

Senior Art Exhibition 2011



Set up: Seniors get ready for the Art Exhibition by setting up their works. The Art Exhibition was held at the Museum of Great Plains in Lawton.



Exhibition: The visitors take a close look at the pieces during the show. The exhibition showcased the various drawings, paintings, prints, digital art, and graphic design works by the seniors.



Preparation: Carol Cunningham prepares for the senior art exhibition. Her artwork 'Let them eat cake' (right) was featured at the exhibition.



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Cameron University's senior art exhibition kicked off with an opening reception from 6 pm-9pm on Saturday, April 2nd. The exhibition was held at the Museum of the Great Plains 601 NW Ferris Ave. in Lawton. The exhibition featured artwork by nine CU student artists Carol Cunningham, April Hatfield, Nicholas Nicholls, Tracie Tuck-Davis, Anne Northam, Rebecca Diericks-Taylor, Deadra Kolker, Rosalia Jaume and Cortel "BJ" Payne. Drawings, paintings, prints, digital art and graphic design works were featured.

Cameron's senior art majors worked diligently to produce works of art with their own signature style and content. Senior exhibitions are required of graduating art majors and are intended to represent the culmination of four years of study and offer a glimpse of the directions the artists may explore with their work following graduation. Here is a glimpse at a few of the graduating seniors.

1) **Name:** Carol Cunningham

Major: Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art with an emphasis in painting

After Graduation Plans: Master of Fine Arts studio art program at Texas Tech University. This summer I plan to contact Illustration agencies. My ultimate goal after Texas Tech is to write and illustrate children's books.

What is your best memory of the art curriculum here at Cameron?

I have really enjoyed the field trips we have gone on, but my favorite by far has been the trip to the Dallas Kimbell Art Museum. Throughout the bus ride, our professors would sing karaoke and we stopped by Dairy Queen to get ice cream. It was a fun trip!

2) **Name:** Rebecca Diericks-Taylor

Major: Bachelor of Fine Arts in sculpture design with concentration in painting

After Graduation Plans: Pursue a career as a working artist, creating artwork in different media for galleries and juried exhibitions.

Entering the job market now, what is your assessment of how well Cameron has prepared you for the job market?

I enjoy spending one on one time with my instructors. The instructors have given me the skills and knowledge needed to create my art. Not only are they my instructors, but also each instructor has become my mentor and friend. They are always very supportive and have helped me see the business side of art.

3) **Name:** Anne Northam

Major: Bachelor of Fine Arts with concentration in painting

After Graduation Plans: Graduate School at Texas Woman's University

What is your best memory of the art curriculum here at Cameron?

My favorite memory has been Kathy and Monica singing to Neil Diamond on our way back from the Dallas Kimbell Art Museum.

Entering the job market now, what is your assessment of how well Cameron has prepared you for the job market?

Cameron has prepared me very well for the job market. The instructors have taught me how to prepare a portfolio and have also really prepared me for the art shows. They have been very supportive.

4) **Name:** Cortel "BJ" Payne

Major: Bachelor of Arts and minor in management

After Graduation Plans: Graduate School at Cameron to pursue Masters in Psychology

What is your best memory of the art curriculum here at Cameron?

I have really enjoyed working with Kathy and the art students. They all have very bubbly and outgoing personalities. They have encouraged me to push myself beyond my own boundaries and appreciate my artwork.