Senior art exhibition to showcase variety of styles on Armstrong Campus

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Art can be expressed in many different forms, and that versatility will be on full display Nov. 12 through 30 during GAMUT, a senior exhibition on the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus in Savannah.

GAMUT features the work of student artists Kathryn Percival, Anthony Caracci, Hannah Moore and Antonio Singleton and will present pieces consisting of acrylic paintings on glass, Raku sculpture and pottery, comics, artist’s merchandise, and an imaginative café setting.

One corner of the gallery will exhibit the design work of Percival’s immersive café environment, complete with the branded material of an imaginative establishment titled “The Bombastic Kit•Tea Cat Café.” Its imagery and aesthetics are intended to be reminiscent of the Victorian/Edwardian lithographic poster era and aims to reinforce the playful whimsy and novelty of the cat café.

The floor space will exhibit the sculpture and wheel-thrown pottery of Caracci. Pedestals will showcase his favored Raku fired techniques in ceramics.

“Seasons” by Moore consists of acrylic paintings of natural landscapes on a glass surface, which are exhibited in a manner that shifts the viewer’s perspective.

Singleton’s “Discovery” shows the process of creating a brand and style for illustration design. It showcases sections from his sketchbook as well as the digital process of creating illustration brand style. The goal is to show an illustrator’s behind the scenes process from conception to final designs.

The gallery will be open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a reception is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 30, with a brief talk by the artists at 6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Georgia Southern professor joins National Science Foundation research project

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Georgia Southern University Assistant Professor of Chemistry Gary Guillet, Ph.D., has been named a Virtual Inorganic Pedagogical Electronic Resource (VIPEr) Fellow in an innovative study to develop, test and refine a flexible, foundation-level inorganic chemistry course. As one of the first 20 faculty selected for this groundbreaking project, he will join other inorganic chemists from across the country in a community of practice dedicated to improving student learning. Over the course of the project, the VIPEr Fellows will implement evidence-based practices in their courses.

“I expect students to be equal players in the teaching transaction,” said Guillet. “I want them to always be asking questions and wrestling with the material. “This project will allow talented educators to refine the techniques used on Georgia Southern’s Armstrong campus and create an overall better course for our students.”

The study titled, “Improving Inorganic Chemistry Education,” is being led by the Interactive Online Network of Inorganic Chemists (IONiC) with support from the National Science Foundation’s Improving Undergraduate STEM Education program. The project will use classroom observations, analysis of student work, student surveys and faculty interviews to study how changes in the classroom affect student learning, interest and motivation. IONiC’s web home, VIPEr, will be used as the hub for disseminating the course goals, content and pedagogy. The project will also investigate how IONiC may encourage the adoption of evidence-based classroom practices.

“The project leaders are excited about the energy and commitment of the first group of VIPEr Fellows,” said professor Joanne Stewart of Hope College, a principal investigator on the grant. “We celebrate the diverse approaches they bring to teaching inorganic chemistry and the new insights into the faculty development they will enable.”

To learn more about the National Science Foundation’s VIPEr project, visit www.ionicviper.org/VIPErFellows

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Georgia Southern honored among 2018 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

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Georgia Southern University was one of six post-secondary schools nationwide to be recognized as a 2018 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School Postsecondary Sustainability Awardee at a ceremony in Washington D.C., on Sept. 19. The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award is the highest honor given by the U.S. Department of Education for sustainability.

“It was a great honor to represent Georgia Southern as an award recipient at the ceremony in Washington D.C., and an inspiration to meet the other winners from around the country,” said Lissa Leege, Ph.D., Center for Sustainability director. “We came home with renewed energy and new ideas about how to further promote the three pillars of the award: reducing environmental impact and cost, promoting better health and ensuring environmental education.”

Forty-six schools and six districts were honored at the 2018 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools ceremony for their innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and costs, promote better health and ensure effective environmental education.

Georgia Southern received the award for its impressive environmental accomplishments, which include water conservation and energy efficiency measures, as well as working toward a culture of sustainability at Georgia Southern through education and action. Students had the vision to develop and vote for a student sustainability fee that has supported significant investment in innovative sustainability solutions on the Statesboro Campus. The fee funds an array of projects from electric vehicle charging stations and vertebrate biodiversity surveys to bioswale development and LED lighting upgrades.

With the help of the Division of Facilities Services, the University has offset approximately eight million kilowatt-hours of energy over the past five years, or enough to provide energy for 643 homes for one year. The University also utilizes reused water to irrigate parts of campus, saving up to 200,000 gallons of drinking water in a single day.

“Georgia Southern University is committed to both advancing sustainability education for its students and to putting into practice sustainability initiatives and standards,” said Kathryn Twining, associate vice president for Facilities Administration. This award is attributed to the hard work put in by so many at Georgia Southern, but especially by Tiffoni Buckle-McCartney and Lissa Leege. We look forward to continuing to advance the education and practices of sustainability across all of our campuses.”
Leege, Twinning, Environmental and Sustainability Manager Tiffoni Buckle-McCarthy and Environmental Health and Safety Director Kelly Close accepted the award on behalf of the University.

On hand for the ceremony to present each recipient with a sustainably crafted plaque were U.S. Commerce Department were Assistant U.S. Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education Frank Brogan, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Education Director Louisa Koch, Director of the Campaign for Environmental Literacy James L. Elder and Director of the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council Anisa Heming.

The honorees were named from a pool of candidates nominated by 25 states and the Department of Defense Department of Education Activity. The selectees include 40 public schools, including two magnet schools and two charter schools, as well as six nonpublic schools. Forty-five percent of the 2018 honorees serve a disadvantaged student body.

For the full list of all 2018 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools honorees, visit https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/awards.html

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