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MVCTC Graphic Arts Students Selected as Semi-Finalist in 2014 Governor's Youth Art Exhibit

Clayton, Ohio – Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Graphic Commercial Art and Digital Design programs had 16 works of art selected as Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit Semi-Finalists from hundreds of entries on March 1, at Stivers School for the Arts (Southwest Regional judging location). These 16 art selections will now advance to Columbus where state judging takes place on March 8.

Judges for this level of competition are chosen from all over the country and are generally professional artists, college level instructors, or both. From the 12,000 regional entries from the 15 regions, approximately 2,500 are selected to enter the state judging. State jurors then select 300 for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence. Scholarships are offered to seniors by over 30 universities and colleges of art. For instance, The Kettering School of Advertising Art awards \$10,000 scholarships for each winner and the Columbus College of Art and Design awards \$1,000 per winner.

MVCTC Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit Semi-Finalists:

- MEGAN MILLER (Graphic Art student from Huber Heights)
- KYLEE CLARKE (Graphic Art student from Vandalia)
- TARNESEA ELDER (Graphic Art student from Huber Heights)
- AMANDA GARRETT (Graphic Art student from Huber Heights)
- CATHERINE GERAMI (Graphic Art student from Northmont)
- MACKENZIE GOLDEN (Graphic Art student from Bethel)
- AUSTIN HAMLIN (Graphic Art student from Northmont)
- HEATHER SHAW (Graphic Art student from Huber Heights)
- SYDNEY SIEBEN (Graphic Art student Vandalia)
- RUBY WALLS (Graphic Art student from Ansonia)
- MARY YAKLIN (Graphic Art student from Eaton)
- BRAYDEN JARRELL(Graphic Art student from Tipp City)
- KAYLA SAPA (Digital Design student from Vandalia)
- HOLDEN VAN HOUTEN (Digital Design student from Preble Shawnee)

The exhibit opens with an awards ceremony on April 13, 2014, and will continue until May 15, weekdays 8am - 5pm. at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, see the website: <u>http://www.govart.org/</u>.

MVCTC is located in Clayton and serves 27 area high schools in five southwestern Ohio counties (Montgomery, Warren, Preble, Darke, and Miami). The career technical programs at MVCTC are designed to teach students skills relevant to their career goals, while maintaining challenging academic classes and building relationships with classmates, instructors, and business leaders to help them be successful. The opportunities available at MVCTC prepare students for the workforce and college and allow them to graduate with thousands of dollars toward their college education.

For more information on the opportunities offered at MVCTC, please visit <u>www.mvctc.com</u>.

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