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SMARTS is California State PTA's program to encourage arts education. Please spread the word about the benefits of arts education.

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The California Alliance for Arts Education, in collaboration with several other statewide and local organizations, recently surveyed the candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) about their views on arts education. As the highest elected education official in California, the Superintendent brings a mandate from the public on education issues, including the arts. Please take time to [read the survey](#) before the primary election on June 8, 2010.

California State PTA and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund also held a forum for SPI candidates during the 2010 annual convention in Sacramento. You can watch the Superintendent candidates forum [here](#).

[California State PTA honors Reflections winners](#)

The 2009-2010 theme for the Reflections Program was "Beauty is ..." - and students from throughout California submitted an outstanding array of artwork depicting their interpretation of this topic. Twenty-four students representing 13 PTA districts were recognized at the 2010 annual convention with an Award of Excellence for their submissions in this year's competition. A complete list of Reflections Award winners is available [here](#).

During the Friday and Saturday General Meetings, convention attendees were treated to performances and displays of the artwork by the student winners in the six categories. The winning dance, film/video, and literature entries are available to [view online](#). (Find them under the Convention Videos heading in the right-hand column.)

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In addition, several California students were honored by National PTA in the Award of Excellence and Award of Merit categories. Please click [here](#) for a complete listing of the 2010 Reflections Program national winners.

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