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Local students honored by Goss-Michael Foundation

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In its continuing efforts to support and encourage promising artistic talent, the Goss-Michael Foundation has announced the winners of four \$5,000 scholarships - the George Michael Music Scholarship and the Kenny Goss Art Scholarship for students from the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas, the statewide Goss-Michael Foundation Texas Art Scholarship for visual arts and the Goss-Michael Foundation DFW Art Scholarship for visual arts.

The winners were chosen by a noted panel of renowned art experts including Frank Hettig of Heritage Auctions, Michael Lippman of Lippman Entertainment, writer and art critic Janet Kutner and art educator Karen Weiner.

Kenny Goss, co-founder of the Goss-Michael Foundation, along with his partner, recording artist George Michael, created the George Michael Music Scholarship and the Kenny Goss Art Scholarship to foster

continued interest in art and music among high-school students. Presented annually to two graduating seniors from Booker T. Washington High School, both scholarships are awarded to students with plans to pursue their musical and artistic aspirations following graduation.

Bekah Otis of DeSoto is the recipient of the 2009 Kenny Goss Art Scholarship. Otis's work was selected for her "marvelous use of different media, surfaces and subjects." Otis will be pursuing an education in the arts at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore this fall.

Anna Dingwall, an accomplished singer, won this year's George Michael Music Scholarship. Dingwall will further her musical studies this fall as a student at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

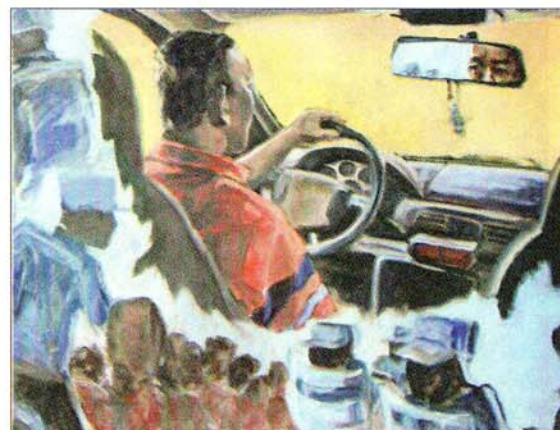
The Goss-Michael Foundation Texas Art Scholarship is given annually to a select Texas high school senior who demonstrates not only extraordinary artistic talent, but significant scholastic achievements, leadership and school and commu-

nity participation. This year the scholarship was awarded to Ashley Aleman of Pasadena Memorial High School. Her work was chosen from among 95 talented, young artists throughout the state. Already an outstanding photographer, this fall Aleman will continue her artistic pursuits at San Jacinto Community College.

The Goss-Michael Foundation also annually awards the Goss-Michael Foundation DFW Art Scholarship for visual arts to a student graduating from a Dallas, Fort Worth or surrounding area high school. The 2009 recipient is Hockaday School senior Amelia Sargent. Her work was chosen from among 54 young visual artists throughout North Texas. This fall Sargent will be pursuing a post-graduate education in the arts at Yale University.

Additionally, all four scholarship winners will be recognized on the Goss-Michael Foundation's Web site and monthly newsletter.

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Above, "Ethiopian, American-sorrow" by Amelia Sargent. Left, "A game of chess" by Ashley Aleman.

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