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LA SALLE UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM'S COMMUNITY GALLERY TO HOST ARTOLOGY FINAL
EXHIBITION!
Celebration to be Held August 24th 12-2 PM.

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Philadelphia, PA - BuildaBridge is delighted to announce that The Community Gallery at the La Salle University Art Museum will host *Ecosystems and Active Eyes*, an exhibiton of student artwork, on view Monday-Friday from August 24th-September 12th, 2013. The exhibition will feature work made by students of Artology, BuildaBridge's art and science summer program which serves Philadelphia youth, including those coping with homelessness and poverty. A celebration of students' accomplishments will take place at the opening of the exhibition on August 24th from 12-2 pm. Light refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend.

BuildaBridge is a non-profit 501(c)3 arts education and intervention organization. Our mission is to engage creative people and the transformative power of art making to bring hope and healing to children, families, and communities in contexts of crisis and poverty. BuildaBridge accomplishes this mission through direct arts-based educational and therapeutic intervention in after-school, Saturday and summer programs; and through training artists in the "BuildaBridge Classroom" a trauma-informed, hope-infused, child-centered replicable model that includes a restorative justice approach for working with youth.

The *Ecosystems and Active Eyes* exhibition was made possible through Artology's alliance with the Violette de Mazia Foundation with programs co-sponsored by the La Salle University Art Museum. The Violette de Mazia Foundation teaches aesthetic appreciation to students of all ages and backgrounds. Firmly committed to the idea that life and art are inextricably linked, the Foundation's programs are predicated on the principle that education is a lifelong activity of growth, development and change, and that enriching this aspect of life is a prerequisite to developing an intelligent society.

The mission of the La Salle University Art Museum is to further the University's Lasallian educational objectives by helping students, other members of the University community and the general public to experience significant, original works of art in an intimate setting and to place them in meaningful contexts. In addition to acquiring, preserving and exhibiting its collections, the Museum offers viewers an opportunity to sharpen their aesthetic perception and to investigate the interrelationships which emerge between art and other disciplines. The Community Gallery at the La Salle University Art Museum features changing exhibitions by living, non-professional artists, with an emphasis on artworks created by local schools and community groups.

La Salle University Art Museum is located on the lower level of Olney Hall on the campus of La Salle University at 19th Street and Olney Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free, though donations are accepted. Please call to schedule group visits. Special tours can be arranged. For further information call 215.951.1221 or visit the website at <http://www.lasalle.edu/museum/>.