Two eighth-grade students from The Siena School in Silver Spring received high honors in the FotoWeek DC Youth Photo contest Sunday. Hannah Garelick of Silver Spring won second place in the People category for her photograph, “Fancy Shoes” and fellow classmate, Sasha Gerecht of Kensington, won second place in the School Life category for “Red, White and Blue.”

This is the first time students have been recognized for their work outside of the school and we are so proud, Director of Admissions, Bekah Atkinson said.

When you walk into The Siena School located 9727 Georgia Ave., art takes the center stage. In one hallway students created two life-size Jackson Pollock murals along with claymation films derived from Edgar Allan Poe’s The Raven.

Established in 2006, the school’s main focus is to educate students who have language-based learning differences, such as dyslexia and pair it with core subjects to assist in the learning process.

The student’s winning photographs will be exhibited at FotoWeek Central located at 18th and L St in Washington, D.C. from November 5 to 12. The photos are also on display at fotoweekdc or the Washington Post online.
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