"  
Azrelyant  
Maryland School for the  
Deaf, Frederick



3rd place  
"MERRY AMERICA"  
Caceres  
Maryland School for the  
Deaf, Columbia



Honorable Mention  
"ASL Trees"  
Marchand  
North Carolina School for  
the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Dog"  
Olana  
Minnesota State Academy  
for the Deaf

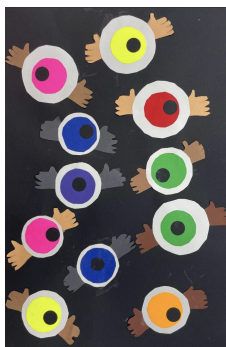


Honorable Mention  
"Train in the City"  
Johnson  
Metro Deaf School

**GRADES 4 - 5**



1st Place  
 "Flowering Hand"  
 Temple  
 Virginia School for the Deaf and  
 Blind



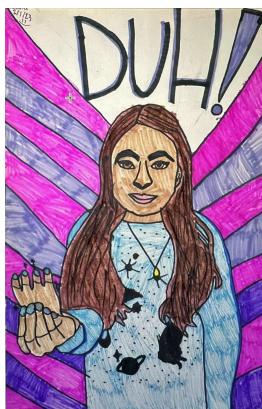
2nd place  
 "Deaf Diversity"  
 Vore  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Frederick



3rd Place  
 "Mighled Hands"  
 Bundy  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Frederick



Honorable Mention  
 "Brave"  
 Robarts  
 Wisconsin School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
 "Duh!"  
 Torres Oritz  
 California School for the Deaf,  
 Fremont



Honorable Mention  
 "Volleyball"  
 Mogni  
 Minnesota State Academy for the  
 Deaf



Honorable Mention  
 "Through Deaf Eyes"  
 Viring  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Frederick

# MIDDLE SCHOOL



1st place  
"The Flower Vase"  
Sambas

Governor Baxter School for the Deaf



2nd place  
"Train"  
Deguire-May  
Metro Day School



3rd place  
"Unequal Communication"  
Nur  
Metro Day School



Honorable Mention  
"Flower"  
Simmons VanMeter  
Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"De'VIA Always Here"  
Abdo  
Metro Deaf School

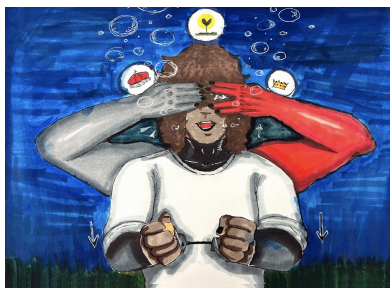


Honorable Mention  
"I'm Deaf"  
Nelson  
Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Love"  
Blanco  
Jean Massieu School for the Deaf

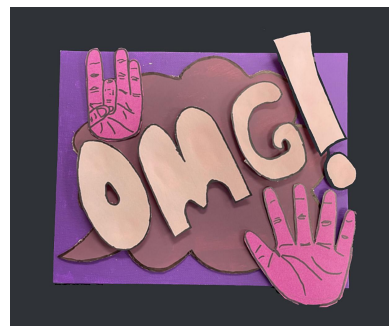
# HIGH SCHOOL



1st Place  
"Lock Down"  
Kennedy  
Model Secondary School for the Deaf



2nd Place  
"Starbucks in ASL"  
Olwal  
Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



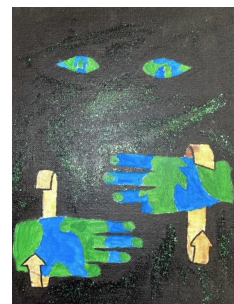
3rd Place  
"OMG!"  
Hayden  
Kansas School for the Deaf



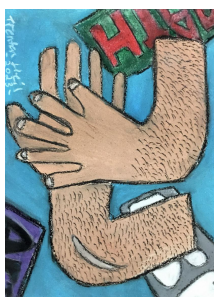
Honorable Mention  
"We Are Deaf"  
Lee  
Metro Day School



Honorable Mention  
"Growth"  
Salih  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Access"  
Brown  
Alabama School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Learn Academics"  
Heil  
Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf

## 3D CATEGORY

### GRADES K - 1



1st place  
"Wide Awake"  
Awaan  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick



2nd place  
"Facial Expression"  
Silverman  
California School for the Deaf,  
Fremont



3rd place  
"Douglas Tilden, The Sculptor"  
Lee  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick



Honorable Mention  
"FISH with a Ring"  
Leis  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Columbia



Honorable Mention  
"Tree"  
Smith  
P.S. 347 "47" The America Sign  
Language and English Lower  
School

**GRADES 2 - 3**



1st place  
 "Peacock"  
 Watson  
 Kansas School for the Deaf



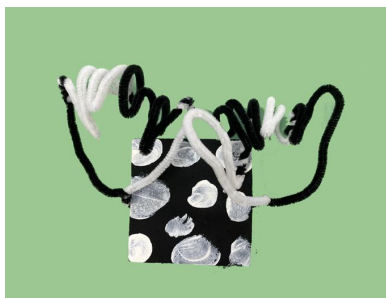
2nd place  
 "Wings"  
 Flories Cabrera  
 California School for the Deaf,  
 Fremont



3rd place  
 "Butterfly"  
 Zummo  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Frederick



Honorable Mention  
 "Look"  
 Robbins  
 P.S. 347 "47" The America Sign  
 Language and English Lower  
 School



Honorable Mention  
 "Cow"  
 Plummer  
 Kansas School for the Deaf

**GRADES 4 - 5**



1st place  
 "Ice and Fire"  
 Maugh  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Frederick



2nd place  
 "Snail"



3rd place  
 "Audists vs Deaf"

Jarez-Najera  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick



Honorable Mention  
"AWESOME"  
Goff  
California School for the Deaf,  
Fremont



Honorable Mention  
"Spread Deaf Love"  
Bundy  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick

Eberwein Zornoza  
California School for the Deaf,  
Fremont



Honorable Mention  
"I am on Diet"  
Plummer  
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"William Hoy"  
Koehn  
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



1st place  
 "Paint Magic"  
 Simmons VanMeter  
 Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf



2nd place  
 "Deaf and Hearing Worlds"  
 Reyes  
 Rocky Mountain Deaf School



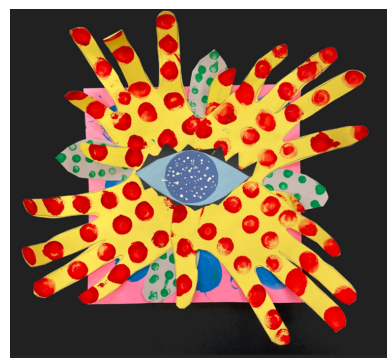
3rd place  
 "VOLCANO"  
 Conway  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Columbia



Honorable Mention  
 "Art"  
 Jones  
 Metro Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
 "Cat"  
 Smith  
 Wisconsin School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
 "Pheasant's-Eye"  
 Guadalupe-Garcia  
 Kansas School for the Deaf

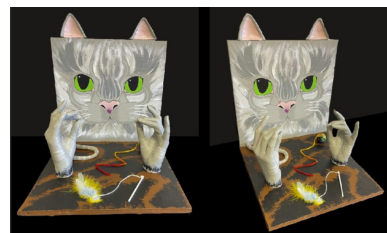
## High School



1st place  
"Submarine"  
Pejack  
Western Pennsylvania School for  
the Deaf



2nd place  
"ASL in Full Brain"  
Spurrier  
Virginia School for the Deaf and  
Blind



3rd place  
"Cat's Playtime"  
Tuttle  
Kansas School for the Deaf



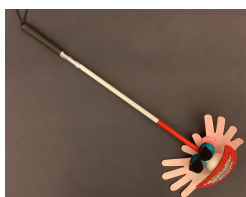
Honorable Mention  
"The Crazy Ideas in My Mind"  
Hamilton  
Minnesota State Academy for the  
Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Eye Tree"  
D'Angelo Jr.  
Model Secondary School for the  
Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Fox's Flowers"  
Westphal  
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Leading Me to Independence"  
Sanderson-Lunze  
Virginia School for the Deaf and  
Blind

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY

### GRADES K - 1



1st place  
 "A Pretty Butterfly"  
 Bolin  
 Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd place  
 "Eye Love You"  
 Rodriguez  
 Rocky Mountain Deaf School

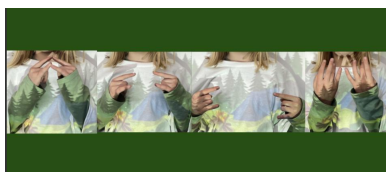


3rd place  
 "Peacock"  
 Facio-Ayon  
 Rocky Mountain Deaf School

### GRADES 2 - 3



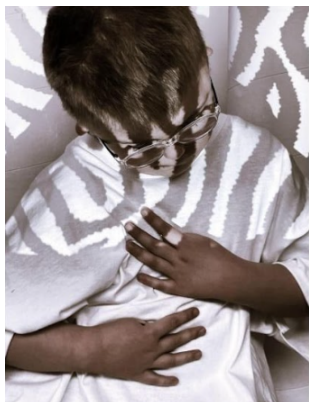
1st place  
 "FINISH"  
 Lugo  
 Maryland School for the Deaf,  
 Frederick



2nd place  
 "Campfire"  
 Daniels  
 Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd place  
 "Alien"  
 Fudge  
 Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Zebra"  
Shonkwiler  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Cloudy"

**GRADE 4 - 5**



1st Place  
"Frida Kahlo"  
Pifer  
Wisconsin School for the Deaf



2nd Place  
"House"  
Flores  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place  
"Rainbow in the Sky"  
Ruppert  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Angel"  
McCarthy  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

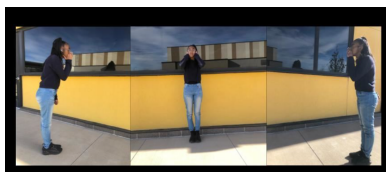


Honorable Mention  
"Vee Vee"  
Abenchuchan  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick

## MIDDLE SCHOOL



1st Place  
"Deaf vs Hearing"  
Oring  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place  
"Spoken Words"  
Wynn  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place  
"Deaf Seized"  
Kapustka  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

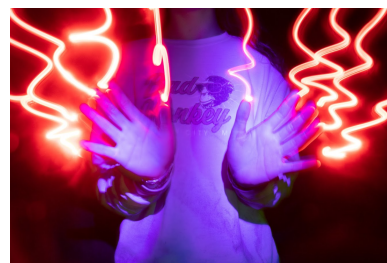
## HIGH SCHOOL



1st Place  
"Don't Ever Accept Failure"  
Williams  
Alabama School for the Deaf



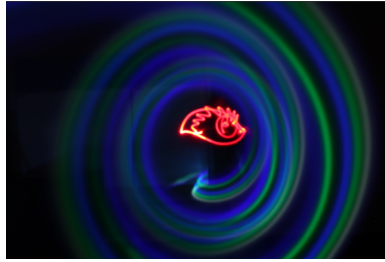
2nd Place  
"Sign Language is the Primary  
Language"  
Hayden  
Kansas School for the Deaf



3rd Place  
"Hands Glow"  
Austin  
Model Secondary School for the  
Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Make No Noise"  
Tuttle  
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Receptive"  
Vaughn  
Model Secondary School for the Deaf

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**COMPUTER GENERATED/DIGITAL CHANGED CATEGORY**

**GRADE K - 1**



1st Place  
"I LOVE YOU"  
Petersen  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



2nd Place  
"Fat Hippo at Play"  
Facio-Ayon  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place  
"Happy in Gray"  
Cortez-Contreras  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Columbia



Honorable Mention  
"Fox"  
Bolin  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

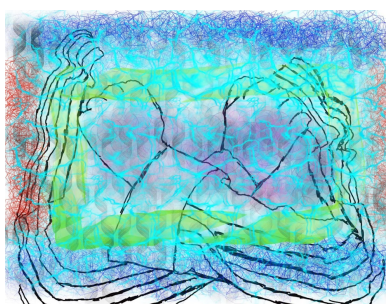


Honorable Mention  
"Me Sign"  
Coleman  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Frederick

**GRADE 2 - 3**



1st Place  
"KISS FIST"  
Sanchez Ramos  
Maryland School for the Deaf,  
Columbia



2nd Place  
"Love It"  
Gardea-Zavala  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



3rd Place  
"Pulgrtstam"  
Werner  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Heart"  
Ochoa  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

# GRADE 4- 5



1st Place  
"Two Continents"  
Blaise  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



2nd Place  
"Poppy Flower"  
Ramos-Esqinoza  
Rocky Mountain School for the Deaf



3rd Place  
"Inspire"  
Blomgren-Smith  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Crow"  
Tellez  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"F-18 Airplane"  
Markey  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Fox"  
Cardenas  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



### MIDDLE SCHOOL



1st Place  
"Shine"  
Montenegro Alvarez  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf



2nd Place  
"Flashing Headlights for  
Attention"  
Troy  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



3rd Place  
"Deaf Complexity"  
Wynn  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School



Honorable Mention  
"Jumping Rope"  
Needham  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School

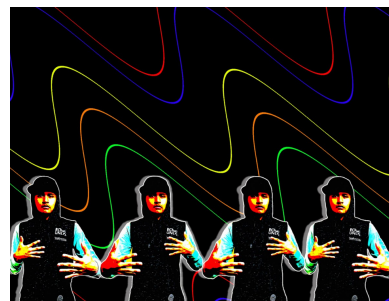
### HIGH SCHOOL



1st Place  
"Vibe"  
Cooper  
Kansas School for the Deaf



2nd Place  
"Wolf"  
Laurent  
Kansas School for the Deaf



3rd Place  
"Rock Lyrics with Passion"  
Quintin  
Kansas School for the Deaf



Honorable Mention  
"Deaf Yellow Horse"  
Gray  
Rocky Mountain Deaf School