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**El Camino College Student Art Show 2013 Opened May 13;
Art Department Open House Set for May 17**

The El Camino College Art Gallery will present its annual showcase of student artwork. All of the works in this exhibition were selected by instructors in the Fine Arts Department as outstanding examples of student work produced at the college.

The exhibit runs through 30. A reception and Art Department Open House are set from 6 to 9 p.m. May 17.

The Art Department Open House will give visitors the opportunity to meet faculty, see student work, check out musical performances and studio presentations, and tour the art facility. All Art Department classrooms will be open with displays of student work.

The Student Art Show includes a variety of works created in a wide range of media. The exhibit provides a unique glimpse into the educational and aesthetic philosophy advocated by the El Camino College Fine Arts Department and illustrates a diversity characteristic of the contemporary art world.

The majority of the works in the gallery are grounded in an academic approach to art study and training. Represented in the exhibition are traditional two-dimensional painting media (oil on canvas, acrylic on canvas, watercolor on paper) as well as drawing media on paper ((graphite, charcoal, pastel and Conte). Printmaking techniques include lithography, etching and silk-screen printing in addition to digital printing processes.

The art show includes well-executed examples of familiar photographic processes (black and white silver prints and color printing). The digital media program produces video animation, as well as photo-based digitally printed graphic designs and illustrative pieces.

Additionally, the show includes a cross section of three-dimensional techniques taught in the art department: jewelry construction; plaster, clay, latex and bronze cast sculpture; wheel-thrown and slab-constructed clay vessels and hand-built objects as well as a variety of imaginative mixed media constructions and small-scale installation pieces. An energy and vitality unique to emerging artists characterizes the annual Student Show.

Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Student Art Show and Open House are free and open to the public. For more information, call 310-660-3010.

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