

13 students from DeKalb High School won gold medals at the Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Wendy Cargile

Audey English

Shelby Hansche

Katie Hornbuckle

Blaze Johnson

Jaimie Lenth

Timothy Rainer

Kelcey Reid

Nikki Roden

Kristiana Singleton

Candi Stewart

Anne Tuppen

Amanda Vaughn

Art III students, Audey English and Timothy Rainer advanced to State, which will be held in Houston on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Only 34 pieces of artwork out of 458 entries advanced to State.

VASE is a comprehensive program that encompasses many areas designed to challenge and encourage personal and artistic growth for students and teachers.

They are graded on their artwork, a personal interview with an art professional and an explanation of their artwork. The written part and interview consist of the purpose, technique, elements and principles of art, the aesthetics, critical judgment and personal expression that related to the artwork. Points range from 1-60, with a score of 1 to 4, 4 being the gold medal at the Regional Event. Another medal is given for advancing to State.

This is the sixth year that DeKalb has competed and the fourth year that DeKalb students have made it the State completion, commented Brenda Smith, the H.S. Art teacher. "I am extremely pleased with the 16 students who competed and put in so many extra hours to excel in this competition."