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EVENT: Los Medanos College Student Art Exhibit

DATES: April 28 – May 14, 2009

PLACE: Los Medanos College Art Gallery

Room L113

Los Medanos College 2700 East Leland Road Pittsburg, CA 94565

Tel: (925) 439-2181, ext. 3463

RECEPTION: May 5, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM

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The Los Medanos College Art Gallery will host the *Los Medanos College Student Art Exhibit* from April 28 – May 14, 2009. The show is a juried art exhibition that features the work of Los Medanos College art students. This year's guest juror is Nathaniel Parsons. Parsons received his B.F.A. from California College of the Arts and his M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. He has exhibited and performed nationally in Memphis, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Chicago, and Oakland; and internationally in Macedonia. He was an Artist in Residence at the Headlands Center for the Arts in 2006. He lives and works in Oakland.

Winners will be selected from eight categories, each representing the areas of study within the Los Medanos Art Department: 1) Sculpture, 2) Painting, 3) Drawing, 4) Ceramics, 5) Photography, 6) Graphic Design, 7) Cartooning, and 8) Digital Art. There will also be a special Juror's Award given to the best in show.

The Art Department at Los Medanos College provides a comprehensive, coherent and cumulative program in the study of art. The program is an integrated study in art history, drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, graphic design and photography. While the specific skills taught in individual courses vary, there is a consistent common core of high expectations, solid support and a structured approach designed to assist students in finding their creative paths. Associate of Arts degrees are offered with an emphasis in both Fine Arts and Graphic Communications. In addition, there are short-term Certificates of Achievement offered in Graphic Communications and in Digital Publishing.

A reception and an awards ceremony for the selected artists will be held from 6:30-8:30 PM, May 5, 2009 at the Los Medanos College Art Gallery. The public is invited to attend.

The Los Medanos Art Gallery is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 12:30-2:30 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM. For information call (925) 439-2181, ext. 3463 during regular gallery hours. The gallery is wheelchair accessible.