



Area students were recognized at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts Nebraska Young Artists Day April 4.

Seventy-one high school juniors from more than 45 high schools across the state were selected as award recipients.

Included in the recipients was Michi Prante of Perkins County High School.

The Nebraska Young Artist Awards annually recognize 11th grade students who are gifted and talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music and theatre. These students exemplify the pinnacles of creativity in one of the fine and performing arts.

High school teachers across the state nominated students and submitted an example of their work. Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts faculty chose the students who came to UNL on April 4.

Honored students and their parents took tours of the arts facilities, attended classes, met faculty and college student and had lunch.

At 3 p.m. there was an awards ceremony in the auditorium of the Sheldon Museum of Art honoring the winners.

Students received a certificate as well as an original piece of artwork commissioned for this event made by Neil Orians, an undergraduate student in the Department of Art and Art History.

Students selected to participate in the Nebraska Young Artist Awards were also asked to nominate the teacher who provided them with the greatest amount of mentoring and support in the development of their special talents. Those teachers were also at the awards day.