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## **ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS DISPLAY ART IN PRYOR GALLERY**

### **Show Continues Through March 31**

**(Columbia, Tenn. – March 6, 2009)** - - - Young artists from surrounding elementary and middle schools will display their works in Columbia State Community College’s Pryor Art Gallery through March 31. Participating schools are Woodard Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Zion Christian Academy, Santa Fe School, Wright Elementary, Hampshire Unit School, Columbia Academy, Culleoka Unit School, and Mt. Pleasant Elementary. The exhibit features work from pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

“If you need to find a smile on your face, please visit the Elementary Art Exhibit in the Pryor Gallery,” said Lucy Scott Kuykendall, Columbia State’s Pryor Art Gallery Director/Curator. “March is National Elementary Art Month, and teachers have given me lesson plans and directions so that visitors may see the process the students went through while creating their pieces. The teachers have also incorporated mini-art history or even other inter-disciplinary lessons, such as geography or world history, with some of these projects. You will be proud, enlightened and uplifted after a walk-through!”

An Open House will be held in the gallery on Tuesday, March 24 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The exhibit is complimentary and open to the public during campus hours, 7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, and for special events on the weekend. The Pryor Gallery is located in the Waymon L. Hickman Building on the Columbia Campus, located at 1665 Hampshire Pike in Columbia.

Columbia State is a two-year college, serving a nine-county area in southern Middle Tennessee with locations in Columbia, Franklin, Lawrenceburg, Lewisburg and Clifton. As Tennessee’s first community college, Columbia State is committed to increasing access and enhancing diversity at all five campuses. Columbia State is a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the sixth largest higher education system in the nation.

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