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Ohio Department of Youth Services and Franklin University Present Youth Art Exhibit

Columbus, Ohio — Franklin University and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) have partnered up to provide a unique exhibition featuring artwork from youth in juvenile correctional facilities, on display from October 1-5 at Franklin University.

The exhibit, called “Youth Speak: Artistic Voices from the Ohio Department of Youth Services,” will feature a total of 18 pieces of artwork created by youth from DYS facilities. Pieces will include black and whites, acrylics, pencils, watercolors, mixed media and small 3D pieces.

Art will be on display from Monday, October 1 through Friday, October 5 in Franklin University’s Frasch Hall. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the lobby of Frasch Hall, located at 201 S. Grant Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Free parking is available just south of Frasch Hall, in front of Alumni Hall, on Grant Avenue. The exhibit is being held in conjunction with Franklin University’s 2nd Criminal Justice Speaker Series and Career Event.

“We are delighted to showcase our youth’s artistic talents” said DYS Director Harvey Reed. “Providing youth with opportunities for creative expression helps youth connect with values, reflect on life experiences and be inspired to live more productive lives.”

The exhibit is organized and supported by Dr. Karen Miner-Romanoff, Ph.D., J.D., Program Chair of the Criminal Justice Administration Program in the College of Health and Public Administration, Franklin University. “We are committed to social justice through education and look forward to continued collaboration with the Ohio Department of Youth Services,” said Dr. Miner-Romanoff.

DYS is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio and is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio's 88 county juvenile courts. DYS operates four juvenile correctional facilities, provides parole services from five regional sites and funds and supports over 610 direct service programs throughout the state.

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