Ohio student’s art chosen for national calendar

COLUMBUS – Ohio will be represented in a national calendar promoting cyber security.

The artwork of Megan Rader, an 11th grader at Heath High School in Heath, Ohio, will be featured in the 2013 calendar being produced by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, sponsor of the national Kids Safe Online poster contest.

Her poster was among nine finalists in the Ohio Kids Safe Online poster contest submitted to the national contest, which promotes safe and secure Internet usage among young people. Those nine finalists were chosen from more than 1,000 entries created by Ohioans in grades kindergarten through 12.

The Ohio contest was sponsored by the Office of Information Security and Privacy of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

“We are very proud that the work of an Ohio student was among the 12 selected nationally,” said Robert Blair, director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. “Cyber security is of the utmost importance to the State of Ohio. And it’s also crucial that we continue to create awareness of cyber security among our young people.”

Rader’s poster features the message, “Never give out your personal information. You never know who’s really on the other side.” The illustration reveals the partial unmasking of a stranger.

To view Rader’s poster and the posters of the other Ohio finalists, go to www.InfoSec.Ohio.gov and click on Kids Safe Online 2012 Poster Contest.

In addition to being featured in the national calendar, Rader’s poster also may be used in campaigns to raise awareness among youth about Internet and computer safety.

For more information, contact the Office of Information Security and Privacy of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services at 614.644.9391 or state.isp@oit.ohio.gov.

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