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### **Students collaborate with glass contractor to create sculpture for Covenant Fine Arts Center**

A stunning glass sculpture has been installed in the east lobby of Calvin College's recently remodeled Covenant Fine Arts Center (CFAC)—a prominent and highly visible spot at the campus entrance.

The piece is composed of five large circular panes of glass, in graduated sizes, held in metal bands that are suspended from the ceiling. The panes represent the multiple elements of the fine arts, while the varying colors and textures reference the continuity of covenant and community. Dramatic and inspiring, the sculpture celebrates the renewal of the fine arts structure and provides a meaningful welcome to visitors.

The project grew out of a partnership between Calvin College students Hannah Abma, Jeremia Handoko, Brianna Perez and Yohan Na, working with Vos Glass, a leading Grand Rapids-based glass contractor.

"We have installed glass in many of Calvin's buildings," said Linda Vos-Graham, president of Vos Glass. "This project gave us the opportunity to work with students and support Calvin in a truly creative project."

Vos challenged the college's architecture and studio art students to produce concepts for the sculpture. In April 2010 the students were asked to consider the themes of covenant and community, and to take into consideration the role of the space in illuminating the fine arts.

Director of physical plant Phil Beezhold gave the students a tour of the facility while it was under renovation, to help them visualize the space where the sculpture would be installed. Representatives from Vos Glass met with the group to discuss the creative possibilities offered by glass. The students divided into groups, put together sketches and submitted them to a committee. Abma, Handoko, Perez and Na's design was selected, and was produced, with minor modifications, by Vos Glass with assistance from Echo Etching and Accuform Industries.

"It's a beautiful design that combines art and architectural features," said Vos-Graham. "It's also a great example of what can be achieved in a non-traditional working relationship."

The community is invited to view the sculpture and recognize the participating students and the collaborating companies from 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 in the Covenant Fine Arts Center's east lobby. The event will include a short program followed by refreshments.

For more information about the project, contact Joel Zwart, Calvin's director of exhibitions, at 616-526-6271.

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