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Georgia Southern students' exhibit, "Ovation," opens Saturday, Sept. 5

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Georgia Southern University's 2015-2016 visual art scholarship and award recipients in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) will showcase their work in the "Ovation," exhibit at the Blick Gallery in Savannah, Georgia. The exhibit, open to the public, is on display Saturday, Sept. 5, through Thursday, Oct. 1.

"We are once again excited to introduce Savannah to the best of the Betty Foy Sanders

Department of Art. 'Ovation' is going to be a fabulous exhibit," said Elsie Taliaferro Hill, assistant professor for Foundation Studies.

The BFSDoArt presented several competitive awards this academic year to students who demonstrated academic achievement and creative performance while enrolled in the Department. Awards include the Rosalind D. Ragans Art Scholarship, Carolyn Joyner Memorial Scholarship, Peter Smith Memorial Graphic Design Award, Memorial Robert J. Focht Memorial Drawing Award, Roxie Remley Scholarship, the Eagle Nation on Parade Scholarships, and four Betty Foy Sanders Scholarships.

Students featured in the exhibit are Schwarga Battacharjee, Courtney Bonacci, Rachel Brown, Brenda Brown, Shaunte Francois, Erika Jordan, Allison Mueller, Ray Pettit, Katie Randall, Jonathan Simons and Alexandra Spee. Their works represent a variety of mediums, including drawing, ceramics, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and small metals design.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the artistic accomplishments of our scholarship recipients in Savannah, and we could not be more proud of their work," said Julie McGuire, Ph.D., professor and Visual Art Scholarship director.

The Blick Gallery is located inside Blick Art Materials at 318 East Broughton Street in Savannah, Georgia. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Blick Art Materials, a leading provider of art materials, has been a longtime supporter and advocate for the arts and continues to be involved in

many local and national initiatives to support art and offset budget constrictions in schools and communities.

A closing reception for the exhibit will take place on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Blick Gallery.

The BFSDoArt at Georgia Southern University is committed to offering quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students to become professional artists, designers, art historians and industry executives. The BFSDoArt is recognized as an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) and is pending accreditation from the Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications (ACCGC). Learn more about the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/art.

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