

<p>Some of the most outstanding artwork created by students at USCB will be on display at the 16th Annual Juried Student Exhibition April 29 through May 24 at the USCB Center for the Arts Gallery, 801 Carteret St.</p>

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