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SUU's ART INSIGHTS SPOTLIGHTS
ANNA DAVIS, ART EDUCATOR AND ALUMNA
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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: An outstanding Utah art educator in Utah as an alumna of SUU's Department of Art and Design, **Anna Davis** has not only inspired her students but her peers as well having been named as Utah High School Art Educator of the Year. An art historian and painter, Anna shares her unique career highlights and experience during her appearance at SUU's weekly art series on **Thursday, February 12** in SUU's **Auditorium Theatre**. The presentation begins at **7pm** and is **free** and **open to the public**.

Anna Davis graduated from American Fork High School where she was the Visual Art Sterling Scholar, Student Body Artist, and salutatorian of her class. She attended Southern Utah University, where she graduated with a History Education major and Art Education minor. At SUU, she participated in many student art shows and painted a 3'x9' mural of Kolob Canyons that still hangs in the Outdoor Center.

Currently in her 9th year of teaching, Anna has taught at Orem High School for five years and her students won numerous awards there in shows including the 2011 Outstanding Artist of the Year for the All-State High School Show and a student being chosen as one of 15 (out of 37,000 portfolios) showcased on the AP Studio Art Poster. She currently teaches AP Art, AP Art History, Painting, Honors Art, and Humanities Academy at Timpanogos High School. She has passed 94/103 AP Studio Art portfolios (91%). In addition to teaching, Anna is the District Art Coordinator for Alpine District, coordinating 57 art teachers in professional development collaboration as well as leading the district in an art educator show, high school show, and junior high show, among her other responsibilities. She has been a member of UAEA Board for four years and this year was appointed the NAEA Pacific Region Secondary Director. She is on the Statewide Art Partnership and is also on the on the committee to write the Utah State Visual Arts core curriculum.

One of the most exciting recent developments has been partnering with other teachers to create a new art history collaboration group, Utah Teachers of Art History (UTAH). Anna worked with the BYU Museum of Art, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, UAEA, and Utah Division of Arts and Museums to unite art history teachers together- this is the first professional secondary art history organization that has been founded in the country. Teachers will no longer have to work in isolation but can be part of a larger art education community. Anna has also been chosen as one of 50 high school art teachers to be an AP Art History reader (2013, 2014, 2015).

Anna was chosen as the UAEA High School Art Educator of the Year in 2013. In 2014, she was selected by the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Foundation as Secondary Art Educator of the Year, awarded \$2500 for herself and \$2500 for her art program. She recently was chosen as the 2015 BYU McKay School of Education Art Teacher of the Year in conjunction with the All-State High School Show and will be recognized in February as the 2015 UAEA Art Educator of the Year.

When Anna isn't busy teaching, she enjoys the outdoors, one of the reasons why she loved going to Southern Utah University. She loves hiking, camping, backpacking, cross-country skiing and rock climbing, and has been a National Park Ranger for eight years. Anna greatly enjoys creating art as well as teaching it, and particularly enjoys oil painting, watercolor, and photography -- favorite subjects are landscape and portraiture. She has exhibited her work in regional art shows every year.

Art Insights is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art and Design faculty. Students and community members meet to experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights and attend gallery openings. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Southern Utah University's College of Performing and Visual Arts is home to nationally-accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts, and Dance. The College offers 17 degrees, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, professional Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre, and Arts Administration Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts. It houses the Center for Shakespeare Studies, which offers a degree minor. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff teach and mentor over 550 arts majors. Over 1100 students enroll each year in more than 195 arts classes. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions annually. Its affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. 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.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: *ART INSIGHTS* ANNA DAVIS, ART EDUCATOR

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WHO: Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art and Design

WHEN: Thursday, February 12, 2015, 7pm,

WHERE: Auditorium Theatre

INFORMATION: Visit: www.suu.edu/pva/arts

PRICES: Free Admission and the General Public is encouraged to attend.