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Urbandale High School Students And Quality Manufacturing Produce Life-Size Sculptures

Urbandale High School students in 3D Art are given the opportunity to present their small-scale sculpture model to a panel of professional artists in hopes of seeing their idea literally brought to life

URBANDALE, Iowa – November 11, 2013 – It’s not every day that high school students have the opportunity to collaborate with a leading manufacturing firm in order to provide direction for building their final class project on a life-size scale, but in the 3D Art class at Urbandale High School that dream is now a reality. Through the generosity of [Quality Manufacturing](#), four aspiring Urbandale High School artists have seen their 3D small-scale sculpture models transformed into life-size sculptures and installed on grounds throughout the community.

Urbandale High School students in Chris Kimble’s and Trish Christiansen’s 3D Art classes not only study but actively visit public art throughout the community. Students are encouraged to select a local sculpture as their inspiration piece in order to develop their own small-scale sculpture model made of clay, wire, plaster, cardboard or papier-mâché. Their final class project is to develop an artist statement supporting why their sculpture would be a meaningful addition to the community and give a comprehensive presentation to classmates, teachers and a panel of professional artists.

“When I contacted the [Urbandale Public Art Committee](#) and Quality Manufacturing to request their expertise in judging the final projects, I never anticipated the winning design being produced into a life-size sculpture,” said Kimble. “The generosity of Quality Manufacturing to collaborate with our students and involve them in the learning process of taking small-scale models and producing such amazing sculptures is truly extraordinary. Motivation in our classroom increased exponentially as students imagined their work, larger-than-life, on display for the public to see and enjoy.”

To date, Quality Manufacturing has produced [four life-sized sculptures](#) and installed them throughout the community. In 2012, Kenzie Knight and Cole Jeanblanc had their winning designs, ‘Dance of Life’ and ‘Reaching All’ respectively, installed on the Urbandale High School grounds. On October 25, 2013, Michael Linthicum had his winning design, ‘Decisions,’ also installed on the Urbandale High School grounds. The most recent sculpture, ‘Beautiful Disaster’ designed by Kyla Inderski, was installed outside the Urbandale Public Library on October 30, 2013.

“My goal with my artwork was to create something simple but interesting—I wanted it to be a reminder that storms can be beautiful and not just destructive,” said Inderski. “I wasn’t expecting my design to be selected and know this is an opportunity that not many people get. Working with Quality Manufacturing was really inspiring as they encouraged me to share my ideas, asked for my opinions, requested my approval on CAD drawings and invited me to work on multiple phases of the production process. It was a really special experience and makes me want to do the same for a student when I’m older.”



Kyla Inderski, UHS Student, winning design
"Beautiful Disaster" small-scale model



Kyla Inderski, UHS Student, "Beautiful Disaster" final installation
at Urbandale Public Library, October 30, 2013

Quality Manufacturing has donated all costs related to time, materials and production of the sculptures to the Urbandale Community School District. If there are continued opportunities for the creation of life-sized sculptures, the Urbandale Public Art Committee will seek installation locations around Urbandale in order for more community members to have the chance to enjoy the artwork of these aspiring student artists.

“We are grateful for any opportunity to partner with Quality Manufacturing and the Urbandale Public Art Committee,” said Christiansen. “Providing students the opportunity to articulate their vision for their sculpture, answer questions from an expert panel and receive essential feedback, represents a real-world, call-for-entries experience. These sculptures demonstrate a tremendous amount of work and dedication, and are deeply meaningful for everyone involved.”

The UHS 3D Art sculpture project exemplifies the district’s continued focus on [transforming education](#) in order to make it more engaging, inspiring and meaningful for all. These aspiring artists will be able to leverage this experience as a building block for developing their portfolio and improving their effectiveness in delivering impactful presentations—essential skills for becoming college and career-ready. The Urbandale Community School District’s vision of bringing learning to life for everyone comes full circle with the collaboration of these talented students and expert manufacturing professionals.

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About Urbandale Public Art Committee

The Urbandale Public Art Committee was created in 2008 to enhance the appearance of the City of Urbandale through the integration of art in the public environment. The Committee defines "public art" as artwork that is created for the public to experience. Public art in Urbandale will represent Urbandale through the following themes: community, family, history, education, culture and vision. The Public Art Committee consists of nine members who must be residents of Urbandale. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. To learn more, visit: www.urbandale.org/public-art-committee.cfm

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About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: www.urbandaleschools.com

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