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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.— Ouachita Baptist University's Art Club announced the winners of the 2021 Juried Student Art Show on Scholars Day, April 28, with Nicholas Herrington named the first place winner. Herrington is a junior studio art and history double major from Benton, Ark. The annual competition allows students of all majors the opportunity to have their artwork displayed on campus; the 2021 exhibit will be on display in Hammons Gallery in Mabee Fine Arts Center through October 2.

Students Tehya Hinkson received second place and Emma Gregory received third place for their artwork. Hinkson is a senior studio art and education double major from Benton, Ark., and Emma Gregory is a senior studio art major from Pottsville, Ark.

Emily Moll Wood served as the juror for the 2021 Juried Student Art Show. A Little Rock, Ark., native, Wood is a painter whose works can be found in private collections across the United States and public collections such as the Historic Arkansas Museum, The University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the Springfield Art Museum. Her work also



Picture 1 "Untitled," by Tehya Hinkson

has been accepted in juried exhibitions throughout the South, such as the Arkansas Arts Center Delta Exhibition. Wood holds a Master of Arts degree in painting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has studied painting at the Art Students' League of New York.

Along with first place, Herrington received a \$200 cash prize for his work, "Leda and the Swan." The piece is a ceramic teapot painted with elements of Greek figure pictorials and storytelling.

"The art that I volunteered for the show expresses my personal explorations of mythical themes and how they can exist within our lives today," Herrington said.

As a member of the Art Club, Herrington also served as assistant chair for the Juried Student Art Show.

"My mind throughout the process of installing the show was not so much focused on winning but more so on showing off all of the artists whose work was chosen to be exhibited," Herrington said.

Hinkson received a \$100 cash prize for her mixed-media piece, "Untitled," consisting of acrylic, thread and feathers.

"I love being able to showcase my art alongside my fellow students, and it is always an honor when the juror chooses your work to be in the show," Hinkson said. "I also was doubly blessed this year to get two pieces accepted this year that comment on a topic I am passionate about, which is Native American culture."

Gregory received a \$50 cash prize for her work, "Cycles." The mixed media piece features the passage of time and seasonal cycles of a plant.

"I am honored to have my work selected from among this collection of incredible art," Gregory said. "While creating my piece, I was reflecting on the concept of time. Time is both an illusion and an objective construct of reality, by which I mean that in our perception, time often seems to rush past us or fly by endlessly, even though we know intellectually that each second of our day is equivalent in duration."

Jenna Whitlow, a senior studio art and history double major from Fort Smith, Ark., served as chair for the Juried Student Art Show. Whitlow was responsible for organizing the event, managing the art selected by the jurors and installing the works.

"My absolute favorite part of doing this show is getting to engage with artists all around campus and get them excited about displaying their work," said Whitlow.

For more information about the annual Juried Student Art Show, contact René Zimny at zimnyr@obu.edu.



Picture 2 "Cycles" by Emma Gregory

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