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Freshmen **Ashley Truong** and **Nicole Johnson** won the Dean Kratz Award at the Texas Visual Arts Association (TVAA) High School Art Exhibition and Competition. Each student earned \$50 as a prize. The award is given by Dr. Dennis Kratz, the dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, at UT Dallas. When TVAA hosts its high school exhibit at UT Dallas, five winners are chosen to receive these awards. Each award is worth \$100.

The TVAA High School Art Exhibition and Competition is an annual competition that promotes excellence in the visual arts among high school students. Scholarships and prizes are awarded for exceptional artwork in categories such as sculpture, painting, mixed-media and more.

Ashley and Nicole created a sculpture in **Lauren Cunningham's** Art Fundamentals class that was made entirely out of masking tape. The girls rolled pieces of masking tape into one-inch tubes and assembled the tubes into a basket-like shape. They then melted crayons and dripped the hot wax over the basket, to add color and texture.