



‘Capturing the Everyday’



Members of the culinary services team at Zach's food court in the Mungo Student Center were celebrated in a series of paintings by Walker Antonio '23.

Capture the “everyday.” That was one of Walker Antonio’s assignments in a beginner painting class during the spring semester. What he captured expressed both the everyday and the extraordinary.

“I decided I wanted to paint those who take care of not only me, but so many others every day,” says Antonio '23, a studio art major from Kilmarnock, Virginia. “When times got hard due to COVID-19, these workers took extra time out of their day to ensure the safety of not just their coworkers, but the students as well.”

The paintings — Mr. Rod, Ms. Sandra, Ms. Finch and Kiwi — are all 24 x 18 inches, acrylic on Masonite. Antonio gifted the paintings to their namesakes, and the paintings now hang in the Zach's food court in the Mungo Student Center.

“It was a great pleasure working with Ms. Finch and Mr. Rod in organizing the painting and gifting of these pieces,” says Antonio, whose work is influenced by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Francis Bacon and Paul Gauguin. “The series that I call ‘Wofford essential workers’ is about story and emotion. That’s what I wanted to bring to light.”

The gesture was been appreciated by Zach’s staff.

“We were excited,” says Rod Martin, director of retail for AVI Fresh. “One thing that I’ve noticed about the students at Wofford is that they are very appreciative of what we do.”

Donelle Finch, an AVI supervisor, considers herself a second mom to many students, including Antonio.

“It’s overwhelming and heartfelt that he cared enough to paint a picture of us,” Finch says.

Watch Antonio and Finch discuss the project with WSPA.

See more of Antonio’s work and follow him on Instagram.

Finding opportunities



People traveling through Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport will have an opportunity to see art by five Wofford College students. It’s an example of how the college’s studio art program connects students to opportunities to display their work.

By Noah Ravan '23
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Five Wofford College student artists have work featured at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport's Connections Exhibit through December.

The college's studio art program connects students with opportunities to display their work.

"We try to provide as many opportunities for our students as possible," says Michael Webster, assistant professor of studio art. "We have an exhibition called 'Hot Now,' which features some of the best student work created each year. We also have off-campus opportunities that come up regularly, like the **collegiate exhibition at the Spartanburg Public Library.**"

"Hot Now" is an exhibition of student art in the Richardson Family Art Gallery, which runs from March 1 through March 31. Admissions are open year-round via [@Woffordstudioart](#).

"We aim to support students who want art to be a part of their lives, whether that's a career or not," says Webster. "Part of that goal is developing experience and building a CV (curriculum vitae) that will help students find opportunities in the future. Our hope is that the students in our department have the tools and exposure to know what to do once they graduate."

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