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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's School of Fine Arts will host the senior art exhibits of Amanda Bunting, Treslyn Shipley and Katelyn Smith from Nov. 17-Dec. 11. Bunting's exhibit will be in the second floor of Rosemary Gossett Adams Gallery in Ouachita's Moses-Provine Hall, and Smith's will be in the first floor of Adams Gallery. Shipley's exhibit will be in the Hammons Gallery in Mabee Fine Arts Center. All three exhibits are free and open to the public, and receptions will be held on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. as part of an art walk.

Senior exhibits are an opportunity for art students to show the work they have created during their time at Ouachita. Attendees can expect a range of work from ceramics and oil paintings to graphic design and gilded frames.

"All three of us, Amanda, Katelyn and I, would agree that we are excited and terrified to finally share what we have been diligently working on for years," said Shipley, a studio art major from Arlington, Texas. "It's a thrilling process creating an exhibit, but perhaps I'm most excited to celebrate with my friends and family once it is all complete."

Shipley's exhibit, "We Are Art," primarily features almost 100 portraits of members of the Ouachita community. "Ouachita has nurtured me so well while I have been here, and it only made sense to create an exhibit that was dedicated to those who have walked with me at college," Shipley explained. "The main series has a dual purpose, one on the truth that we are valuable and the other of the important role my audience fills."

Bunting, a graphic design major from Derwood, Md., will present a range of work in her exhibit, including fabric designs and a sculpture that incorporates 3D typography. "I want people to see that there are endless possibilities and that they shouldn't be afraid to do something a little different than what's expected," she said, adding, "I want people to see how passionate I am about what I do."

Smith, an art and education double major from Roe, Ark., said, "The inspiration for nearly all of my works comes from the experience of the art classroom. I want the audience to walk away with a better understanding of the relationship between art and education and more of an appreciation for art classes."

Regular gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the School of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.