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

### **Show Continues Through April 29**

**(Columbia, Tenn. – April 7, 2009)** - - - Young artists from surrounding middle and high schools will display their works in Columbia State Community College's Pryor Art Gallery through April 29. Participating schools are Columbia Central High, Spring Hill High, Mt. Pleasant Middle and High, Santa Fe Unit, Hampshire Unit, Whitthorne Middle, and the Mule Town Family Network. The exhibit features work from Art I through advanced placement students.

"It is a fabulous representation by talented teachers and students in several media: clay, graphite, charcoal, watercolor, oil pastels, linoleum prints and color pencil," said Lucy Scott Kuykendall, Columbia State's Pryor Art Gallery Director/Curator. "There are also loom dolls made by juniors and seniors in Hampshire Unit School's visual arts class. The dolls will be sent to Haiti with Dr. Tom Obrien of Nashville, as gifts for the children he works with. The children use 'sticks' as their only toys. Hampshire students are hoping their gifts will bring happiness to the children in need."

A complimentary Open House will take place on Tuesday, April 22, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Pryor Art Gallery. 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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