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Five California Community College Students Awarded for Photography Prowess

Winners of College Seen II Contest Announced by Foundation for California Community Colleges

SACRAMENTO—After receiving 340 entries from community college students throughout the state, the Foundation for California Community Colleges has selected five winners of College Seen II, a photo contest sponsored by Adobe that encourages students to depict life on a community college campus through the lens of a camera.

“The Foundation for California Community Colleges, which always strives to provide programs and services that benefit California’s community colleges and their students, congratulates the winners of this year’s College Seen competition,” said Dr. Paul Lanning, President and CEO of the Foundation. “This contest allows students to express themselves and exhibit their tremendous talent while providing them with the chance to win products that will help in their training and development.”

Dustin Peterson, a student at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, has been selected as the grand prize winner and the recipient of \$500, an Adobe Creative Suite 3 software package, and an HP photo printer from ComputerLand of Silicon Valley.

“I just feel like this is the future for me, something I can hold onto for years to come,” said Peterson, describing his passion for graphic design and photography, which he is currently studying at Allan Hancock College and plans to pursue as a career after completing his education. He said he will use the Adobe products, which includes InDesign®, Photoshop®, Illustrator® and Dreamweaver®, to continue to hone his skills, and that the money will be used to pay off camera equipment he purchased.

In addition to Peterson, four other California Community College students have been awarded first place in separate categories, including:

- Forbes Conrad of Moorpark College won the Career Preparation/Work Experience category.
- Concepcion Acevedo of San Jose City College won the Technology category.
- Mark Manocchio of College of the Desert won the Conceptual category.
- James Szyndler of Merced College won the Campus Elements category.

All of the category winners will see their work in print when the winning photographs are featured in *Affinity*, the Foundation's new California Community Colleges alumni magazine, expected to launch in October 2008.

The College Seen photo contest is supported by a sponsorship from Adobe, which has partnered with the Foundation to offer state-of-the-art graphics software for campus licensing since 2001. In 2006, Adobe and the Foundation partnered to launch a student purchasing program for fully licensed Adobe software at discounts of up to 80 percent. Available software includes Adobe Creative Suite 3, Acrobat 8, and Dreamweaver, all for hundreds of dollars off the typical educational discount. For details on the purchasing discounts offered through the Foundation, visit www.foundationccc.org.

This is the second year of the photo contest, which received more than 200 entries from students throughout the state during its inaugural year in 2007. The winning photos, along with more information about the contest, are available at www.collegeseen.org.

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