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**Eight local art students win \$1,000 college scholarships
from the Art League of Ocean City**

OCEAN CITY, MD — May 22, 2019 — The Art League of Ocean City announces the winners of eight \$1,000 scholarships, awarded to students pursuing a college degree in the arts.

Winners for 2019 are Sarah Hancock of Ocean City who is attending Salisbury University with a major in art and architecture; Trent Carpenter of Berlin, a re-applying senior at UMES, who is studying sequential illustration; Trevor Hayes of Berlin, attending Virginia Commonwealth University for fine arts and graphic design; Colleen Shanahan of Berlin, studying illustration, graphic design, and animation at the Maryland Institute of Art; Kendal Snyder of Ocean City who is studying commercial dance at The Studio School of Los Angeles; Deprina Rolley of Snow Hill who studies animation at the South Carolina School of Art and Design; Kate Carpenter of Berlin who studies theater and dance at SU; and Elle Bargar of Berlin who is continuing her arts education degree at UMES.

The students will be honored during the First Friday opening reception on June 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and the public is invited to join them.

The Art League has been awarding scholarships since 1991 to local students seeking a college degree in the arts. The scholarships are awarded from a charitable endowment established by the Art League and the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund administered by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Graduating seniors who attend public or private high schools as well as homeschoolers are eligible to apply.

Also eligible are past recipients of Art League scholarships who continue to pursue an arts degree at an accredited college and have achieved a 3.0 or higher grade point average. The Art League bases the scholarship awards on talent, recommendations, citizenship, scholarship, academic awards, extracurricular activities, motivation, and skill.

A committee from the Art League reviews the applicants and awards the scholarships. Committee members include Chair Judy Tremellen, Lyn Burr, Katy Durham, Jan Perdue, Velda Henry, and Nancy Fortney.

“I am so glad that we can support these students,” Perdue said. “They are a talented group, and I was very impressed with their talent and goals for the future.”

“The Art League has a long tradition of helping young people attain their goals,” Burr said. “I have always felt it is one of our most important activities. I am so delighted to be a part of an organization that is not only caring for young people, but putting their caring into actions of support.”

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or artleagueofoceancity.org.

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