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A community of Creativity: Raising the bar on academics and design.

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Mr. Michael Klein

Dear Mr. Klein,

As I look over the attached accomplishments of your students including the awards and competitions they participated in, both nationally and citywide, I want to congratulate you. None of this would be possible without your leadership, inspiration and guidance.

Your students' success is remarkable, but not surprising, as your commitment to excellence is evident in everything you do. Your passion is clear to your students and contributed greatly to your students' recognition. Thank you for taking the classes and students on to the ComicCon conventions and the MOCCA Fest. Thank you for inviting the professionals in to talk to them, and offer advice about careers in the animation. What might seem insignificant will all add up to create a wonderful culture of learning.

I also want to offer my sincere thanks for your part in preparing for NY State CTE certification. This was not possible unless we all contributed and worked to getting it accomplished.

Your own commitment to learning through all the professional development sessions you engaged in clearly impacted very favorably on your students' outcomes.

Congratulations on your achievements and many thanks for maintaining such high standards for all.

Sincerely,

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I have received this letter and am aware that a copy will be placed on my permanent file.

Michael Klein
Attachment.

MICHAEL KLEIN CLASSROOM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Students attended ComicCon for four days in October, 2012. Students manned a booth on the convention floor.

Students attended MOCCA Fest for three days in April, 2013.

Students attended Bronx Heroes Comic Convention for two days in May.

Students attended SkillsUSA Area 5 Competition in Queens, NY in March. At that competition Christine Silvia won the Bronze Medal for Pin Design

Students attended the SkillsUSA New York State Conference for three days.

Juniors and Seniors attended the 2013 Youth Media Art Show: Screening of HS of Art & Design Student Animations at The Museum of the Moving Image.

Senior Jonathan Aleksey won the Best of Borough in the Random House Creative Writing Awards, for *Graphic Novel Jonny Issue 2*.

Tiffany Cales won the Artist Recognition in the Random House Creative Writing Awards for *Graphic Novel Mentality # 0*

Francis Genares won the AMD Game Changer Award as part of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Francis Genares won the National Gold Medal in Game Design as part of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. He received a laptop and a cash prize of \$1,000.

Jesus Diaz won a silver key for his "What if" as part of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

Jordan Best won an Honorable Mention as part of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

Tiffany Cales won an Honorable Mention as part of the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

11 students received SkillsUSA 3-D Animation & Visualization Certifications.

All students sat for the ToonBoom Certification Exam. Results are still TBA as of 6/12/2013.

Maintained <http://artanddesignhs.org> for all departments. Updates were posted on a daily basis.