

Press Release

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**CLEVELAND CLINIC HIGH SCHOOL ART AND SCIENCE
PROGRAM RECEIVES REGIONAL RECOGNITION**
**Northeast Ohio Art Education Association Lauds “Cleveland Clinic eXpressions™:
an intersection of art and science” Program**

May 3, 2006, Cleveland: “Cleveland Clinic eXpressions™,” a unique art initiative in which Northeast Ohio high school students create artistic interpretation of their peers’ medical research, has received a regional award from the Northeast Ohio Art Education Association.

The Northeast Ohio Art Education Association has voted to present its Distinguished Business or Organization for Art Education Award to Cleveland Clinic, citing the eXpressions™ program’s success in linking arts and science.

“We are incredibly honored that the Northeast Ohio Art Education Association has recognized the eXpressions™ program for its ability to link science and art,” says Rosalind Srickland, senior director of the Office of Civic Education Initiatives at the Clinic. “We strive to create programs that reach out and encourage students to explore science- and math-related fields. Incorporating the arts is a natural extension of our efforts.”

Last fall the Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives debuted “Cleveland Clinic eXpressions™: an intersection of art and science,” a unique art program in which Northeast Ohio high school students create artistic interpretations of their peers’ research at Cleveland Clinic. Forty-six photographs, paintings, sculptures and videos comprised the resulting exhibit at the InterContinental Hotel & MBNA Conference Center Cleveland.

The eXpressions™ program was an extension of the summer internship program launched by the Clinic’s Office of Civic Education Initiatives last summer. The program gave 41 students the opportunity to work and learn alongside renowned physicians and researchers throughout The Cleveland Clinic Health System. The students gained real-life experience in the areas of cardiac services, cancer biology and biomedical engineering, to name a few, and delivered



scientific presentations at the end of their paid, nine-week internships to a panel of scientific experts.

In the fall, the science interns shared their research projects and summer experiences with art classes at their respective schools, extending the learning to a whole new set of students. According to Bryan Pflaum, manager of creative learning for the Office of Civic Education Initiatives, this peer-to-peer learning is a critical part of the eXpressions™ program's success. "In addition to giving students a deeper understanding of art and science, the structure of the program also promotes communication, innovation, and teamwork."

The eXpressions™ exhibit included the artwork of students from nine Northeast Ohio high schools. They include: Cleveland School of the Arts, Gilmour Academy, Collinwood, Benedictine, John Marshall, Orange, Rocky River, Trinity, and Westlake High Schools.

More than 102 pieces of art illustrating 13 research projects were submitted by 97 high school students. The artwork was evaluated by a group of judges comprised of professional artists and art educators, and the video submissions were judged by members of The Cleveland Clinic Department of Media Services.

The exhibit at the InterContinental Hotel featured the works of art the judges selected for recognition. A total of 47 ribbons were awarded to 46 works of art: 10 Blue Ribbons, 11 Red Ribbons, 11 White Ribbons, 14 Honorable Mentions, and 1 Best in Show.

The Office of Civic Education Initiatives was established to fulfill the Cleveland Clinic's commitment to promote education throughout Northeast Ohio. In partnership with area schools, local businesses, and fellow nonprofit organizations, the Office creates innovative programs designed to enhance children's learning in the areas of math, science, health and wellness, the arts, and innovation.

Cleveland Clinic, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,500 full-time salaried physicians at Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2005, 2.7 million patients came for treatment from every state and 100 countries. Cleveland Clinic website address is www.clevelandclinic.org.

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