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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Student Art Exhibit on Display at Hiatt Administration Center**

The walls of the Lafayette School Corporation Hiatt Administration Center have been transformed into an art gallery.

Currently on display are the works of students from the Jefferson High School Summer Challenge Art Program. The talented students, under the instruction of JHS art teacher Mara Battiste, are in grades nine through 12; students are chosen through an application process for the summer intensive.

Works in the exhibit cover a range of subjects, including landscapes, animals, still life and portraits – including several self-portraits. Their works include a variety of media, from oils, pastels, acrylic, watercolors, and pencil.

Sophomore Camila Molina says the program was not just a class, but “an experience.”

“We were able to go on trips and sketch whatever we found interesting,” she says. “We even had models who would sit for hours just to be sketched by us. Everyone was so mature and respectful to each other. Everybody has the same goal, to become a better artist. Thanks to that, I was able to try much harder. Taking this class has helped me become more organized slightly more mature, and a better artist.”

The exhibit is open to the public at the Hiatt Administration Center, 2300 Cason St., Lafayette, during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. It will be on display through the end of July.

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