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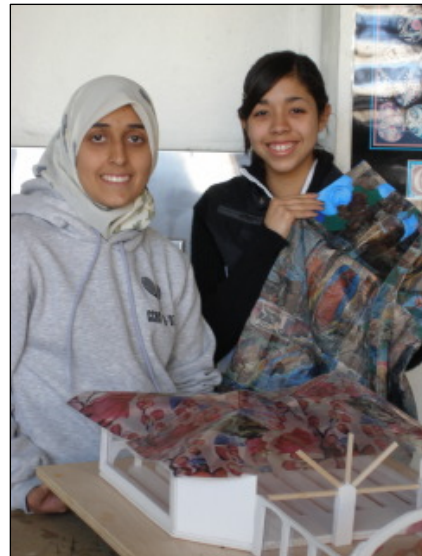
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AVPA Art Exhibition at MODAA

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The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School has 29 art students who participated this year in the First Visit and Beyond program with the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). MOCA Art Educators Fabrizio Flores and Ismael deAnda III have been conducting classes which will culminate in the student exhibition, "Morphology." The exhibition will take place at the Museum of Design Art and Architecture (MODAA) in Culver City, 8609 East Washington Blvd. The opening reception is Sunday, February 11th from 4:30 to 6:30 at the gallery. The event is free and open to the public.



For "Morphology," the students based their artwork on the MOCA exhibition, "Skin & Bones: Parallel Practices in Fashion and Architecture," which explores the visual and intellectual principles that underlie both fashion and architecture. Both disciplines start with the human body and expand on ideas of space and movement, serving as outward expressions of personal, political, and cultural identity.

"Sony Pictures has been a proud sponsor of MOCA's education initiatives, Contemporary Art Start and First Visit and Beyond since 1997," says Janice Pober, Senior Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility at Sony Pictures Entertainment. "These wonderful programs have culminated in exhibition opportunities for AVPA's visual arts students. From the first exhibition of installation pieces in 1997 through last year's clever

creation of TCB Comics, we have taken enormous pride in seeing the work produced by Culver City High School's talented students. And, of course, we look forward to this year's exhibition as well."

AVPA's co-director and the director of the art program, Kristine Hatanaka also takes pride in the students' work. "Seeing what the students come up with every year is always amazing. And the MOCA Arts Educators create such a great environment for the students to develop their own vision and their own ideas. As a teacher I feel so fortunate that my students are able to participate in this program."

For more information about MOCA and the "Skin and Bones" exhibit, go to www.moca.org. For more information about MODAA go to <http://www.spfgallery.com/modaa.html>.

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or Kristine Hatanaka at 310-842-4200 x6001.

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Elhaam Mesghali and Kristen Cantu with their "Morphology" project

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