

Darien High School Becomes Large Art Gallery for Student Works

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Darien High School felt more like an art museum Monday night as students, teachers and parents wandered hallways, open spaces, and corners of the Library for the annual 9th through 12th grade Art Show.

The week-long show opened Monday and featured senior artists and those enrolled in Advanced Placement Art classes. In all, 1,200 pieces were collected from every student who had enrolled in an art course. They included a variety of drawings, ceramics, sculptures, photographs, and paintings.

“This was a huge night for us,” said DHS teacher Jaclyn Sammis, who oversees the Art Department. “It shows all of the hard work and talent of our students for the school and community to see.”

Among the pieces on display were portraits, abstract art, Native American-inspired sculptures, wheel-thrown pottery, and landscape paintings. There also was a performance art piece that was videoed and displayed on a

monitor for attendees to view.

While students were given assignments in their art classes, how they choose to solve them through shape, form, and imagery was up to each student, Sammis said.

“The art teachers put in so much work to make this show a success. And, a huge thank you to all of the students, parents, teachers, and community who come to the show every year and support our students’ creative efforts,” she said.

— *Marc Marin is district director of instructional technology. This article is republished from the Darien Public Schools News of the Week newsletter.*