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Reynolds to Host MAPS Annual Member Exhibit

Richmond, Va. (March 15, 2018) – Reynolds Community College is pleased to announce that for the first time it will host the MidAtlantic Pastel Society (MAPS) Second Annual Judged Exhibit in the Conference Center Gallery in the Workforce Development and Conference Center on Reynolds Community College’s Parham Road Campus. The exhibit will be open from Tuesday, May 8 until Thursday, June 28. This exhibit is an excellent opportunity for Reynolds faculty, students and staff to view soft pastels created by these talented artists.

Show awards will be presented at a public Awards Reception to be held on Friday, May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Conference Center Gallery. The reception is free and the community is invited.

Alain J. Picard will be judging this year’s exhibit. Alain Picard is an award-winning artist, instructor, author and speaker. His acclaimed pastel and oil paintings have been exhibited throughout the US, Europe, China and the UK. Alain travels internationally as an art instructor, demonstrator, speaker and artistic advocate for the vulnerable. Alain’s work and writing have been featured on numerous occasions in such publications as The Artist's Magazine, The Pastel Journal, and Practique des Arts. Alain has written three instructional books, including “Mastering Pastel” and “Beginning Drawing,” and stars in a growing collection of instructional art videos.

MAPS is a not-for-profit organization of over 70 members dedicated to the promotion and greater understanding of pastels as a fine art medium. MAPS membership includes pastelists from beginner level to award-winning, nationally recognized artists. The society provides its members with fellowship, support and growth through bimonthly programs, workshops, opportunities to exhibit and other educational training.

Serving over 19,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

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