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STUDENTS COLLABORATE ON PRIZE WINNING ART

Holland, MI- Students in the Graphic Design program and Printing and Graphic Arts program at Careerline Tech Center worked together to create a first-place winning entry highlighting CTC school pride in the recent Grand Haven ArtWalk art competition.

The Grand Haven Main Street DDA's Preservation & Place Committee and the ArtWalk Planning Committee implement a public art project every year. This year the project, Ship Shape, was a full-size plywood structure standing approximately two-feet tall accompanied by a large wave, a cut out of an anchor, and a friendly seagull. ArtWalk donated a full-size Ship Shape project to CTC along with 10 smaller Ship Shape projects for individual Graphic Design students to design.

Students in the two programs joined forces to create their design representing CTC in the large ship competition. The Graphic Design students photographed items donated by Tech Center students that represent the classes and the Printing and Graphic Art students printed the photos as a giant vinyl sticker that covered the plywood boat.

"The *I Spy* project provided the perfect opportunity for my students to learn about each other and what it takes to create something as a team," said Sally Salkowski, graphic design instructor for CTC. "The students had to tap into each person's strengths and work against a deadline to bring their vision to a reality."

Homeschooled senior Micah Farkas said she never thought she would learn people skills in a design class. "But I learned how to work as a team to get our ship done how we wanted," she said.

"The finished ships far exceeded my expectations," Salkowski said. "I break into a smile every time I look at them and think of the collaboration and teamwork that went into them."

Operated by Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, Careerline Tech Center prepares high school juniors and seniors for tomorrow's workforce by providing career and technical education in 24 career areas. CTC serves students from public and private high schools, as well as homeschools, within the following local school districts: Allendale, Coopersville, Grand Haven, Hamilton, Holland, Hudsonville, Jenison, Saugatuck, Spring Lake, West Ottawa, and Zeeland. www.CareerlineTech.org

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