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Students Show Skill in Curriculum Exhibition

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: *Evidence: SUU Department of Art & Design Curriculum Exhibition* opens February, 27 2018 and runs through March 15, 2018 at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). This exhibition will showcase over 200 works by Southern Utah University students and cover all areas of the visual arts. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. Admission for the museum is free and open to the public.

“An art and design unit may put together a great accreditation self-study and talk about a great program, but the proof is in the pudding, and the pudding, in this case, is the work that the students produce,” said, Dr. Eric Brown, Professor, Department of Art and Design. “Is it well designed, does it show visual acuity, are they learning good technique, can they synthesize what they have learned into meaningful, authentic work with a personal voice? This exhibition represents the work of each studio class and should show progression in each of these areas from introduction to professional quality work.”

This accreditation process assures students, parents, and the public that Southern Utah University adheres to high quality standards based on the latest research and professional practice. The National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) is the only organization recognized by the U.S. State Department to accredit Art units. Their upcoming review will focus on educational quality, institutional integrity, and educational improvements.

Rheana Reeves, Associate Professor of Photography, explained that, “Accreditation tells our industry partners, potential employers, and our graduates that the programs satisfy a rigorous set of requirements, and that our students have been given opportunities to obtain both a strong, well-rounded general education and discipline-specific skills and knowledge in art and design.”

“In the ceramics area, the examples on display will give a very abbreviated idea of the variety of forms, techniques, and firing practices offered in our program. Examples include both functional work and expressive, more sculptural vessels,” said Susan Harris, Professor of Art.

“Unlike most of the studio arts, graphic design is not medium specific,” said Jeff Hanson, Associate Professor of Art and Department Chair. “Thus guests and evaluators can expect to

see works that solve visual communication problems in many formats. They can also see projects that are meant to introduce students to different media, techniques, and processes.” Explore the vast variety of art and design curriculum here at SUU. For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited programs in Art & Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 26 academic programs, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology graduate degrees. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 600 majors in the College. The College presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College’s affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU’s Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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- Who:** Department of Art & Design, Southern Utah University
- When:** February, 27 2018 through March 15, 2018
- Time:** Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday until 8:00 p.m.
- Where:** Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah
- Tickets:** Free admission, General Public invited to attend.
- Info:** For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva

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