KEVIN GUTTING

Northampton seniors, from left, Zach Senchuk, Leah Tompkins, Margaux Paine, Sara Moss-Horwitz, Lila Hartwell, Allie Martineau and Jojo Renard pose in the entrance to the second-floor girls rest room with the winter-to-fall portion of a four-season mural they painted. Paine, Moss-Horwitz, Hartwell and Renard won honors at this year's Boston Globe Scholastic statewide art competition.

Other NHS students who recently have been recognized for achievement in the arts are:

- Junior Jace Hill will attend the Worcester Art Museum's All-State event May 24 and 25. Hill's portfolio earned him a spot working with artist mentors and students from across the state on creating a large-scale installation at the museum.
- Seniors Lila Hartwell, Joni Sullivan, Margaux Paine and Sara Moss-Horwitz won Gold Keys for their art porfolios at this year's statewide Boston Globe Scholastic competition, part of the national Alliance for Young Artists & Writers program.
- Senior Elias Miller was awarded a Gold Key for a pastel drawing, and Sullivan and fellow senior JoJo Renard won Silver Keys for a painting and a print.
- Junior Joshua Dietz received an Honorable Mention for three of his paintings.

Artworks by Gold and Silver Key winners were displayed at the State Transportation Building in Boston earlier this spring. Gold Key winners went on to compete in the Scholastic nationals in March.

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Student artists honored

Northampton High School junior Isabelle Page can't remember a time when she didn't draw or paint.

"I have a very artistic family," said Page, who lives in Conway. "I can't even remember when I started."

Page is one of several NHS students who earned statewide arts honors this spring. Her painting, "The Insecure Self Portrait," won this year's Congressional Art Competition for Massachusetts and will hang in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Page — one of 75 students from nine schools participating in this year's Congressional District awards — credited the arts program at NHS with making her "much more serious" about her work.

"It's very tough, but in the best way possible," she said.