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TDA STUDENT IS FINALIST IN OHIO YOUTH DIGITAL ARTS CONTEST

MARION, Ohio — Vandalia resident Regis Allison, a senior with a 4.0 GPA at TRECA Digital Academy, was named a top ten finalist in the statewide Ohio Youth Digital Arts Festival Contest, designed for high school students.

Allison was named a finalist for his photograph, titled "[I am what I am](#)." Allison's photograph, depicting a solo buckeye nut among scattered leaves, was selected from more than 80 photographs submitted by high school students across the state.

Students who submitted entries were required to write a rationale utilizing the theme: "Celebrate Ohio in Style." Allison's rationale states, 'I am fierce, I am bold, I am tough, I am hard to crack, I am America's heartland, I am symbolic, I am representing all Ohioans, I am a buckeye.'

"I wanted to express Ohio in its natural state," explained Allison, 18. "I thought the buckeye represented Ohio, and the leaves express the beautiful time of year to be in Ohio."

Allison literally stumbled across the buckeye nut while taking a hike in the Taylorsville Metro Park, located just down the street from his Montgomery County home. "I was walking along the trail taking pictures for the contest that I thought would be interesting," he recalled. "I felt something funny under my foot, and when I looked down, it just so happened that it was a buckeye. The photo wasn't staged or anything. I was very happy with the way it came out."

Allison plans to attend Wright State University in Fall 2006 where he will major in motion picture production.

"We are thrilled with Regis' accomplishment in this statewide event for high school students," explained Josie Drushal, director at TDA. "The event was an awesome opportunity for students to express their talent and creativity in the digital world. Having a TDA student place as a top finalist is truly an honor for him – and for our school."