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SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF FIFTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

Brentwood, NY – The Department of Arts and Humanities at the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood has announced the winners of the Fifth Annual High School Art Competition:

- **First Place Award: Katherine Ahhyun Choi (Commack High School) - *Wisdom*** (Coffee)
- **Second Place: Christopher Castrillion (Brentwood High School) - *Unfettered Immobility*** (Oil on Panel)
- **Third Place: Carly Donohue (West Babylon High School) - *Arcadia*** (Clay)
- **Honorable Mention: Esdras Hidalgo (Brentwood High School) - *Man in Suit*** (Photography)
- **Honorable Mention: Ryan Flanagan (West Babylon High School) - *Moments Before the Storm*** (Photography)
- **Honorable Mention: Kyle Harper (Brentwood High School)- *Pumps of Pain*** (Mixed Media)

The College received 53 pieces of artwork from 44 student artists representing four area high schools - Brentwood High School, Commack High School, East Islip High School and West Babylon High School. Artwork was submitted in a wide variety of media, ranging from drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture and mixed media.

The competition was judged by members of the College's art faculty, including Curator and Professor Michaelann Tostanoski, Professor Celeste DeSario, Professor Jim DeSario, Professor Jeff Epstein, Professor Lucy Karwoski, Professor Allen Keener, Professor Kathryn Poletti, and Professor Elena Soterakis.

Commenting on the event, Janet Velasquez, District Coordinator of Art Education K-12 Brentwood Union Free School District, stated, "Suffolk County Community College's High School Art Competition is an excellent way for high school artists to network with each other and share their art with members of the broader community. The event was a motivating experience for the students. It also brought hope and inspiration to the community at large."



Photo Caption: *Wisdom* by Katherine Ahhyun Choi. Ms Choi, a student at Commack High School, won first place in Suffolk County Community College's Fifth Annual Student Art Competition for her work on paper done in the medium of coffee.

About Suffolk County Community College

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 26,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering affordable college tuition, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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