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CHARLOTTE, NC—Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12) will host North Carolina's 12th Congressional District 2025 Congressional Art Competition Exhibition on Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the Mint Museum Uptown to announce the winning artists and art pieces from the competition. The event is free and open to the public.

Opportunities can be made available before and after the event to speak with Congresswoman Adams on the Congressional Art Competition, or more broadly on arts and education.

WHO: Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.

Sancho Smalls, Charlotte Photographer and Competition Judge.

John and AJ Foster, "Foster's Frame and Art Gallery" Owners and Competition Judges.

Melvin Nix, Charlotte Multimediam Artist and Competition Judge.

Four winning student artists.

WHAT: Congressional Art Competition Exhibition

WHEN: Sunday, May 18 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.

WHERE: Mint Museum Uptown at Levine Center for the Arts
500 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202

WHY: Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual arts competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

Students throughout the district submitted entries to Congresswoman Adams's office and a panel of four local judges selected winning entries. The first-place winner is recognized both at the exhibition opening and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Their work is displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol.

The artwork of the three runners-up will also be recognized at the exhibition and displayed in Congresswoman Adams's Charlotte and DC offices.

The artwork of all four artists will remain on display at the Mint Museum until June 8 when they will then go to their respective locations.

For more information and press credentials, contact Congresswoman Adams Communications Director Kaleb Harmon at kaleb.harmon@mail.house.gov or by phone at (504) 206-7427.

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Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWD) Subcommittee.

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