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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --
Meghan McCreary, a
junior from Waukegan, Ill.,
majoring in art and
French at Illinois Wesleyan
University, was named the
winner of the President's
Award for the 18th
Annual Juried Student Art
Exhibition.



Meghan McCreary with her winning entry in the Student Juried Art Exhibition at Illinois Wesleyan

McCreary's pastel drawing entitled "Attachment #1" was selected as the winner by Illinois Wesleyan President and Mrs. Richard F. Wilson. McCreary is a graduate of Lake Forest Academy.

The other award winners were:

-- Taaj Abdur-Rahman of Homewood, Ill., won a Gallery award for her mixed media work entitled "My Clarinet." The award is sponsored by the School of Art and the winner selected by School of Art faculty. Abdur-Rahman, a graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School, is a junior majoring in art and business administration.

-- Lindsay Budzynski of Addison, Ill., won the Director's Award for her painting entitled "Liz (Denny's 3 a.m.)." The award was sponsored and selected by Miles Bair, director of the Ames School of Art. Budzynski, a graduate of Addison Trail High School, is a junior majoring in art.

-- Lauren Couch of Palatine, Ill., won a Paintin' Place award for her sculpture entitled "Red Pear Machine." The award was sponsored by Paintin' Place Art Supply Store in Normal and the winner selected by School of Art faculty. Couch, a graduate of Palatine High School, is a senior majoring in art.

-- Quinton Green of Detroit, Mich., won a Gallery award for his painting entitled "Sunshine ... Blue Skies, Please Go Away." The award was sponsored by the School of Art and the winner selected by School of Art faculty. Green, a graduate of Martin Luther King Junior-Senior High School, is a junior majoring in art.

-- Melissa Keiser of Naperville, Ill., won the Career Center Purchase award for her drawing entitled "We are Strangers, Dominique Isseman." The award was sponsored and selected by Career Center staff. The work chosen becomes part of the Career Center's permanent collection, which is on display in its offices. Keiser, a graduate of Neuqua Valley High School, is a junior majoring in art.

-- Megan Klazura of Rockford, Ill., won a Paintin' Place award for her drawing entitled "I Love Fruit." The award was sponsored by Paintin' Place Art Supply Store in Normal and the winner selected by School of Art faculty. Klazura, a graduate of Boylan Catholic High School, is a freshman majoring in art.

-- Alex Mitchell of Champaign, Ill., won the Matthew Fry award for his mixed media work entitled "23 Raindrops and Filled to the Brim." The award was sponsored by Donna Schultz Xidis and the winner selected by School of Art faculty. This memorial award is presented in remembrance of former IWU art student Matthew Fry. Mitchell, a graduate of University of Illinois Lab High School, is a junior majoring in art.

-- Shannon Hosmer of Annapolis, Md., Jonathan Robinson of Centralia, Ill., and Kristy White of Dubuque, Iowa, won a Gallery award for their collaborative design project entitled "Constructing an Identity for the Bloomington/Normal Convention and Visitors Bureau." The award was sponsored by the School of Art and the winner selected by School of Art faculty.

All three are seniors majoring in art. Robinson is a graduate of Centralia High School, White is a graduate of Wahlert High School and Hosmer is a graduate of Neuqua Valley High School.

The 18th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition features the work of IWU School of Art majors and minors, and includes painting, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and kiln-fused glass. Awards were presented on Feb. 15 during an opening reception for the exhibition, which is on display through March 4 in the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries of Illinois Wesleyan's Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington, Ill.)

Gallery admission is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 12-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, contact Gallery Director Jennifer Lapham at 309/556-3391.