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Insights from Outstanding Art Students

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: SUU's Department of Art & Design welcomes, Outstanding Student Speakers to Art Insights Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). This gives art students the chance to talk about their artistic journey and an opportunity for the community to learn about student work at SUU. Admission is free and open to the public.

Chosen for exemplary academics and their artistic performance, skill, and knowledge. These graduating seniors will offer a variety of viewpoints and insights on the many facets of art and design. Speakers for the evening are Jamie Louthan (art education), Sara Schlagel, Tessa Brunnenmeyer, and Erin Shupe (art history), Jessica Jones (BA/BS), Elizabeth Edwards (ceramics/sculpture, Shaena Dansie (graphic design), Sharilyn Shumway (illustration), and Michelle Gray (photography).

"I feel honored to be chosen by the Department of Art & Design as an outstanding student speaker," said Jessica Jones, BA/BS speaker. "The most rewarding part about being in this department is how concerned the faculty are with student success."

From these presentations, a finalist will be chosen to represent the Department of Art & Design at the CPVA graduation convocation in May.

Michelle Gray, Outstanding Student Speaker for Photography, said, "My advice to other art and design students is 'Trust yourself. Your ideas and your vision are what make your art uniquely yours. You don't want to make anyone's art but your own.'"

Jamie Louthan, Art Education student, said, "I've received a broad education in the Department of Art & Design. I was able to experiment with many different mediums and learn from those experiences. My advice to current art students is 'experiment with your skills during undergrad, and don't expect to find a narrow focus until much later. You might end up focusing on a medium or subject matter you never thought you would.' I'll be touching on this more during my talk, where I'll discuss my progression as an artist and also how I got into teaching."

Support these outstanding student speakers from the Department of Art & Design. For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited programs in Art & Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 26 academic programs, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology graduate degrees. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 600 majors in the College. The College presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU's Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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Art Insights is hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art & Design faculty. Students and community members meet to partake in presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights.

Who: Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art & Design

When: Thursday, February 22, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah

Tickets: Free admission, General Public invited to attend

Info: For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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