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TO: Dr. Randal O'Brien

FROM: Matthew Flood

SUBJECT: NCECA National Visual Arts Honor

The Goose Creek CISD Fine Arts Department would like to acknowledge **Melody McMurrey**, an exceptional visual arts student at Goose Creek CISD, for her remarkable national achievement in the field of ceramics.

Out of more than 1,100 entries, including over 650 submissions from 11th and 12th grade students nationwide, Melody's artwork was selected as one of only 150 pieces to be showcased at the prestigious National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Melody's accomplishment didn't stop at national recognition. She was awarded:

- A full scholarship to attend a nationally renowned summer art camp
- A \$25,000 annual scholarship to the Kansas City Art Institute for undergraduate study

Only two students in the country received this level of distinction, making Melody's recognition not only a personal milestone, but also a historic moment for our district.

This achievement is a powerful testament to Melody's talent, discipline, and creative vision, and reflects the excellence of our Fine Arts programs in preparing students for success at the highest levels.