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College Hosts Annual Student Scholarship Art Exhibition

PALM DESERT, CA — College of the Desert is proud to announce the Annual Student Scholarship art exhibition, being held May 1 through May 23, 2019, at the Marks Art Center.

The exhibition will feature the work of College of the Desert students majoring in Art, Architecture, Digital Design and Production. A free opening reception is being held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1. The event is open to the public and the reception will feature local band A.M.F.M. Light refreshments will also be served.

"The Dean of the College's Social Sciences and Arts Department will be selecting a work of art among the scholarship recipients in our first ever Dean's Purchase Award," said Anna-Marie Veloz, interim faculty director at the Marks Art Gallery.

Students majoring in Art, Architecture, Digital Design and Production are eligible for scholarships made possible by the Dumont Foundation, Nancy H. Bacon, Ruth Stark and Joyce Norton.

Thirteen students received scholarships this year: Astrid Acero, Chloe Bahr, James Burns, Amanda Castro, William Fike, Hope Mock, Monica Perez, Joseph Quintero, Lalaine Ramirez, Omara Sprueill, Ambriel Styve-Hector, Abel Venegas and Leah Woodfield. Much of the students' artwork is also for sale, thus providing an excellent opportunity to support students while acquiring original art.

The Marks Art Center will also feature College of the Desert Architectural Student Projects from the Architectural Design Fundamentals II course. During the class, students designed birdhouses inspired by prominent mid-century architects, cardboard chairs and light fixtures inspired by the works of famous architects.

In addition to work by the College's students, the Marks Art Center will also showcase artwork by students from the Palm Springs Unified School District, in collaboration with S.C.R.A.P. Gallery, an exhibition titled "Big Girls."

About the Marks Center for the Arts:

The Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts is a nonprofit facility that supports arts education and enriches the cultural life of students, faculty and the Coachella valley community. The center is located at 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert. The gallery is open between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and by appointment. For more information, please

contact the Marks Art Center at 760.776.7278 or visit the center on Facebook @marksartcenterCOD or Instagram @marksartcenter.

About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert, located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 18,000 credit students and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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