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USI students take Best in Show and Best Three Dimensional Entry at the Second Annual Henderson Fine Arts Center Regional College Art Competition

Two art students at University of Southern Indiana won honors at the Second Annual Henderson Fine Arts Center Regional College Art Competition. Gregory Bryant, a senior art major and 1994 graduate of North Posey High School, received "Best in Show" for the black and white photograph "Reflecting on a Summer Evening." Sara Hard, a junior art major and 1996 graduate of Harrison High School, received "Best Three Dimensional Entry" for the hand-built clay sculpture "This is Not a Chair."

Twenty area college students entered forty pieces in a variety of medias in the competition including charcoal, clay, stone, and oil on canvas.

Juror John Streetman, Evansville Museum of Arts and Science director, described Bryant's "Reflecting on a Summer Evening" as having both classical and contemporary resonances. He said, "what makes this image even more compelling is that the perfect, pristine female nude figure that is its focal point, is slightly soiled from the earth that surrounds her - a key and unintentional decision by the artist."

Of Hard's "This is Not a Chair" Streeman said, "elegant and straightforward in its lines, this fascinating object teeters successfully on the thin line between functional and non-functional craft."

The exhibition continues through April 5, at the Henderson Fine Arts Center located at 2660 Green Street in Henderson, Kentucky.

Bryant is the son of Terry and Kay Bryant of Wadesville.

Hard is the daughter of Michael and Marcia Hard of Evansville.