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### **WNMU WINNING ARTWORK TO DISPLAY IN ALBUQUERQUE**

SILVER CITY, N.M. – For now their artwork hangs in the McCray Gallery on the campus of Western New Mexico University, but next year the award winning student pieces will be displayed in Albuquerque’s South Broadway Cultural Center.

Augustine Romero, Curator of the South Broadway Cultural Center and Kimo Art Space, selected twenty-seven students as winners in this year’s WNMU Student Art Exhibit.

Romero, an Albuquerque artist, only selected art pieces he felt represented the strongest chance of competing in the professional art market. As Awards Juror, Romero visited the McCray Gallery on opening night when other awards were chosen by gallery visitors including the First Place AmBank Award given to Jason Lewis for his bronze sculpture “Making His Presence Known.” The Leyba & Ingalls Arts Award Second Place winner was Manda Aguilera. The WNMU Bookstore and WNMU Museum sponsored the third and fourth place awards which went to Carlos Aguilar.

Students selected for the Juror’s Choice Awards of Excellence included Carlos Aguilar, Manda Auilera, Mae Alba, Martyn Apley, Michael R. Bacon, Zach Bassett, C. Bree, Sam Brown, Erika Burleigh, Sara M. Chavez, Rebekah June Davis, Emalee Eisenhauer, Rebecca Rands Eisenhauer, Matthew Emery, Jennifer Gage, Renee Garcia, Phoebe Lawrence, Jason Lewis, David Mulvenna, Dave Roberts, John B. Rogers, Jessica Salas, James D. Smith, Gladys Strawbridge, Randy Teague, Rebekka Van Ness, and Dennis R. Weller. Also showing in the exhibition are John Sean Callaway, Izella Oliver, Jeremiah Richard, Ashley Schmiedicke, and Chris Sowers.

The McCray Gallery is open weekdays from 10:00am to 4:30pm. Free to the public, the current student exhibits will be on display until May 16.



***Pictured is Jason Lewis, winner of the People's Choice Award, with his bronze sculpture titled "Making His Presence Known."***

*Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.*

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