

Senior Art Showcase salutes Mississippi College students

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“Life in Color” is the name of the Senior Art Showcase to celebrate the achievements of Mississippi College students.

Normally, the MC Spring art exhibit is displayed on the Clinton campus. But in the midst of a global COVID-19 crisis, the annual show abruptly shifted to the university’s Art Department website.

The exhibit trumpets the creative works of Mississippi College art majors nearing graduation in 2020, who teamed together to digitize their works into an online format. “Life in Color” will stay on the website for one year.

Cameron Forehand, a graphic design major, says he was thrilled to play a major role to make the art exhibit happen online. He designed the show’s website.

For the Class of 2020, the senior art show is one of the biggest moments of their lives as college students, Forehand says.

“As artists, it can be difficult to put yourself and your art out there to show people,” he says. “So to be able to do it alongside all of your classmates is an incredible experience.”

Seniors worked closely with Gore Galleries director Randy Jolly and art professor Ben Ivey to make the art exhibit a reality.

Less than a month before the show was set to happen on campus, things rapidly changed due to the worldwide coronavirus outbreak.

With students suddenly returning to their homes to complete the spring se-

mester, MC senior graphic designers learned they needed to build a website to host the art exhibit.

“I spent a very long time building a website that I was really proud of,” Forehand said. “And it ended up being voted on by the senior art students as the website the Art Department would use.”

His design was chosen among thirteen creative works submitted by Mississippi College’s Art 416 class.

A May graduate, Forehand credits the Lord for His guidance every step of the way. “God has given me the gift of creativity. And I consider it a blessing to be able to use that gift in a way that brings joy to others.”

Isabella Capalbo, an interior design major, was elated to be part of the innovative art exhibit.

“Even though the show did not turn out how we had planned, I am so thankful that we were able to come up with a way to showcase our work for others,” Capalbo says.

Gore Galleries director Randy Jolly commends the students for their team effort during this COVID-19 crisis.

“The senior class was really great and adaptable throughout the process.”

Professor Ivey and his class were “instrumental in putting the show together. I was really impressed with how the seniors and Mr. Ivey’s class took the idea and ran with it,” Jolly said. “Thanks to them, we have an exciting show and new format in which to spotlight our talented seniors.”

“Life in Color” can be viewed at www.MCArtSrShow.com.

Clintonians placed on All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team

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Nineteen Hinds Community College students were named to the 2020 All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team. Among them are Maria Serratos and Devin Trunnell, both of Clinton.

The full list includes Sarrah Bell, of Jackson, Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, elementary education; Adrianna Chambers, of Jackson, Raymond Campus, chemistry; Adrianna Childress, of Jackson, Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, early childhood development technology; Veronica Epps, of Jackson, Utica Campus, business



and office technology; Michael Evilsizor, of Brandon, Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, culinary arts technology; Jennifer Hammond, of Brandon, Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center, nursing; Jordan Hariel, of Brandon, Rankin Campus, computer engineering; Donald Hughes, of Jackson, Utica Campus, nursing; Phoenix Jackson, of Crystal Springs, Utica Campus, broadcast television production; Shelby McLaurin, of Brandon, Rankin Campus, biology; Kevin Michel, of Florence, Raymond Campus, business; Cordarrayl Nichols, of Canton, Raymond Campus, diesel equipment technology; Nicholas Niolet, of Vicksburg, Vicksburg-Warren Campus, electrical technology; Lona Perret, of Pelahatchie, Rankin Campus, educational psychology; Maria Serratos, of Clinton, Raymond Campus, civil engineering; India Robinson, of Jackson, Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, nursing; Rachel Shirley, of Brandon,

Rankin Campus, marketing management technology; Anna Speights, of Vicksburg, Vicksburg-Warren Campus, general studies; and Devin Trunnell, of Clinton, Raymond Campus, electrical technology.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team, begun in 1994 as the first state-level academic recognition program for community and junior college students, recognizes the scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in community and junior colleges across the state. Team members were

selected following several rounds of judging from education officials, business leaders from across the United States and a distinguished panel of representatives from federal agencies and national education associations based in Washington D.C.

Students named to the First Team received \$1,000 scholarships. First and Second Team members receive special medallions, certificates and printed resolutions from each chamber of the Mississippi Legislature. They are also eligible for scholarships at many four-year universities designed exclusively for All-Mississippi Academic Team members.

The All-State team is coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College, the Mississippi Community College Board and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

The All-State Academic Team recognition program is an outgrowth of the All-USA Community College Academic Team, administered by Phi Theta Kappa.

Patriotic Tree placed at Visitor Center



The Walter Leake Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution has placed a Patriotic Tree in the Clinton Visitor Center. The tree is decorated with patriotic cards in honor and remembrance of the members’ ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War to secure liberty for the country. The Patriotic Tree will remain in the Clinton Visitors Center through July 7. Additionally, the Walter Leake Chapter members are participating in the “Bean of Life: A Place of Common Ground” project, which provides personal and snack items to troops in the Middle East.

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HINDS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR A MULTI-YEAR AUDIT

Notice is hereby given by the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Commissioners that sealed bids will be received by said Board until 4:00 P.M. ON THE 26th day of June 2020. Minority vendors and women owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Bid proposals should include a summary of qualifications and references for any work that pertains to auditing public funding agencies. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes and addressed to Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District, 322 New Market Drive, Jackson, MS 39209 with Bids for Multi-Year Audit plainly printed on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids received pursuant to this public notice will be opened and evaluated on July 8, 2020. The Soil and Water Conservation District reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, waive formalities, and to accept the proposal from the Certified Public Accountant that best meets the needs of the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District.