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Dear fellow educator,

During this time of uncertainty in the classroom, co-curricular, and extra-curricular outings, Oklahoma Panhandle State University has taken a proactive approach to the rising concern over the spread of COVID-19. The administration, under much deliberation has agreed to follow state guidelines to move all classroom activity from face-to-face courses to the virtual classroom. As K-12 classrooms across many states have been ordered to move all courses to virtual instruction, the OPSU Art Department has deemed it necessary to cancel the 2020 Panhandle Area Art Jubilee in an effort to provide protection and social distancing for our public school children as well as our college students.

As we always strive for the best and to make the best of every situation, the Art Department convened and looked into possibilities of moving the high school art competition forward through the means of a virtual exhibit. However, with the closure of public schools and the logistics involved in such a task, we have decided to cancel the Jubilee altogether. These are trying times for the art community as we shift from a studio/lab based environment to virtual instruction and we feel that it is in the best interests of our regional high school art teachers that we cancel the jubilee due to the workload increase on all ends. We are, however, working with faculty and some regional artists to produce a few demonstration videos that we can upload for your use in the classroom should you want. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but rest assured, we will do our best to work with each and every one of you. Should you have any questions or comments, or would like information regarding access to the online videos, please let us know.

Warmest regards,

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