

## **Ceramic art student wins SUNY exhibition award**

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An Alfred University art student is the recipient of one of four "Honorable Mention" designations presented by State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor John R. Ryan on May 24, as part of the 2007 Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition at the New York State Museum in Albany. Eric Mirabito of Alfred is a ceramic art graduate student in the NYS College of Ceramics. His submission, "Untitled," a ceramic piece, won a \$500 stipend. The SUNY Administration is the coordinator of this event and holds three SUNY-wide shows a year. This exhibition contained 75 entries from 28 different SUNY campuses. Various medias were used including drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, photography, mixed media and digital imaging. The 2007 Art Exhibition opened Saturday, May, 19, 2007, and will stay on display until Sept. 3, 2007. "With 75 pieces of student art to choose from, selecting seven award winners certainly must have been difficult for this year's panel of judges. I commend the judges for their time and professionalism; the students for contributing their work to this year's show; and the faculty who teach the arts at SUNY schools across the State," said Ryan. "This annual exhibit is a terrific example of the artwork that SUNY students are creating across New York and we are pleased that the State Museum has once again agreed to showcase their accomplishment," he continued. Richard Schwartz, chairman of the NYS Council of the Arts, arranged the judging for the fifth consecutive year. Elizabeth Merena, director of the NYS Council on the Art's Visual Arts Program, and Rachel Seligman, director of the Mandeville Gallery at Union College, were both judges of this year's exhibit. Several other College of Ceramics students entered the contest. Alexis Grabowski of Binghamton, NY, Spencer Pittenger of Saratoga, NY, and Albion Stafford of Lake Placid, FL also submitted pieces.