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Students' talent illustrated at final year show

From celebrating great women in history and mythology, to a visual exploration of the four elements of hip hop culture, breaking, graffiti, and rap and the DJ, over 36 Southampton Solent students' final projects are on display at the University's annual end of year degree shows.

Senior Lecturer Jonny Hannah says: "The work by our final-year students is once again outstanding, and creates an impressive and colourful exhibition. They have worked hard on their projects and it is great to get such positive feedback from the public. I'm sure these final projects will inspire our first and second-year students."

Six separate awards have also been given out:

- The Printmaking Ladies Prize went to Mia Leo;
- The Paul Osborne Drawing Prize to Archie Gordon;
- The Award for Professional Development went to Fergus Kirkman
- The Unsinkable Award for Best Publication to Havard Glad;
- The Award for Outstanding Achievement went to Ida Woldsund; and,
- The Cakes & Ale Press Award for Text and Image to Will Whittington.

Paige Dawson's final piece is based around her love of the rainforest and the undiscovered land within it. 'Rainforest campaign with a twist' is an interactive collection of objects that allows visitors to become part of the rainforest. "As an artist I want to create awareness for key elements that can't help themselves," says Paige, who, as well as looking at internships, plans to travel to gain a wider understanding of the world.

Women like Marie Curie and Florence Nightingale inspired Mia Leo to tell the tale of the women who changed the world or inspired others to do so. Her advice to other students is to make the most of every opportunity: "The thing I've enjoyed most about Solent is meeting like-minded people and the amazing equipment. My advice to other students is to make the most of the equipment on offer, like the print room and workshop."

The exhibition, which previewed on Friday 12 June, is open to the public until Thursday 18 June at Southampton Solent School of Art & Design, Level 2, Below Bar, 9 Castle Way, SO14 2BX. Opening Times are: 15 & 16 June 10am - 7pm, 17 June 10am - 5pm, and 18 June 10am - 4pm.

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About Southampton Solent University

Southampton Solent University offers more than 19,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, in subjects such as maritime education and training, fashion and design, media and television, music, health, sport and leisure, business, IT and technology. The University was awarded the 2013 Quality Assurance kitemark for quality and standards of teaching and learning. Solent was voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in a Which? University 2014 poll of students. Solent Business School has been awarded the Small Business Charter Award, which is supported by the Association of Business Schools and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and 'gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).