



Paul E. Tarkiainen Art Award
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

In 1995, Paul Tarkiainen's family and friends established this award in loving memory of his artistic talent, zest for life, and kindness toward others. This prize is for students from South High Community School who possess exceptional artistic skill.

Paul Tarkiainen was born and raised in Worcester, MA. His passion for art was clear from a young age. As a student at South High Community School, he painted scenery for plays and designed magazine covers. After high school, Paul worked for the Worcester Art Museum and as an independent artist. He was commissioned by individuals and businesses in both Worcester and Boston.

In addition to making art, Paul loved to dance, ski, skate and travel. He lived in Mexico for several years. His cousin Louise wrote that Paul "had style and class, and heads turned when he entered a room. He breathed life and humor into every moment. The most fitting tribute we can give Paul is to live life as he did, seizing every moment and finding beauty in each and every day."

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