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First attached photo – (Blue Pitcher.jpg) by Derick Ence; Second attached photo- (Performancechair2.jpg) by Scott Chandler.)

FOUR GRADUATES SPEAK AT ART INSIGHTS

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design will feature four graduating seniors at Art Insights on March 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Great Hall: Hunter Conference Center. These four students are Stevie Smart (graphic designer '09), Scott Chandler (photography '09), Kate Montoya (graphic designer '09), and Derick Ence (ceramist '08). These talented young artists were chosen by the Art and Design faculty because of their outstanding creative portfolios.

Stevie Smart has been a graphic designer for the last three years. She will be discussing her process from then and now and gearing her discussion to what she has learned through SUU. To her, graphic design is like a puzzle: fitting the creativity within the parameters of the project. Stevie has been working as a graphic designer for the College of Performing and Visual Arts for over a year and a half. After graduation, she plans to move to Salt Lake City to work for a design firm, and then go to graduate school after gaining some work experience outside of college.

Scott Chandler has been a photographer for the last three years. His photographs explore the creativity of the medium, branching out with new ways of exploring photography. "There is so much you can do with the medium of film, but no one takes full advantage of it," explains Chandler. After graduation, he plans on attending graduate school and hopefully teaching at a university.

Kate Montoya shifted into graphic design after spending a year and a half in pre-medicine. Graphic Design, especially typography allows her to balance the negative and positive space on a page. After graduation, she would like to work with publishing companies around the world, especially American Girl magazine.

Derick Ence, graduated in December as a ceramist. He started doing pottery about seven years ago, after taking a class in ceramics in High School. He enjoys how different firing processes show detail on a piece of artwork. Currently, he is searching for graduate schools and has been accepted to the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Art Insights is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by the Art and Design faculty. In *Art Insights*, students and community members meet weekly to attend gallery openings and experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend. For more information on SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please call the Arts Hotline at 435.865.8800 or visit www.suu.edu/arts

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespearean Festival, the performance group Acclamation, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Over 550 students are majoring in 16 different degree areas in the arts. Both liberal arts B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, as well four professional degrees: Bachelor of Music (B.M.); Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Arts Education; and the B.F.A. in Theatre. The College's Art and Design, Music, and Dance programs are nationally accredited. More than 60 full and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring students in their pursuit of a degree in the arts. The College regularly enrolls 1100 students each semester in over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.