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WCJC ART SHOW

WCJC students showcase original pieces during spring art show

WHARTON, TEXAS – If there's one thing Wharton County Junior College freshman Paul Easton has learned from his art classes, it's how to transform a blank canvas into a vivid expression of his own unique world view.

"I've learned so much about painting and how to really get my vision down on the canvas," said Easton, a Louisiana native. "I'm excited about the prospect of getting my work out there for everyone to see."

Houston native Shontavious Kemp has similar aspirations. A freshman art major, her plans are to utilize her graphic design skills in the advertising field.

"I really want to put my art out there," she said.

WCJC Art Instructor Dianne Curtis loves to see such excitement in her students. Each semester she hosts an art show to give students a chance to share their talents with the public and build the confidence it takes to pursue a career as a professional commercial artist or a fine artist.

Entries in this year's show were on display from May 2 to May 13 in the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton campus. WCJC faculty and staff judged the pieces, with two students – Mayra Ortiz and Emili Storey – finishing at the top of the pack. The winners will receive scholarships for WCJC art classes.

Curtis believes it's important to help students defray costs as they pursue their interest in art.

"We want to help them in any way that we can," she said.

She noted that the annual exhibit reveals the amazing wealth of artistic talent found in this area.

"The art show is the culmination of all of the hard work that the students have done both in class and on their own time," Curtis said. "We have some amazingly gifted artists at WCJC."

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