

ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER EXHIBITION SHOWCASES NOGALES & ROWLAND HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED IB ART STUDENTS

ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA — MARCH 14, 2016 — The community is invited to an exhibition showcasing the artistic talents of 18 Nogales and Rowland High School International Baccalaureate (IB) visual art students. The event takes place this Thursday, March 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. and is sponsored by the Rowland Heights Community Center. The opening reception will feature a 15 piece orchestral ensemble by Rowland High School along with decadent treats catered by culinary art students from the Rowland High School student restaurant, the J.A.R. A giant gallery will feature senior student solo exhibits displaying 8 to 11 pieces they have created over the past two years in a large variety of mediums including drawing, painting, digital media and sculpture. The Rowland Heights Community Center is located at 18150 Pathfinder Road, Pathfinder Park, in Rowland Heights.

"I'm looking forward to seeing our students exhibit their work and experience the process of being a true artist," said Rowland High School IB Visual Art Teacher Chablis Bates.

"We are thankful that the Rowland Heights Community Center has generously offered to host this event for an opportunity for the public to learn more about the International Baccalaureate visual arts program that is available at both Nogales and Rowland High Schools," said Nogales High School IB Art Teacher Robert Sotelo.



Nogales High School Senior IB Art Student Devony Abbott is one of 15 NHS featured artists. *"Most of my work on display will be acrylic and water color based with the theme, 'Unleashing yourself on canvas,'"* said Abbott.

A poem about seeing the world from another person's eyes inspired her to paint eyes on glass. Her career plans are to study biology and attend UC Irvine.



Rowland High School Senior IB Art Students (left to right) Sabrina Han, Tina Chen and Iris Huang: *"My artwork is surrounding emotions and psychology, made from oil, pastel and lots of digital artwork. I want to be a concept artist and hope to get an internship at an entertainment company and later be accepted into an art college,"* said Huang.

"The majority of my work focuses on the theme of gender and sexual identity in my favorite medium, which is water color pencils. My career plans are to enter the medical field and become a physical therapist, " said Chen.

"My exhibit focuses on institutional standards of beauty. Most of them show the internal struggles women battle against society and their own perceptions of beauty. I now have found a love for science and hope to major in the sciences, " said Han.



Nogales High School and Rowland High School are part of the Rowland Unified School District and are both International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools.

IB curriculum focuses on offering opportunities for students to become active and caring members of local, national and global communities; they focus attention on the values and outcomes of internationally minded learning and students strive to learn the IB traits of becoming inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. Each year, graduates from both Nogales and Rowland High Schools attend the nation's top colleges and universities. For more information, please visit www.rowlandschools.org

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