

## **The Massry Residence at Daughters of Sarah Senior Community Shows LaSalle School Students' Art**

Albany – Residents, staff and board members from Daughters of Sarah Senior Community recently welcomed board members, staff and students from Albany's LaSalle School recently at a reception for a 35-piece exhibit of La Salle School students' art in The Massry Residence.

The Massry Residence is the assisted living residence at Daughters of Sarah Senior Community on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany. On a strategically designed gallery wall in the lobby, it showcases art exhibits throughout the year by Capital Region artists. This is its first all-student art show. The project is part of a partnership between Daughters of Sarah Senior Community and La Salle School. The partnership began last year with a culinary program which helped students learn how to prepare and present a fine dining menu.

"You can see from the turnout that there is a real interest in the arts," said Joan Healey, Daughters of Sarah Senior Community chief operating officer. "Bringing people from the outside, especially the youth in our community, draws a very positive response from our residents."

"The overarching theme of both the LaSalle School and Daughters of Sarah Senior Community is to enhance quality of life", said Murray C. Massry, a board member of the Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation and LaSalle benefactor. "The art we're seeing here today enhances the quality of life for the viewer as well as the artist. It's amazing to see this collaboration."

LaSalle School is a full-service residential treatment center serving at-risk adolescents. Youth attending LaSalle are from school districts and social service programs in the Greater Capital Region and beyond, including the Hudson Valley, North Country and points east and west.

"They've had significant circumstances in their lives that they have been asked to overcome," said LaSalle School Executive Director Bill Wolff, addressing the 100 residents, students and others representing LaSalle School and Daughter of Sarah Senior Community. "Our job is to help them realize that what has happened to them in the past does not define what they will be in the future."

Caption: A LaSalle School student artists explains his work to Annette Bloodstein, who lives at The Massry Residence, and Murray C. Massry.