Weber State University Students Depict Alarming Facts and Statistics about Utah’s Air Quality through Visual Art

Students’ enlightening art, now on display at the Bridge Gallery at the Shepherd Union Building

Ogden, Utah – Nov. 25, 2013 – Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities (http://weber.edu/cah), the Western region’s foremost institution for student-centered teaching and research, today announced students from the visual arts department have for the first time made available to the public, a unique exhibit depicting the damaging effects of Utah’s poor air quality on Utahns’ daily lives. The exhibit is open to the public Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December 12 at the Weber State University Bridge Gallery located in the Shepherd Union Building.

“The work created by the students is not only educational, but in some instances astonishing to see visually the impact of air quality on our daily lives, said Larry Clarkson, Professor of Visual Arts at Weber State University. “My intent in working with the students was to bring my real-world expertise as a former advertising executive to the classroom, where I could teach students the practice of ‘designer as author.’ Students approached this project by really studying and researching topics that impacted them directly; for instance, asthma and how a child might deal with this condition living here in Utah,” said Clarkson.

Each of the posters created by students, highlights an interesting fact or statistic about air quality along the Wasatch Front. Students had to first select a topic they were interested in having to do with air. The subject of ‘air’ was chosen due in part, to the university’s engaged learning series entitled, “On Air.” The students then had to research and substantiate the subject they were focusing upon which allowed the students to become authors of their own work.

Featured students posters include:

- “Pollution along the Wasatch Front”
- “Winter Inversions on the Wasatch Front”
- “Red Air Days in Utah”

“Our visual arts students have the exciting opportunity to work side-by-side with faculty like Professor Clarkson who is an award-winning graphic designer, to create work that is not only visually appealing but educates and informs,” said Madonna Miner, Dean of the Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities. “The students carefully researched and have visually shown their ability to give words a voice. We invite the community to see firsthand not only the talented work of our students, but the impact our daily activities have on our community.”
The posters will be displayed at the Bridge Gallery located in the Shepherd Student Union building at Weber State University from now through December 12. For more information on Weber State University’s department of visual arts, please visit (http://departments.weber.edu/dova/).

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