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STUDENT VOICES FROM THE SBCC ART DEPARTMENT *Exhibition Collaboration at Santa Barbara City Hall Gallery*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) - The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture (www.sbac.ca.gov) is pleased to announce “**Student Voices from the Santa Barbara City College Art Department,**” a new exhibition at Santa Barbara City Hall showcasing top examples of current SBCC student artwork.

Produced in partnership with the City of Santa Barbara, SBCC Atkinson Gallery and the Foundation for Santa Barbara City College, the exhibition is now on view at 735 Anacapa Street in Santa Barbara. An opening reception featuring remarks from participating students will be held during the *1st Thursday Art Walk* from 5-7 p.m. on Thurs., March 5.

Santa Barbara Mayor Cathy Murillo deemed the exhibition “a celebration of our city’s talented next generation of artists and leaders.”

The exhibition highlights a wide range of media including works on paper, painting, sculpture and ceramics. Selected by the Art Department’s full-time faculty and the Atkinson Gallery Director in advance of the annual student exhibition, the show’s diversity offers an important glimpse into the Art Department’s activities and teaching methods.

SBCC Atkinson Gallery Director John Connelly shared, "I am delighted to have our students’ artwork on display at City Hall, giving our local community an opportunity to see the physical results of our first-rate art program, while offering a peek behind the process of art education and the meditations of emergent creative minds. This exhibition has been a thoroughly rewarding and inspiring dialogue between art, education and civic engagement.”

With this collaboration, SBCC art students have the opportunity to share their output and learning in an exciting way with a public intersection of art, education and government.

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About the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture:

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture represents a longstanding partnership between the County and City of Santa Barbara. For more than 30 years, both governments have shared resources and staff to maximize support for Santa Barbara arts and culture institutions, programs, initiatives and projects. For more information, go to www.sbac.ca.gov.

About the Art Department at Santa Barbara City College

The Art Department at SBCC provides students an opportunity to study and experience art from a broad range of emphases: a well-structured art studio or art history curriculum for the traditional art major; as part of a structured program for majors from other departments such as Multimedia Arts and Technologies (MAT) or Graphic Design; or for enrichment, development, and fulfillment of college requirements for the non-art major.

About the Atkinson Gallery

The Atkinson Gallery is the SBCC showcase for the visual arts and an essential component of the Art Department, providing a central exhibition location for students, faculty and visiting artists. The Atkinson hosts exhibitions of contemporary art each academic year featuring international, national, and regional artists working in a wide range of styles and media. Through the Atkinson Gallery, the Art Department maintains a strong commitment to our local community and reaches a broad audience as a consequence of unique programming that is free and open to the public.