

Grant Halliburton Foundation Announces \$2,500 in Art Scholarships and Sponsorship of Senior Art Exhibition at ArtCentre of Plano

The Grant Halliburton Foundation will award four college scholarships totaling \$2,500 to senior art students graduating from Plano ISD schools this spring.

- Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded during the **2007 Senior Art Exhibition** at ArtCentre of Plano in March, sponsored in part by the Grant Halliburton Foundation.
- In a separate scholarship competition offered by the Grant Halliburton Foundation, a \$1,000 college scholarship will be awarded on May 7 to a Plano ISD senior.



In this news story, Grant Halliburton talked about his art, which was part of the 2005 Senior Art Exhibit at ArtCentre of Plano.

The **Senior Art Exhibition** is an annual event at ArtCentre of Plano, featuring the work of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate senior art students from Plano ISD schools. The 2007 exhibition runs from March 9 to April 2. The Grant Halliburton Foundation will present three \$500 scholarships at the Awards Reception on Thursday, March 29, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at ArtCentre of Plano. The gallery is located in historic downtown Plano at 1039 E. 15th Street at Avenue K. Admission is free and open to the public.

“We are pleased to be a sponsor of this year’s exhibition and to help art students pursue their creative aspirations,” said Vanita Halliburton, president and co-founder of the Grant Halliburton Foundation. “Grant’s work was displayed in the 2005 Senior Art Exhibition at ArtCentre, and we offer these scholarships in tribute to his talent, his great love for art and music, and his genuine heart for helping others.”

In addition to the Senior Art Exhibition scholarships, the Grant Halliburton Foundation is sponsoring a

scholarship competition open to all graduating Plano ISD art students. The winner of this competition, to be announced on May 7, will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. Scholarship awards from the Foundation are based on artistic merit, and entries are judged on criteria which characterized Halliburton’s own approach to art: originality, conceptual thinking and diversity of style and media. Students may obtain applications from Plano ISD art teachers or by contacting the Foundation through the web site: www.GrantHalliburton.org.

In 2006, the Grant Halliburton Foundation made gifts of \$8,500 to support adolescent mental health initiatives and young people in the arts. The awards included \$5,000 to support ongoing training for school counselors, including programs that increase their knowledge of mental health issues. The Foundation also gave \$2,500 to support arts education programs for young people, and a \$1,000 college scholarship.

“Our school counselors are often in a position to first recognize young people in distress. These men and women are critical to identifying and helping families address the mental health issues of our children,” said Alan Halliburton, co-founder of the Grant Halliburton Foundation. “Our Foundation’s highest priority is to help young people, families, educators and counselors better understand mental health issues.”

About Grant Halliburton Foundation

The Grant Halliburton Foundation was established in memory of a gifted young artist and musician who battled depression and bipolar disorder for several years before his death in November 2005 at the age of 19. He left behind a great legacy of creative works, including musical compositions, journals of writing and poetry, more than 100 paintings, and hundreds of sketches and drawings.

The Foundation exists to promote awareness and understanding of adolescent mental health issues. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.GrantHalliburton.org.

About The ArtCentre of Plano

The ArtCentre of Plano, Inc., formerly known as the Cultural Arts Council of Plano, Inc., was founded in 1981 as a private non-profit organization to promote growth and development of emerging community arts groups. The mission of The ArtCentre of Plano is to encourage, support, and promote excellence, diversity, and vitality in the arts and arts education in the Greater Plano area. For more information, visit www.artcentreofplano.org.