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**The College of New Jersey Art Gallery to Host Juried K-12 NJ Student Art Exhibition**

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) is pleased to announce a statewide, juried K-12 student art exhibition being hosted in the new campus Art Gallery. The exhibition, *Art, Innovation, and Ideas* will recognize exemplary artwork created by New Jersey’s K-12 students, as well as showcase innovative lessons designed by New Jersey’s talented art teachers. The exhibition is intended to highlight innovative art making that connects student learning and art to the real world, academic subjects, social issues, big ideas, and/or contemporary art. Please note that submissions are due on Friday, April 5, 2013. The exhibition runs June 2-23, 2013.

The exhibition will focus on both the student and art teacher; therefore, the submission and nomination process must be completed by the art teacher. The show aims to exhibit meaningful two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and media artworks and to recognize efforts by New Jersey art educators to push the boundaries of the arts in K-12 schools.

A jury of contemporary artists, curators, art educators, and art advocates will review the submissions. Submissions will be reviewed based on the following criteria: student creativity, concept behind the work, ability to communicate an important message, story, or thought, and innovation. Preference will be given to artworks that challenge the traditional boundaries of the visual arts in K-12 schools, and connect student learning to the real world, academic subjects, social issues, big ideas, and/or contemporary art.

While the focus of the exhibition is on the innovative artworks created by New Jersey K-12 students, we also want to honor the talent and creativity of New Jersey art teaches. Teachers who submit exceptional student artworks that reflect innovative lessons will receive special recognition at the exhibition opening on June 2. For additional information, please contact the TCNJ Art Gallery at [tcag@tcnj.edu](mailto:tcag@tcnj.edu) or visit the gallery website at <http://tcnjartgallery.pages.tcnj.edu/>.