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Quinnipiac's Kaleidoscope Of Creativity Gallery Highlights Youth Artwork At The School Of Education



Pictured: Adiah Powell, a seventh-grade student at Hamden Middle School, shows her artwork to, from left, her mother Kristy Heart of Hamden, family friend Leslie Dick, father Russ Powell and 9-year-old brother Walden Powell.

North Haven: Artwork by 31 children from area public schools is on display at Quinnipiac University's 2025 Kaleidoscope of Creativity gallery at the School of Education.

Earlier this month, excited student artists, their families, and public school art educators visited the newly hung art in the gallery. Refreshed annually with new student works, the Kaleidoscope of Creativity gallery in the School of Education lobby features a wide variety of paintings, photographs and designs.

The gallery is on display year-round to inspire faculty, students, staff and members of the public visiting the North Haven Campus.

Art teachers from the School of Education partner schools selected the student work for the gallery. The student artists were celebrated during a special viewing reception where they received a certificate of recognition from the School of Education.

School of Education Dean Anne Dichele welcomed attendees and presented certificates to this year's artists, representing students in kindergarten through grade 12.

"This is a school in which we train teachers to be teachers, and so we're very excited to have all of these wonderful artists here to celebrate these incredible talents," said Dichele. "I'm really excited to celebrate the joy and the creativity that these young artists have poured into their work."

Connecticut area partner schools working with the School of Education this year included North Haven Public Schools, Hamden Public Schools, Fair Haven School (New Haven) and Side by Side Charter School in Norwalk.

Side by Side Charter School art instructor Katie Sica said the partnership with Quinnipiac School of Education provided an unprecedented opportunity to showcase the talents of eight students, representing grades one through eight.

"I think this gives our students a sense of pride in their work, and a feeling of accomplishment and achievement," said Sica.

Bella Sylvia said Quinnipiac's effort to help showcase student artwork affirms a love of creativity in her son, Nico, age 9. His brightly painted imagery blended shades of realism in its New England fall landscape, and impressionism in its swirling colors of wind, sun and sky.

"He loves art; he lives for art. He asks me how we can buy an art studio at some point!" said Sylvia. "Every art teacher we've ever had says he's very committed. It's beautiful to see his work on display at Quinnipiac University. I can't believe it."

All of the student artwork will remain on public display in the gallery at Quinnipiac's School of Education until April 2026.

"Picasso once said, 'Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain one when we grow up.' I think this really shows the innate creativity we all have but the real importance of nurturing and preserving it throughout our lives, especially in children," said Dichele.

Community Services Requesting Items for Food Bank

North Haven: The Community Services Food Bank is currently seeking assistance in replenishing items in the food bank. The following items are greatly needed: Macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned soups and

stews, chili, baked beans, any Chef Boyardee items, peanut butter and jelly.

A wish list is available on Amazon in which donations can be directly. You will find Year-Round Food Bank Needs. Or you can click on: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/g1/guest-view/3PAX9ZINQVYA8K>.

Donations can be dropped off at The Department of Commu-

nity Services, located at 5 Linsley Street during business hours Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

Any questions regarding donations or any residents interested in accessing the food bank, please contact Robert Snurkowski in the Department of Community Services from Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm at (203) 239-5321, x502.



Reunion Gathering BSA Troop 811 Celebrating 30 Yrs.!

North Haven: Were you a Scout or a Leader of Boy Scout Troop 811? Do you remember those fabulous campouts, trips, and the summer week at Camp Sequassen? Well, the Troop is alive and well and we would like to celebrate 30 years of serving the youth of North Haven.

Plans are well along for this event. You do not want to miss this, so save the date: **Saturday, May 31 from 2-5pm** to gather and re-live some of those memories with friends from the Troop. Location TBD.

To RSVP and for more details, please contact: Casey Marinuzzi at caseymarinuzzi@gmail.com or at (203) 257-0708.

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North Haven Rotary Club Sponsors Another Fabulous Dinner



Pictured Above: Members of the North Haven Rotary Club. **Right:** Ray Sola Dinner Bell.

North Haven: On Friday, April 25, a wonderful Easter dinner was enjoyed by all at St John's Episcopal Church. The church hall was packed with many residents waiting to enjoy the Easter dinner. The delicious food consisted of pork chops, pork roast, mashed potatoes, brown flavored rice, salad, water and juices, was served by the rotary club members. After dinner there were many delicious cupcakes, and pieces of cake. When it was time for everyone to go up to eat, Ray Sola rang a bell and everyone went up one table at a time. It was a great night out with family and friends who enjoyed a wonderful dinner together. The North Haven Rotary Club always puts on many wonderful events for the community and they work hard to make sure



everyone has a good time. Thank you rotary club members.

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