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Young Artists Showcased at Georgia Southern College of Education Event — Sen. Jack Hill makes surprise visit

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Sen. Jack Hill (Reidsville), made a surprise visit to the opening of the annual K-12 art exhibit at Georgia Southern’s College of Education on Sunday, February 8. Hill, chair of the Appropriations Committee, found time during the busy legislative session to travel to Statesboro to greet a room full of excited K-12 students and their families and teachers. A strong supporter of the arts in schools, Sen. Hill said “I believe art and music have such a positive effect on students and not just in developing talent but in the rest of their lives.”

Southern’s Art Extravaganza: A Georgia Southern and P-12 Partnership has showcased hundreds of young artists for the past eleven years. Featured artists in the show were selected by a certified art teacher. Their art is framed and hangs on the second floor of the COE classroom building where it will remain for a year.

According to Dr. Thomas R. Koballa, Jr., COE Dean, the COE Alumni Advisory Committee created the annual exhibit in 2004 as a way to showcase student art and highlight the work of certified art teachers, many of whom graduated from Georgia Southern. “This is a wonderful way to celebrate the work of both students and teachers,” Koballa said. “Over the years hundreds of K-12 students have been able to display their work here. We are proud of each one and grateful for the hard work of their teachers,” he continued.

This year, a special installation of art inspired by Pablo Picasso is on view. The “Picasso Heads” were created by 5th graders in Judy Ware’s art class at Mill Creek Elementary School. Picture caption:

Sen. Jack Hill congratulates a student artist at the opening of Southern’s Art Extravaganza Sunday, February 8, 2015.
Speaker to Address Disparities in Academic Medicine

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Jose E. Rodriguez, M.D., a board-certified family physician and associate professor at Florida State University College of Medicine, will be addressing the disparities in academic medicine at a lecture on Friday, February 27, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm, in the Nursing/Chemistry Building, room 1002. He is the 2008 recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Distinguished Service Award from Florida State University, in recognition of outstanding scholarly excellence and strong commitment to Dr. King’s ideals. He also received the 2012 Florida State University Transformation through Teaching Award. Dr. Rodriguez is co-founder and co-director of the Center for Underserved Minorities in Academic Medicine. The lecture is sponsored by the College of Education’s Center for Education Renewal, and COE’s Research Committee, along with the College of Science and Mathematics, the Multicultural Student Center and the Association of Latin American Students.