

## **Eight Plainview-Old Bethpage students earn recognition in Youth Art Month contest, including the overall winner**

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School fifth grader Marlo Connor was the overall winner in the annual New York State Art Teacher Association Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest. Marlo's flag art was selected from over 1,700 submissions and will serve as the state flag that will be hung at the 2024 NAEA Youth Art Month Exhibit in Minnesota.

NYSATA Youth Art Month is an annual contest to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

In addition to the having the overall winner, Plainview-Old Bethpage had seven students acknowledged with honorable mentions.

### **Overall NYS Winner:**

- Marlo Connor, POBMS, teacher - Daniel Poplawski

### **Honorable Mentions:**

- Eric Ronen, JFKHS, teacher - Kelly Verdi
- Ava Nadboy, JFKHS teacher - Kelly Verdi
- Sofia Lee, POBMS, teacher – Daniel Poplawski
- Anastasia Lin, POBMS, teacher, Daniel Poplawski
- Bella Zhang, POBMS, teacher, Daniel Poplawski
- Keira Xia, POBMS, teacher – James Avila
- Jordana Barth, SR, teacher – Nirel Weinstein



**Marlo Connor**  
**Title: Dream in Art**  
**Medium: Mixed Media**  
**Grade: 5**  
**Plainview - Old Bethpage**  
**Middle School**  
**Teacher: Daniel Poplawski**

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Honorable  
Mention  
High School

Eric Ronen  
Grade: 11  
POB JFK High School  
Teacher: Kelly Verdi



Eric Ronen, Honorable Mention

Honorable  
Mention  
High School

Ava Nadboy  
Grade: 10  
POB JFK High School  
Teacher: Kelly Verdi



Ava Nadboy, Honorable Mention

Honorable  
Mention  
Middle School

Sofia Lee  
Grade: 8  
Plainview - Old Bethpage  
Middle School  
Teacher: Daniel Poplawski



Sofia Lee, Honorable Mention

Honorable  
Mention  
Elementary  
School

Anastasia Lin  
Grade: 5  
Plainview - Old Bethpage  
Middle School  
Teacher: Daniel Poplawski



Anastasia Lin, Honorable Mention

# Honorable Mention Elementary School

**Bella Zhang**  
**Grade: 5**  
**Plainview - Old Bethpage**  
**Middle School**  
**Teacher: Daniel Poplawski**



Bella Zhang, Honorable Mention

# Honorable Mention Elementary School

**Keira Xia**  
**Grade: 5**  
**Plainview-Old Bethpage**  
**Middle School**  
**Teacher: James Avila**



Keira Xia, Honorable Mention

# Honorable Mention Elementary School

Jordana Barth  
Grade: 4  
Stratford Road Elementary  
Teacher: Nirel Weinstein



Jordana Barth, Honorable Mention