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Summary: Wangyingzhi Ji won the Briggs Library Art Award.

(April 11, 2012)-The first piece of art that Wangyingzhi Ji has ever had in a art show won an award. The Briggs Library Art Award, to be exact from the Juried Student Art Exhibition. Not a bad way to start your artistic career.

Ji, a Studio Art major and Art History minor is from Shanghai, China. This is her first semester at UMM in the United States.

"It's unbelievable," Ji said when asked about her recognition.

She's also quick to give others credit for helping her get to this stage. "I like how friendly the people are. The professors are really good," she says.

The work was all her, of course. Her award-winning piece Egg and Cup is a charcoal and graphite still-life that captures in stark realism these everyday objects. Creating it took 5 class periods and many hours. Ji developed the piece from a thumbnail and gradually enlarged it until it was the size hanging in the HFA gallery.

After UMM Ji would like to be put her art degree to good use. "I really want to be an interior designer or illustrator," she said.

The Briggs Library Art Award is given to one recipient from the Juried Art Exhibition and the Senior Art Show. Funds to pay for the purchase of student-created art come from late fines. Purchased artwork hangs permanently in Briggs Library.

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