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A New Degree: Game & Interactive Media Design

This new-to-Arkansas-Tech degree began this fall 2016 semester. Students can expect to take COMS courses, located in Corley, in addition to new GAME courses and pre-existing art courses in Norman. Interested students will find this degree offers a path to working in visual communication arts and in interactive digital technology sciences. Upon

completing the program, students will be prepared for work in the video game and entertainment industries. Students can find work after graduation in animation, simulation, programming, web design, editing, mobile application development, interactive environment construction, and story formation. Why not add these skills to your artistic repertoire?



Photo of the Game Design lab.

Students Visit Fort Smith Regional Art Museum

During the fall semester of 2016, Dr. Ward took a class to the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum, where they had to choose a work of art to analyze and write about. This assignment was utilized to teach the students to figure out the meaning behind the work by studying the art itself. Addison Graham, who is from Fort Smith, said, "I rarely visit the RAM when I lived there, but I really enjoyed seeing what my hometown had to offer. We also got to walk around Downtown and view the murals." Ashley Butler, who chose to write about the *Liquid Dancer* by Frederick J. Nelson, said, "I've always loved finding out the meaning behind a piece of art so I loved the trip." Barbra Morgan's *Dancing Atoms* photographs caught

the eye of Audrey Berkau, who also enjoyed the murals on display, but wished she had more time to explore the gallery. Going to a gallery doesn't have to be just a class trip. Get a couple friends together and go have an adventure.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Dawn Ward.

10th Annual Tech Juried Student Competitive

Dr. Ann P. Wagner juried the 10th Annual Tech Student Juried Competitive this year. Wagner had a difficult job combing through the 125 entered works. The awards for the winning works were announced during the reception on Wednesday, November 16. **Deondra Swanigan** was awarded first place along with a \$300 check. **Datona Hunt** won second place along with a \$200 check, and **Liz Dalton** came in third with a \$100 check. Honorable mentions were **Lexie Wood** and **Casey Dean**, who both recieved portfolios. Congratulations to those who got into the show, and remember to enter again next year.



Photo of entered works in 10th Annual Tech Juried Student Competitive.



Photo of the winners (from left to right): Deondra Swanigan, Datona Hunt, Liz Dalton, Lexie Wood, and Casey Dean.



Watercolor by Spyridon Scarvelli.



Caravane de Chameaux by Spyridon Scarvelli.

Norman Hall Art Gallery

Gallery Hours: 8-5 M-F **Phone:** 479.964.3237

JAN 9 THROUGH FEB 24:

Collection of Works by Spyridon Scarvelli

Reception: Wednesday, Jan.25 @ 2:30pm

MAR 3 THROUGH MAR 15:

Works on Paper: David & Eve Mudrinich

Reception: Wednesday, Mar. 8 @ 2:30pm

Spring 2017 Exhibition Schedule

Address: 203 W. Q Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801

APR 1 THROUGH APR 12:

Fine Arts Senior Exhibition

Reception: Saturday, Apr. 1 @ 6:30-8:00pm

APR 19 THROUGH MAY 4:

Graphic Design Senior Exhibition

Reception: Saturday, Apr. 22 @ 6:30-8:00pm