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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

What: Culture Exchange: The Unspoken Truth (A Hands-On Curatorial Program Exhibition)

When: Saturday, April 30, 2016, 4pm - 7pm

Where: The Ralph T. Coe Foundation for the Arts, 1590 B Pacheco Street, Aspen Plaza, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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“Each object has a story to be told and each object holds the worth of gold in its own culture.” – Heaven Talachy

A group of diverse high school students from Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) and the Academy for Technology and the Classics (ATC) embarked on an inspirational journey of historical exploration and self-realization. Through this opportunity students were able to learn about cultures once foreign to them.

In collaboration with the Ralph T. Coe Foundation for the Arts, students chose and extensively researched historical and contemporary art pieces in hopes to discover the individual histories and personal connections behind the artifacts. The unspoken truth of this exhibition is found in the connections that students felt with art pieces, both familiar and unknown. The show focuses on the impressions that the objects bestowed and the personal stories each student was inspired to write as a result. The exhibition displays many compelling pieces of indigenous art from around the world.

As student curators we have explored the process of curating and designing an art exhibit. We cordially invite the community to see this captivating, student-led exhibition.

Please join the Coe Foundation in celebrating their hard work and their passion!

About the Hands-On Curatorial Program:

The Ralph T. Coe Foundation for the Arts’ Hands-On Curatorial Program is in its second year working with high school students from Santa Fe. The program provides an opportunity for students to work directly with a collection of over 2,000 works of indigenous art from around the world. Through museum visits and weekly sessions the curators learn how to create their own exhibition from this collection.

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By selecting objects, researching and drafting wall texts, writing press releases, designing graphics and exhibition layout, and, this year, designing and creating their own limited-run Hands-On t-shirts in collaboration with Warehouse21, participants build their own exhibition from the ground up.

The Ralph T. Coe Foundation for the Arts opened on Pacheco Street in Santa Fe in 2013, is a non-profit art center dedicated to increasing public awareness, education, and appreciation of indigenous art and culture worldwide, with a concentration in native peoples of North America.

Image Captions:

Hands-On Curators (left to right) Bess Murphy (Coe Foundation Assistant Curator), Oscar Loya (ATC), Sophia Bunch (ATC), Heaven Talachy (SFIS), Danielle Cata (SFIS), Elizabeth Lukee (SFIS, not pictured), and Shante Toledo (SFIS, not pictured).

Hands-On Curatorial Program T-shirt Design.

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