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2011 NC Community Colleges Art Exhibition Opens

Raleigh, N.C. – One hundred and sixty-six pieces of art representing the creative work of students, faculty and staff at all 58 community colleges and the System Office make up the 2011 NC Community Colleges Art Exhibition. The exhibition, which will run through December 2011, is located in the Caswell Building in Raleigh, the home of the community colleges' System Office and is available by virtual tour at <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/pr/ArtExhibit>.

“The 2011 exhibition is a great testament to the depth and breadth of talent within our community college family, and this year, for the first time, we have all 58 colleges as well as the System Office represented,” said NC Community College System President, Dr. Scott Ralls. “Each year, the System Office employees look forward to the new décor that accompanies the annual art exhibition and the creativity of our students, faculty and staff is a wonderful daily reminder of the true purpose of our work.”

For the second consecutive year, the System Office partnered with the [Visual Art Exchange](#), the oldest private non-profit visual arts organization in Raleigh, to install the artwork and jury entries. The artwork includes paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, drawings, mixed media, needlework, quilts and more.

Selected on the basis of artistic excellence, level of craftsmanship and conceptual innovation, three Art Excellence Awards were chosen. The 2011 recipients of the Art Excellence Awards are

- **First Place: Megan Wood**, student at Wake Technical Community College, for “Target,” medium: paper pulp of U.S.M.C. uniform;
- **Second Place: Logan Benfield**, student at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, for “Reflection,” medium: intaglio print;
- **Third Place: Johnathan Harris**, student at Fayetteville Technical Community College, for “Weiss,” medium: aluminum sheet metal and rivets.

Art is exhibited on all six floors of the [Caswell Building](#), located at 200 W. Jones Street. Public tours are available on a limited basis and may be scheduled by calling (919) 807-7100.

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