Art show

RLC’s art students have worked very hard to produce incredible work for this year’s Student Art Show. The show was hung Monday, April 13, and will remain on display throughout the spring semester. Head to the Learning Resource Center to check it out! (Photo by Taylor Blankenship/Clocktower Chronicle Staff Photographer)

Student Art Show kicks off with awards night

By ReAnne Palmer

More than 110 pieces of art are on display in the Rend Lake College Theatre Lobby after the start of the 2015 Student Art Show last week. During the Awards Ceremony, approximately $1,500 was awarded in prizes, scholarships, and tuition waivers to local students. World-renowned artist Najjairi Abdul-Musa渭ew, lead fine arts instructor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, was also on hand to judge the event and hand out the Best of Show and Best of Portfolio awards. The Student Art Show will be located in the Theatre until Friday, May 8. Three high school students were awarded Art Tuition Waivers to attend RLC next year. They are Autumn Breeze of Waltonville High School (WHS), Alyssa Fox of Thompsonville High School (THS), and Tonya Guiksen of Benton Consolidated High School (BCHS).

The Rend Lake College Foundation also awarded several awards and scholarships. The RLC Foundation Art Show Award went to Sue Overby (McLeansboro) for “Whirlpool Galaxy,” the Dr. Evelyn Clinton Art Scholarship Award went to Allen H. Evans (Pinckneyville) for “Jekyll N. Hyde.” Best of Ceramics and Sculptor went to Casey Brandt (Mt. Vernon) for “Reaching Elephant,” the Adam Lee Lorance Memorial Scholarship went to Hannah Brannan (Thompsonville) and Keri Hartlieb (Meukonkeyton) for “Nude #1,” and the Alyssa Dawn Lorance Memorial Scholarship went to Keri Hartlieb (Meukonkeyton) for “Aura.”

RLC student Cassey Brandt (Mt. Vernon) also won the Purchase Award for her piece “Dark Waters.” The art will be purchased by the college and hung on the walls across campus.

Judge Abdul-Musa渭ew said the show was very hard to judge this year as he awarded the Best of Show to Sue Good (McLeansboro) for “Path of Destruction” and Best of Portfolio to Taylor Blankenship (Meukonkeyton). As an artist who has shown work on four different continents, Abdul-Musa渭ew said the work at RLC is “some of the best” he’s ever seen.

“IT’s always a privilege and honor to stand before anyone ever seen.”

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RCC offering trip to Costa Rica

By Billy McPherson

Are you tired and stressed out? How does a nice tropical getaway sound? What if you could get three college credit hours in the process while you sip your Mojito in the warm relaxing sun? Well then, Costa Rica may just be the place for you next spring.

The trip is being provided and overseen by Education First in conjunction with Rend Lake College International Studies. According to their website at www.EF.com, Education First is the world leader in educational tours and international education. Associate Professor of Sociology Sarah Draper said the trip is being offered as a Social Science class called SOGC 2101. Draper noted that it is a meticulously planned, nine-day trip that will explore the exotic environment and rich culture of Costa Rica. Each day is filled with many planned activities overseen by an expert tour guide to showcase the diversity of the region.

Draper stated that the trip begins in the colorful capital city of San José. According to the itinerary provided by EF, during the nine-day experience, students will be exposed to a world of biological diversity. Among the activities listed is a visit to the stunning INBioparque natural reserve.

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50+ employers on tap for Job Search Party tonight in MTV

By ReAnne Palmer

D uring the annual Job Search Party tonight in MTV, hundreds of employers will be present, among many others. A number of door prizes will be given away to attendees as well. For more information about the Job Search Party, contact Whitney Schulte at (618) 437-2101. Draper noted that it is a mutuiously planned, nine-day trip that will explore the exotic environment and rich culture of Costa Rica. Each day is filled with many planned activities overseen by an expert tour guide to showcase the diversity of the region.

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Trip

Alicia McPherson — a sophomore who attended the informational meeting last week, and who took a trip to Europe through EF back in high school — said, “I really enjoyed my last trip with this company. It was very fun and I got to learn a lot. The tour guide was very knowledgeable and kind. It was a unique experience. They really make you feel safe and welcomed. I would love to go on another trip with them.”

Draper said that a tentative deadline for registration is this October. She said students who want to go should enroll in the class this upcoming fall or spring semester. The actual class only consists of the trip, so there is no extra course material to buy or prerequisites to attend in the fall or spring. The Costa Rica trip is scheduled to depart on May 16, 2015 — two days after next year’s graduation.

That date is subject to change. The nine-day excursion is $2,405 per student, which can be paid in monthly installments of $193. Students over 30 years of age must pay $2,426, which allows a room upgrade to double occupancy instead of triple, and an added fee of $246 is given to younger students.

Draper said the trip may seem expensive, but that it is a great deal when you consider it covers airfare, hotel accommodations, on-tour transportation, the cost of the tour guides and director, and much more. It also covers most of the excursions included in the trip. According to the trip website, this includes three meals daily on the second day through the eighth day, a local dinner on the first day, and a light breakfast the last day. Any student who has taken a previous trip with EF is eligible for a special $100 discount, according to the site.

Draper said she is willing to help or advise any student looking to save money for this trip by engaging in creative fundraising endeavors. She stated one way to raise funds is to make sure friends and relatives know about the trip and ask for cash instead of presents on special occasions. The full cost of the trip must be paid roughly 60 days before the departure date.

She said that to attend the trip, students will need a valid passport. The tour will waive tuition for the three credit hours. For more information, contact Draper at drapers@rlc.edu or via phone at (816) 437-5321, Ext. 1609. Students may register at the EF site — www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/1636047CY or by calling (877) 485-4184 and referencing tour # 1636047CY.

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Getting close!

The students pictured above are nearing completion of Rend Lake College’s Associate Degree of Nursing program. They will have a pinning ceremony on Thursday, May 14 and will graduate on Saturday, May 16. The program prepares the students for the state licensure examination. Pictured clockwise from the top with their instructor, Tosha Baker (Christopher), Nichole Barton (West Frankfort), Nikki Benedict (Benton), Brittany Blades (Dahlgren), Alisson Blair (Benton), Dani Boston (Christopher), Mary K. Brewer (Pinckneyville), Chandler Cannon (Pinckneyville), Amber Chwarczinski (Zeigler), Lexi Donoho (Mt. Vernon), Tymer Downen (Wayne City), Lauren Faux (Christopher), Rachel Flood (Buckner), Kendra George (Tamaqua), Elizabeth Heiken (Texico), Toni Hei (McLeansboro), Jerri Hethmon (Pinckneyville), Christian Hoffman (Benton), Alicia Hutchings (Pinckneyville), Dayna Keyes (Mt. Vernon), Sierra Kind (Benton), Jacque Lash (Mt. Vernon), Ora Lawrence (Woodlawn), Robin Leaton (Murphysboro), Raven LeFene (Thompsonville), Emily Likens (Mt. Vernon), Jessica Lohman (Christopher), Misty Martin (Mt. Vernon), Andrea McGlasson (Benton), Amanda Miller (Benton), Chris Moore (Mt. Vernon), Hannah Moore (Benton), Megan Newbury (Benton), Jordan North (Christopher), Emily Pacry (Belle Rive), Amy Ping (McLeansboro), Beth Pheasant (Christopher), Jessica Phillips (DuQuoin), Raschel Pryer (McLeansboro), Jody Roberston (Sesser), Tiffany Schwartz (Wayne City), Brock Shirley (Henss), Chelsea Smith (Royeton), Mackenzie Teal (Christopher), Mariah Terkel (Mt. Vernon), Thomas Thomason ( Texico), Kara Thompson (Royilton), Callie Webb (Dahlgren), Hayley Webb (Macedonia), Kristin Wetzel (Texico), Kelly Williams (Mt. Vernon), and Danielle Winget (Sesser). Not pictured is Miranda Snaifer (Bluford). (Photo by ReAnne Palmer / RLC Public Information)
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