



# Media Release

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## **Darby artists land awards weeks into school**

*(Hilliard City School District, Hilliard, Ohio)* – Artists at Hilliard Darby High School are getting out of the gates early this year. Less than a month into school, a half dozen have won significant awards.

Most recently, four Darby students swept the awards in the youth division at the Grove City Arts in the Alley show the weekend of Sept. 17. They are: Suzanne Lett, Best of Show; Dave Mrowzinski, first place; Pamela Schinner, second place; and Leanne Ratliff, third place.

On Sept. 11, Matt Clinger and Coury Stevens each won an Award of Excellence in the high school category at the art show during the Old Hilliard Street Festival.

At the Grove City showing, Lett, a junior, received Best of Show for a watercolor portrait. Mrowzinski, a senior, took first place for a lidded and high-fired glaze stoneware piece that features a twig and antler handle. For second place, Shinner, a senior, created a scratchboard piece crowded with images of skeletons and dancers. Ratliff, also a senior, created an intaglio print that took third place.

At the Old Hilliard Street Festival, Award of Excellence recipients Stevens, a senior, entered a lidded ceramic piece that was finished with horse hair, and Clinger, also a senior, submitted a mixed media collage incorporating drawings from the skeleton.

The Hilliard Darby art department, in particular, the ceramics program, is the main attraction at a “Meet the School Night” hosted by the Columbus College of Art and Design on Oct. 6 at Darby. Teachers from the region will gather to share information about art programs that are finding great success.

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***Hilliard Darby High School, 4200 Leppert Road, is one of two high schools in the district, with about 2,100 students enrolled. David Stewart is the principal.***