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URBANA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ERIC SHOW

Urbana – Art work created by Urbana High School and other area students will be on display for the 6th Annual Eric Show from March 12 through April 5 at the Illini Union Art Gallery. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, March 12 from 5pm to 7pm at the Illini Union Art Gallery. Awards will be announced at 6pm and refreshments will be provided. The Eric Show honors the legacy of Eric Steffensen, a UHS graduate who was killed by a drunk driver in 1970.

UHS students who have art work in the show are:

Bernie Arends
Josephina Figueroa
Anikka Gilbert
Shauri Gonzalez
Elizabeth Guenther
Cora McQueen
Lucy O'Brien
Chloe Percival
Heidi Pierce
Willie Powers
Danielle Reed
Rebekah Rees
Paris Sharp
Yen Ching Shih
Tyler Smith
Brenna Swartz

From the Eric Show, 40 North web site:

The Eric Show is a juried high school art show that was established in 2010 and is endowed by Dale and Peg Steffensen in memory of Dale's son Eric (1951-1970). Throughout high school, Eric won several awards for his outstanding artwork and demonstrated creativity that was far beyond his years. He worked with Rob Fisher, then a sculpture professor at the University of Illinois, and began preparing his portfolio with plans of majoring in art at UIUC. Eric had graduated a semester early from Urbana High School but while driving home from a hockey game in early 1970, he was killed by a drunk driver at the corner of Race and Michigan streets in Urbana.

The Eric Show honors Eric's legacy as well as encourages the amazing young artists of this community.

Urbana High School is celebrating their 100th anniversary during the 2014-15 academic year. The Joseph Royer-designed building saw its first students in November of 1914. Urbana School District #116 is a unit district located in east central Illinois. Our outstanding schools in an outstanding community comprise of an early childhood school, six neighborhood elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and an adult education center. To discover more about our award winning schools and students, please visit www.usd116.org. You can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USD116 or follow us on Twitter: @Urbana116.

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