CMS ART Newsletter

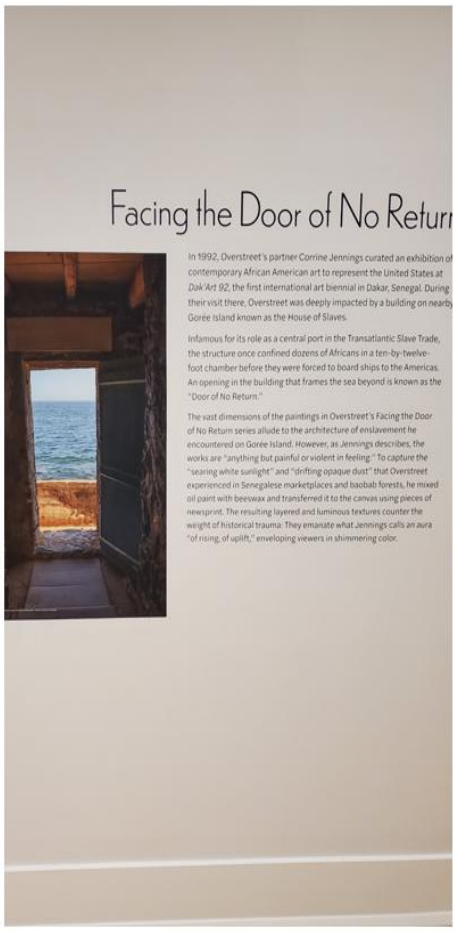
Date: May 27, 2026

MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART Presents Special Exhibition:

Joe Overstreet: Taking Flight

Cardozo Art Club Field Trip

Taking
RSTREET
Flight
Teiger Foundation
HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION


Facing the Door of No Return
In 1992, Overstreet's partner Corrine Jennings curated an exhibition of contemporary African American art to represent the United States at *Dak'Art 92*, the first international art biennial in Dakar, Senegal. During their visit there, Overstreet was deeply impacted by a building on nearby Gorée Island known as the House of Slaves.
Infamous for its role as a central port in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the structure once confined dozens of Africans in a ten-by-twelve-foot chamber before they were forced to board ships to the Americas. An opening in the building that frames the sea beyond is known as the "Door of No Return."
The vast dimensions of the paintings in Overstreet's *Facing the Door of No Return* series allude to the architecture of enslavement he encountered on Gorée Island. However, as Jennings describes, the works are "anything but painful or violent in feeling." To capture the "searing white sunlight" and "drifting opaque dust" that Overstreet experienced in Senegalese marketplaces and baobab forests, he mixed oil paint with beeswax and transferred it to the canvas using pieces of newsprint. The resulting layered and luminous textures counter the weight of historical trauma: They emanate what Jennings calls an aura "of rising, of uplift," enveloping viewers in shimmering color.

2026 JPS STEAM Expo Art Show Division

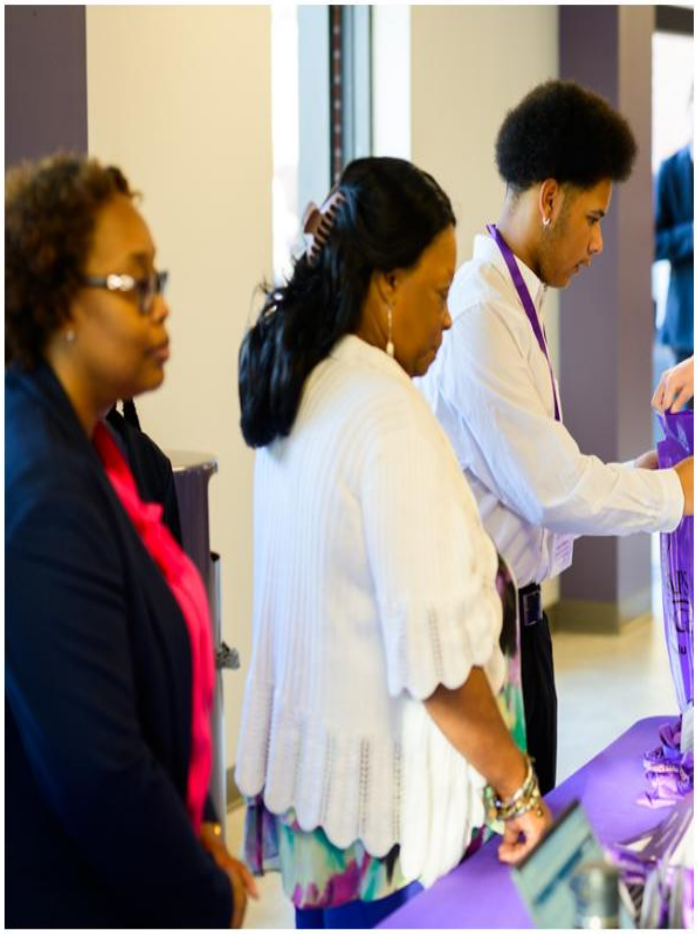
Mississippi Secretary of State's
Promote the Vote Contest 2025- theme
"**Winners Vote!"** encourages students to see voting as a team sport.

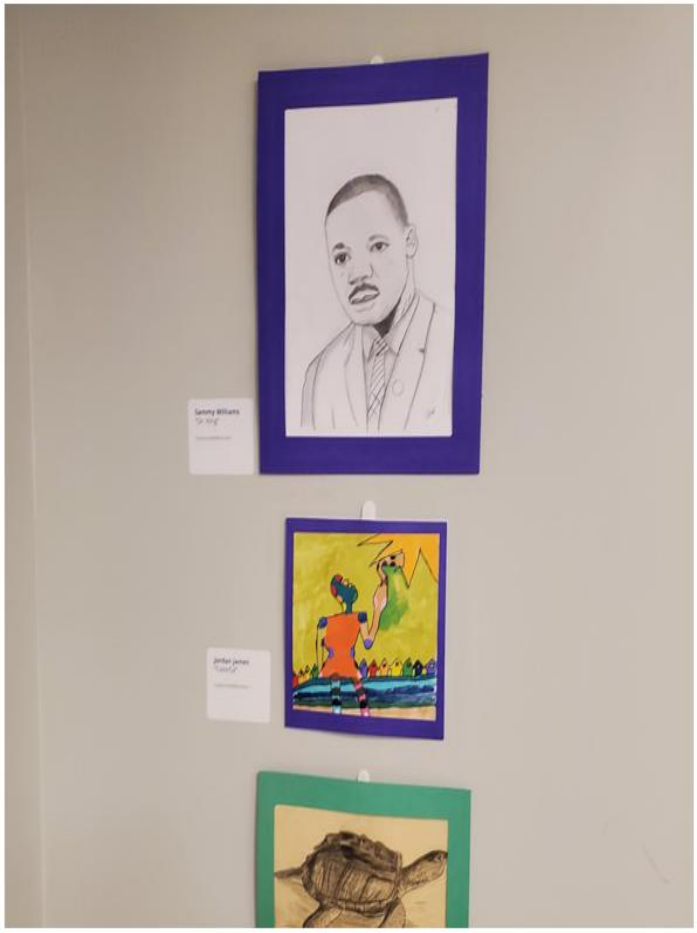
6th – 8th Grad
WINNERS VOTE!
Miss Mississippi

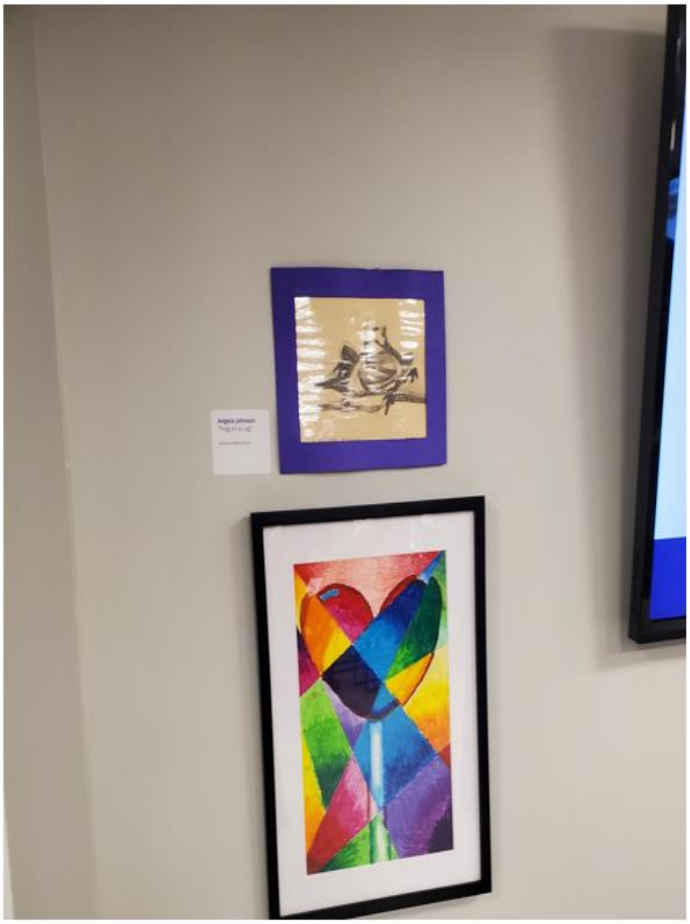
TEACHERS
WINNERS VOTE!
MYRON MCGOWAN
LAJOVA MADDON
TIFFANY DUKE
Miss Mississip

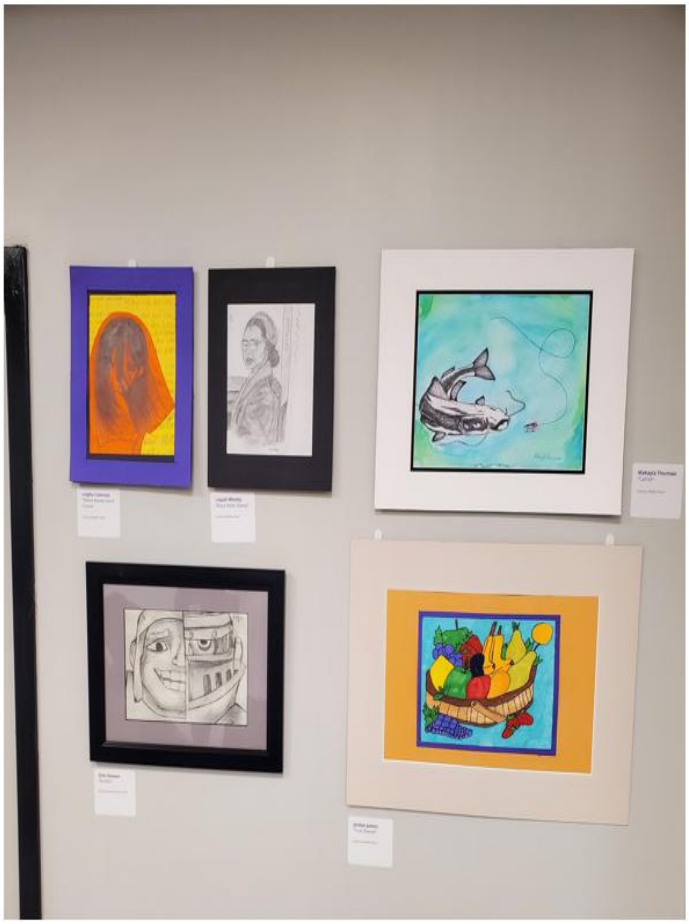
MILLSAPS COLLEGE

2026 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION









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10th Annual Thomas Cardozo Art Contest

OVERALL
WINNER
2026
Makayla
Thurman
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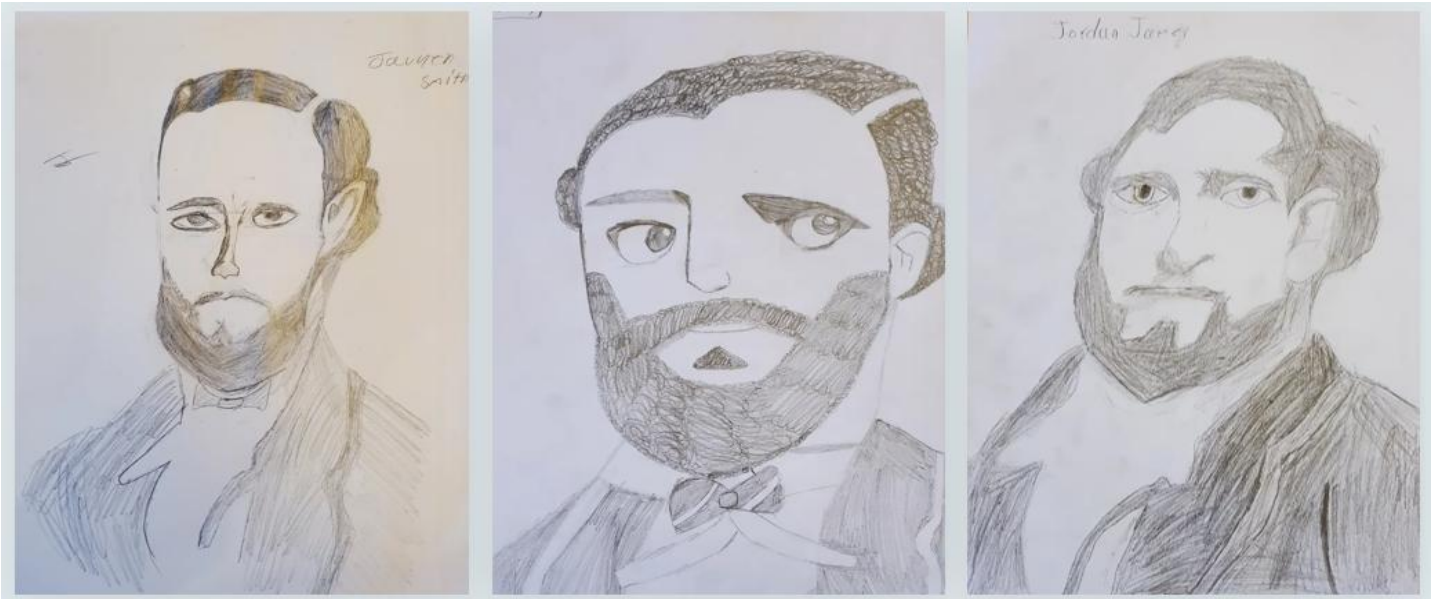


Annual
ART
attack
2026
Smith Park
302 Amite St.
Jackson, MS 33002
YOUTH
spring art explosion

I Just want your Heart

Ha Ha Ha

Leah'Marie Jones(6th)

1st

Celebrating 250 Years of Independence

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR LAW DAY ART CONTEST 2026 SCHOOL GRADE-LEVEL WINNERS LIST

Cardozo Middle School - *Grade: 6*
1st Place: E'Mani Clemmons
2nd Place: Alexa Reyes-Garcia
3rd Place: Laiyah Wesley

Cardozo Middle School - *Grade: 7*
1st Place: Ariel Thomas
2nd Place: Genesis Clark
3rd Place: Drailyn Fulton
Honorable Mention: Jamerria Taylor

Cardozo Middle School - *Grade: 8*
1st Place: Sammy Williams
2nd Place: Amillya Williams
3rd Place: Haylen Sorrell

8th Grade

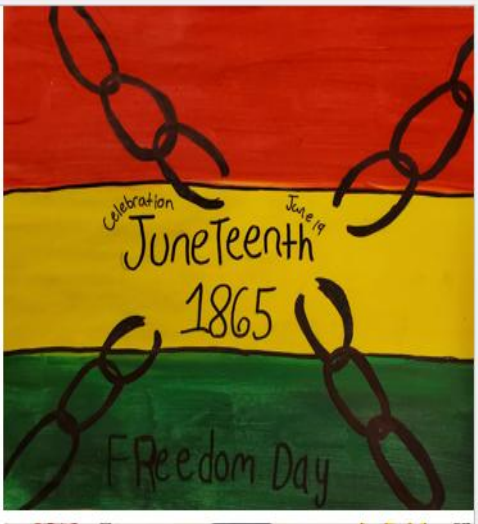
7th Grade

6th Grade

CMS enters Juneteenth Art Contest sponsored by Potawatomi Nation

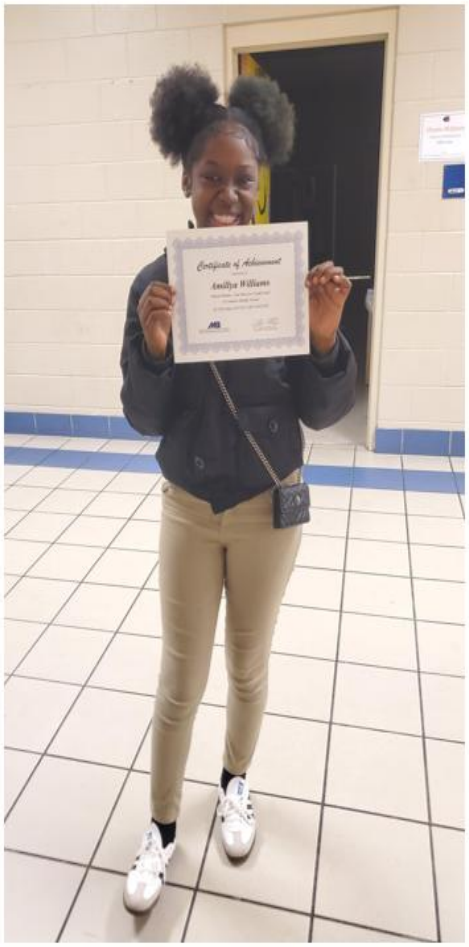
- Theme for 2026: Juneteenth Brings Balance to America's Celebration of Freedom

- Students are encouraged to be creative with their inspiration; Juneteenth-focused visual art, poetry, essays, TikToks, YouTube videos, and more are welcome. Each student may submit multiple entries. Entries should reflect the student's creative efforts and should not contain AI-generated material of any kind. The contest is open to any student, Native or non-Native, grade 4 through 12 at any

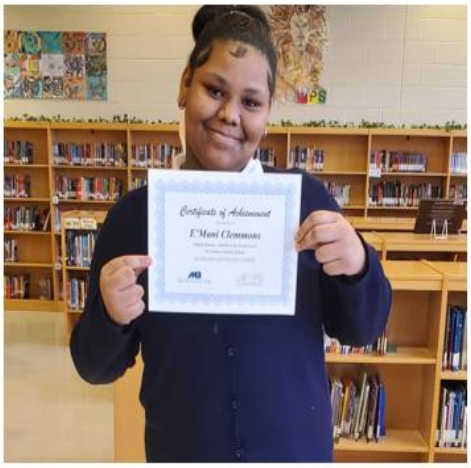


Certificate of Achievement
Ariel Thomas

ART
RECOGNITION
&
Awards
2026


Certificate of Achievement
Amiliya Williams

Award of Exhibition
ANGELA JOHNSON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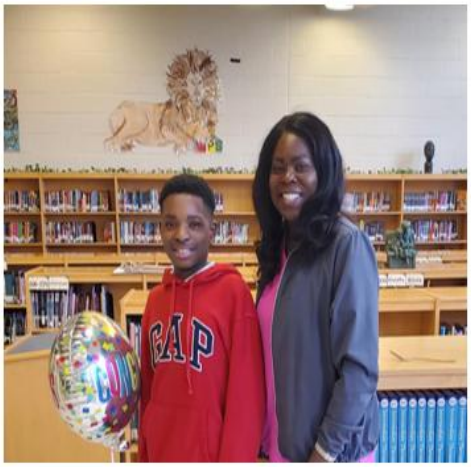
E'Moni Clemmons



Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Let's keep inspiring and nurturing our students' talents!

- Art Teacher **M. McGowan**