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Youth Art Gallery Exhibition Celebrates Science and the Arts

PHILADELPHIA – Thirty students from the General Philip Kearny Elementary School in Philadelphia were recognized today for their contribution to the newest exhibition in the Youth Art Gallery at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). *SNAP @ The Wagner Free Institute of Science* features 62 pieces of artwork inspired by Science, Nature and Art in Philadelphia.

The exhibition is on display until October 2016 in the Youth Art Gallery accessible to the public in the Terminal A-East Bag Claim. Airport CEO Chellie Cameron hosted the Kearny eighth-grade pupils over a lunch reception, which included a tour of the airfield.

“The Wagner Institute is a Philadelphia treasure that gives people of all ages an appreciation of art and science,” Cameron said. “It’s wonderful that these young students have shared their creativity with an international audience. The Youth Art Gallery is a public service that provides children in the region with a large forum to showcase their talent.”

The exhibition in the Youth Art Gallery is part of The Wagner Free Institute of Sciences after school program called SNAP - Science, Nature, & Art in Philadelphia -- that focuses on educating middle school students about science and the arts. The exhibition is the result of a 6-week long program based on the school’s science curriculum that enables students to better understand and creatively translate what they have learned into artistic forms of expression.

The Wagner Institute serves more than 10,000 children annually through a variety of programs including school field trips, science lessons, SNAP, and GEOKids an interdisciplinary program which combines science and writing for neighborhood elementary school kids.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.