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Annual juried exhibitions to showcase artwork of BFSDoArt students

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The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) at Georgia Southern University will present its two annual juried student exhibitions March 30 – April 6 at the Center for Art & Theatre on the Statesboro Campus. Receptions and awards ceremonies will begin Friday, March 30 at 5 p.m.

The Juried Undergraduate exhibition will be on view in the Contemporary Gallery. The artwork in this exhibition will feature the variety of media taught within the department, which includes drawing, painting, jewelry, multimedia, mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics. The exhibition will be juried by Ashley Zelinskie, an artist based in Brooklyn, New York. Zelinskie’s work spans a variety of media from sculpture and small metals to computer programs, and has been shown both nationally and internationally.
The Form & Content exhibition will be on view in the University Gallery. It will feature student work from Art Foundations classes that include Drawing I, 2D Design, 3D Design, and Digital Foundations. This exhibition will be juried by Michael Marks, an associate professor at the South Carolina School of the Arts at Anderson University. He works across a range of materials and techniques, and his creative pieces have been shown nationally and internationally in more than 75 exhibitions.

“The Juried Undergraduate and Form & Content exhibitions are among my favorite each year,” said BFSDoArt Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher. “To have the dynamic range of art and design projects all together in the tight confines of two galleries is a real treat, showing just how many directions creativity can flow.”
Georgia Southern art students win Gold and Silver ADDY awards
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Georgia Southern undergraduate graphic design students received Gold and Silver awards at the American Advertising Awards (ADDYs) presented by the American Advertising Federation of Augusta, Georgia.

Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) students Abigail Hutchins and Macintyre Pullen received a Gold ADDY in the Cross Platform Integrated Brand Identity Campaign category for R&R Chicken Branding. R&R Chicken is a company based in Blackshear, Georgia, and is owned by Georgia Southern alumna Robin Heavilon and her husband, Rick. As BFSDoArt Design Incubator clients, the couple has worked closely with students and Associate Professor of Graphic Design Santanu Majumdar. The students’ designs, including R&R corporate identity and packaging design for Broiler Bold Spicy BBQ sauce, will be used to market the company’s signature barbecue sauces.

Design Incubator was started last year summer with a goal to provide graphic design students a professional experience while in college. Design Incubator recruits students like any other real-world job application and selection process through portfolio and interviews.

“Students not only work on design projects but also get an opportunity to present and discuss with the clients about the projects,” Majumdar said. “This process helps students to not only to understand confidential nature of any industry projects but also the client-designer relationship.”
Ellyn Duncan received a Gold ADDY in the Cross Platform Integrated Brand Identity Campaign category for her work Element5 Brand Identity. Duncan created the Element5 brand as part of a theoretical exercise for a graphic design class.

“This project was designed to teach students a creative problem-solving process known as Simplex,” said Assistant Professor of Graphic Design Jason Murdock. “First, students are given a ‘fuzzy situation.’ This is an unframed problem that has no clear answers, forcing them to conduct research to better understand what they, as graphic designers can do to address the problem. In the case of Element5, Ellyn was asked to consider what might happen if two entities merged.”

Ellyn decided to merge bicycle-maker Schwinn and the US Navy for her project. She focused on strengths shared by the two entities—exercise and fitness—and invented, named, and branded a multi-event competition known as Element5. The events in the competition stem from Navy SEALs training exercises but would be less intense for a general audience. The visual identity for the Element5 competition is intended to convey the active, gritty, outdoor nature of the events through the use of an earth tone color palette and the gestural, expressive texture of the identity assets.

Students from Majumdar’s Professional Practices class received a Silver ADDY in Out of Home & Ambient Media Guerilla Marketing, Installation and Events Single Occurrence for “Georgia’s History in 50 Objects,” a new exhibit coming soon to the Georgia Southern Museum. Abigail Hutchins, Angelica Wallerstedt, Cara Carew, Emily Hudson, Mitchell Burgess, and Quinn Howard designed not only the identity but also the exhibit.

Professional Practices has been working in collaboration with Georgia Southern Museum for last six years. The class works every year on a temporary year-long exhibit design project. Students work in groups and compete against each other for the final design selection by the committee, which consists of the museum director and faculty members from other departments.

“Students not only design the project but also successfully execute it every year,” said Majumdar. “This is a unique example of thinking through doing and collaborations.”
Conn’s work selected for online exhibition

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Three of Assistant Professor Bridget Conn’s works were selected by curator Diana Bloomfield for the exhibition “Alternative Techniques in Image-Making” through L.A. Photo Curator. The online exhibition may be seen at [http://www.laphotocurator.com/alternative-techniques-in-image-making-curator-diana-bloomfield](http://www.laphotocurator.com/alternative-techniques-in-image-making-curator-diana-bloomfield).

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Ryan’s work selected for juried exhibition at MINT

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Work by MFA candidate Courtney Ryan was selected into a show called Interrupted, MINT’s 5th Annual Juried Exhibition. The show was juried by acclaimed ceramic artist Jiha Moon and will open Saturday, March 31 from 7-10 p.m. at MINT @ 92 Peachtree St. SW, Atlanta, Ga.

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