

## **Four POBJFKHS Art Students Have Work Displayed in State Exhibit**

*Annual Legislative Exhibit Features Selections From Students Across New York*

**PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK (MONTH, 2022)**—Four student artists from Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School have had their artwork featured in the 2022 New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) Legislative Exhibit.

Students Erin Donovan, Sophie Heichman, Gabriella Plevretes and Kayla Fischer had their pieces selected to be exhibited alongside artwork from students across the state. Kayla and Gabriella worked under art teacher Linda Curran, while Sophie and Erin worked under teacher Kelly Verdi, who also serves as co-chair of NYSATA Region 9 (Nassau County).

“We pride ourselves here at POBJFKHS on providing opportunities for our art students to become involved in local, state, and national art exhibitions and contests,” said POBJFKHS Assistant Principal Diana Beltrani. “We are always excited to hear when students have been selected to exhibit work! Congratulations to the students in this year’s NYSATA Legislative Art Exhibit. Your creativity and hard work inspire us and make us #POBProud!”

The Legislative Exhibit, normally held in the Legislative Office Building in Albany each spring, is the largest public display of student artwork in a public building in the country. This year it will remain virtual due to the Covid-19 pandemic; but students, families and administrators can visit <https://nysata.memberclicks.net/legislativeexhibit> to check out the student work online.

“Personally, I love working with the NYS Art Teachers Association on projects that support our student accomplishments and creativity,” said Dr. Ben Wiley, K-12 Director of Art & Digital Instruction for the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District. “Besides this show, NYSATA is involved in professional development for teachers, advocacy for the arts, and scholarships for students. All-in-all, we are happy for our students, as well as to be a membership district to NYSATA and its constant support of the arts in our schools.”

For more information about the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, please visit the District’s website at [www.pobschools.org](http://www.pobschools.org). Exciting activities happening throughout the District and programs celebrating student achievement can also be found on the District’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pobschools/>.

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Photo 1: Tenth grader Erin Donovan's work, *Happy Birthday*.



Photo 2: Twelfth Grader Gabriella Plevretes' *Leaving*.



