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Public Invited to College of the Desert Student and Alumni Exhibition and Reception

College of the Desert is pleased to announce that a student and alumni exhibition known as *Emergence* will be on display from November 10 through December 8 at the Marks Art Center.

There will also be an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 10. This event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided. Live painting demonstrations will be provided by Zachary Fleming Boyles, and graffiti artist, Joshua Cota.

Emergence reflects, represents, and celebrates the journey from Zoom to physical classrooms and the collectives of being together again. It revels in the return to on-campus art studios, in-person critiques, live performances, and exhibitions.

"This exhibit offers students, alumni, and the public a form of catharsis as we recognize what has passed and celebrate a return to normalcy," said Dr. Sara Butler, Interim Vice President of Instruction. "Even more than getting back to 'normal,' these pieces of art are a reminder that we get to do life together again, just as the artists in our student and alumni community get to do art with others again."

Student artwork features a variety of media and themes, but its shared commonality is that it was all created in the last year. On a conscious and subconscious level, these art pieces exhibit the world's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to work by current COD students, the Marks Art Center will display artwork by several College of the Desert alumni. These artists include Nancy Ocegueda, Angel Prudencio, Sheila Roman, Lazaro Sanchez, Laia Torres, and Eduardo Valadez.



News Release

In support of *Emergence*, The College of the Desert Foundation will present two students with a \$250 scholarship award during the opening reception.

The Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts (MAC) is a nonprofit facility that supports arts education and enriches the cultural lives of our students, faculty, and community. The MAC is at 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert. The gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and by appointment.

For more information, please contact the Marks Art Center at (760) 776-7278 or visit them on Instagram @marksartcenter.

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