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**USI student artists win awards
Evansville resident captures top honors**

Nearly 30 student artists shared in more than \$9,000 in scholarships, merit, and purchase awards presented April 7 at the 32nd annual University of Southern Indiana Juried Student Art Show.

Juried by art critic Gerald Nordland, the exhibit showcases paintings, sculptures, ceramics, digital art, photographs, pastels, prints, drawings, woodcuts, etchings, wood furniture, and a variety of works in mixed media.

The show will remain on display in the University Conference Center through Sunday, April 14. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

A list of the award-winning USI student artists, their hometowns, winning pieces, media, awards, award amounts, and the businesses or individuals supporting their awards follows:

Senior Paul Simms, Evansville, Ind. – *Untitled*, mixed media painting: President's Award of Excellence, Best of Show, \$1,000 (Koch Foundation, Robert and Judy Griffin, Whirlpool Corporation); *Gestalt Theory in Practice #2*, acrylic painting: Merit Award, \$100 (Laurel Vaughn, John and Linda Willis, Glen and Jane Carlson, in memory of Dr. Henry and Maryalyce Kaczowski).

Senior Matt Krack, Evansville, Ind. – *Conglomerate Chunk of Lives*, mixed media sculpture: Outstanding Senior Merit Award, \$450 (anonymous friend, John and Kathy Bott, Mary Legler Wilson, USI Art Club).

Junior Ellen Swingler, Avon, Ind. – *Unconditional Love in an Everchanging World*, ceramic sculpture: Outstanding Junior Merit Award, \$450 (Tom and Lynda Wilhelmus, Jerry Wade, Anthony and Bonny Breuer, USI Art Club).

Sophomore Kris Squires, Evansville, Ind. – *Is That A Chair?*, wood furniture: Outstanding Sophomore Merit Award, \$450 (Agnes Whittington, Jay and Kate Rhodes, Jerry Wade, USI Art Club); *Fit For A Queen*, wood furniture: Merit Award, \$250 (Harris Family Fund).

Freshman Josh Gipson, Evansville, Ind. – *Matt*, oil painting: Outstanding Freshman Merit Award, \$450 (Mr. And Mrs. Otis Carter, Ken McCutchan, Philip Liberman and Mary McGregor, USI Art Club).

Graduate student Adam Egenolf, Worthington, Ind. – *Untitled*, porcelain vase: Degreed Student Merit Award, \$250 (Carol Carithers, USI Art Club).

Senior Allison Lant, Newburgh, Ind. – *Untitled*, ceramic sculpture: Three-Dimensional Merit Award, \$250 (Tim Mahoney, Kim Kurdelak); *Untitled I*, magazine layout: Graphic Design Merit Award, \$150 (Alan Inkenbrandt, Allan Kuse and Sandra Singer, Roberta Schweizer).

Sophomore Jennifer Stanczak, Oaktown, Ind. – *Flower Sculpture Table*, wood furniture: Three-Dimensional Merit Award, \$200 (Mr. And Mrs. Steven Schutte, Lenny Dowhie, Claudia Congelton).

Senior Brian Trask, Washington, Ind. – *Joy of Life*, acrylic painting: Two-Dimensional Merit Award, \$250 (Bill and Trudy Mitchell, Melvin and Jean Anson, JD Arts, Patrick Goen).

Senior Barbara Hinton, Rockport Ind. - *Ties That Bind*, mixed media painting: Two-Dimensional Merit Award, \$200 (Charles Barber and Carolyn Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hall, Marcia Hard); *Untitled*, acrylic painting: USI Collection Purchase Award (Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Folz, Holiday).

Senior Matt Wagner, Evansville, Ind. - *We Have The Right To Know*, digital painting: Graphic Design Merit Award, \$100 (Joan Kempf).

Sophomore Terra Hatfield, Evansville, Ind. - *Tranquil Waters*, photograph: Photography Merit Award, \$200 (Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters, David and Melanie Powell, Mary Jane Schenk).

Senior Suzanne Levee, Evansville, Ind. – *Walk Away Table*, wood furniture: Outstanding Female Woodworker Merit Award, \$250 (Donald Wedeking, Sr., John and Kathy McNaughton).

Sophomore Shaun Deppe, Spencer, Ind. – *Those Who...*, metal sculpture: Sculpture Merit Award, \$100 (David Huebner).

Senior Jesse Southerland, Evansville, Ind. – *Eighth and Pine*, photograph: Merit Award, \$250 (Harris Family Fund); *Digital Portfolio*, interactive media design: Jeremy Weil Scholarship, \$300 (Friends of USI Art).

Senior Stacey Gray, Henderson, Ky. – *Untitled (table)*, wood furniture: Merit Award, \$150 (USI Writers Union, Bill McCutchan, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts, George Sisson).

Senior Erich Shelton, Evansville, Ind. – *African Masks*, woodcut: Outstanding Art Club Member Award, \$100 (USI Art Club); *African Masks*, woodcut print: USI Collection Purchase Award, \$200 (anonymous friend).

Sophomore Masayuki Hishida, Newburgh, Ind. – *76 Figures*, mixed media drawing: Gift Certificate Merit Award, \$100 (Dick Blick Company).

Senior Aaron Scott, Newburgh, Ind. – *Untitled*, bound etchings: Merit Award, \$100 (Frank and Tammy West, Stephen Pflingston and Linda Westfall, Barry and Sherri Standley).

Junior Brandon Gnetz, Evansville, Ind. – *The Gate*, mixed media painting: Merit Award, \$100 (Allan and Barbara Moorman, Lenny and Anne Dowhie).

Senior Charles Pate, Evansville, Ind. – *Vase Study #17*, ceramic vessel: Merit Award, \$100 (Tom and Vivian Pickering).

Freshman Kara Voyles, Salem, Ind. – *Still Life of Fake Flower and Turtle Shell*, acrylic painting: Freshman Scholarship, \$500 (USI Art Department, Schnuck's, Dorothy Challman, Cleoramae Stunkel).

Sophomore Josh Rodenberg, Evansville, Ind. – *Oh My Pants; I'm Naked, I'm Naked*, wood furniture: Sophomore Scholarship, \$500 (Anonymous Friend, Norman and Shirley Adams, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Boren, David Guy).

Junior Jenny Duell, Lafayette, Ind. – *Boredom*, acrylic painting: Junior Scholarship, \$500 (Tom and Marita Dieter, Henry and Betty Jane Ruston, Jim Parrent and Connie Weinzapfel, Sharon Ford).

Sophomore Charlotte Levee, Evansville, Ind. – *Sit Gidget Sit... Good Dog!*, wood furniture: USI Collection Purchase Award, \$500 (Jim Sanders).

Sophomore Leslie Drury, Newburgh, Ind. – *Self Portrait*, pastel drawing: USI Collection Purchase Award, \$200 (USI Bookstore).

Freshman Justin King, Newburgh, Ind. – *Skulls*, watercolor painting: USI Collection Purchase Award, \$100 (USI Bookstore).

Junior Amanda Koenig, Mt. Vernon, Ind. – *Three Views of the Same Point*, dye sub print: USI Collection Purchase Award, \$150 (Mr. And Mrs. Gregory Folz, Eric and Jennifer Anderson).

Senior Robert Woodring, Evansville, Ind. – *Self Portrait*, pastel drawing: Jeremy Weil Memorial Purchase Award, \$300 (USI Art Club, Artstar Gallery).

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