ARCATA, CA. – Arcata High school students in a statewide creative contest are moving forward.

Two teams from Arcata High were selected as finalists in what is called the “Student Voices Campaign”.

They created videos (which can be seen [here](#) and [here](#)), intended to answer the question, “Why do the arts matter?”

Out of 50 videos entered from across California – these local students have made it into the top 14 final groups selected by judges.

A final screening and award ceremony to announce the winners is scheduled for April 7 in Oakland, where students, teachers, parents and friends will gather in support. Recently appointed as the director of the California Arts Council, Anne Bown-Crawford of Arcata will also be in attendance.