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A Week-end of Polytech and Painting

Biggs Museum paints six galleries with help of POLYTECH Panther Volunteer Club.



Dover, DE (January 27, 2009) – With the help of 17 volunteers from the POLYTECH Panther Volunteer Club (POLYTECH AFJROTC), six galleries in the Biggs Museum were painted over the weekend of January 16, 2009. Seventeen students volunteered for the painting project, which saved the Biggs Museum over \$3,000 in painting service fees. Ryan Grover, Curator of the Biggs Museum and Dan Lettieri, a teacher at POLYTECH



High School directed the painting project, which was completed in sixteen hours over two days. Ryan Grover applauds the student's dedication to the project, "This amazing service provided by the POLYTECH students has saved the Biggs Museum a substantial amount of funding. The volunteers were enthusiastic and focused. They were able to complete a momentous task in just two days! We hope to see more of these student volunteers for future project at the Biggs Museum.

The Biggs Museum currently offers many opportunities to volunteer. The Biggs Museum welcomes volunteers at ages 16 years and older. Volunteers can serve on a weekly, monthly or as-needed basis. All volunteers receive on-site training and a general orientation. Benefits include half-price admission for programs and exhibition openings, knowledge of fine and decorative arts and the opportunity to meet new individuals with similar interests. To learn more about volunteering at the Biggs Museum, contact Rebecca Cooper at 674.2111 ext. 101 or bcooper@biggsmuseum.org.

About POLYTECH High School and POLYTECH AFJROTC

POLYTECH High School is located in Woodside, Delaware. POLYTECH High School is a public school of choice for students in Kent County, Delaware. The school offers 21 technical concentrations, college preparatory courses, performing arts preparation, and workplace training to its 1,162 students. The student volunteers are members of the POLYTECH AFJROTC. The mission of Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFJROTC) is to build better citizens for America. The goals of the program are to instill values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment in high school students.

About the Museum

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling array of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4: 30 p.m.

Admission: Biggs Museum is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

The Biggs Museum of American Art

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Center Image: Polytech Painting Crew , left to right, Front Jim Cetnar; Middle Billy Paskey, Josh Williams, Cassandra Weber, Lydia Judge, Pierre Jean, Liz Godwin, Heather Smith, Alex Nicolo; Back Row Nick Slater, Connor Mahoney, Barry Sommers