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**Southwest High School to Host an Opening Reception and
Dedication for the Patrick O'Brien Art Gallery**

Green Bay, WI - April 10, 2025 - Southwest High School will host an opening reception and dedication for the newly installed Patrick O'Brien Art Gallery. Mr. Pat O'Brien taught art at Southwest High School from 1968 to 1997.

Southwest will celebrate the opening of The Patrick O'Brien Art Gallery, with an exhibition featuring artwork from three of his former students; Aaron Renier, Mark Dix, and Jonah Osgood all attended Southwest High School, during O'Brien's last few years. Mr. Renier is a published graphic novelist and part-time faculty at both the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Mr. Dix is the Art and Design Department Chairperson in the Fine Arts Institute at Green Bay East High School. Jonah Osgood is the owner of The Blue Gem Tattooing on University Avenue in Green Bay, which employs several Southwest High School alumni.

When: Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Southwest High School, 1331 Packerland Drive, Commons

The event is open to the public. Individuals interested in attending are asked to register at

<https://forms.gle/b4fDaxty7wjVoWEcA>.

Background:

Pat O'Brien: Pat and his wife currently live in Ashwaubenon, WI. Pat began teaching at Southwest High School in 1968 and led the art department until his retirement in 1997. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior with an art major and a history minor, and his Masters of Science in Art

in 1967. Pat was recognized as the Southwest High School Teacher of the Year in 1981-82. In retirement, Pat started Sport Stars Screen Prints. Each art piece featured various sports characters of football, basketball, golf, motorsports, baseball, and hockey. He heavily focused on artwork of the Green Bay Packers and coaches. When Lombardi Middle School was renamed, Pat made a large black and white print of Vince Lombardi and unveiled it to Mrs. Lombardi at the grand opening of the newly named school.

Founded in 1856 with the opening of the Sale School, the Green Bay Area Public School District is more than 150 years old. A unified school district of 92 square miles, it covers the city of Green Bay, all of the village of Allouez, the village of Bellevue, the town of Scott, as well as part of the towns of Ledgeview, Eaton, Green Bay and Humboldt. For more information, visit the district website <http://www.gbaps.org>.