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**JEANNE D'ARC CREDIT UNION PARTNERS WITH THE
WANG MIDDLE SCHOOL TO EXHIBIT STUDENT ARTWORK**

LOWELL – Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union announced today that they have started an innovative new partnership with the Wang Middle School in Lowell, MA in which student artwork is displayed at their Lowell branch on Merrimack Street.

“What a great way to support the students and help them showcase their work,” said Mark S. Cochran, President and Chief Executive Officer of Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union. “The art has sparked many positive comments from our members and visitors who are impressed with the talent of these children. The pieces are both imaginative and inspiring, and could be the work of a future art world great,” stated Cochran.

The project was spearheaded by Wang Middle School art teacher Marta Magnus and was quickly embraced by Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union. The display was installed in late February.

Charcoal sketches, small sculptures and collages are eliciting enthusiastic comments from credit union members, visitors and employees. The artwork brightens the branch and highlights the talents of local students.

To kick-off the program, the Credit Union hosted a small reception for the students, their parents, and school and city officials, including Lowell Mayor James Milinazzo and City Manager Bernie Lynch. The artwork will be rotated every month or two to allow as many students as possible to participate. Students excitedly chatted with local leaders about the inspiration for their artwork, toured the credit union and were given signed certificates of achievement.

Area residents are encouraged to stop by the Merrimack Street branch to view the students' inspiring artwork.

About Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union:

Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union was established in 1912 and is a full-service, member-owned community-based financial cooperative with more than 55,000 members and more than \$900 million in assets. It operates six full-service branches in Lowell, Dracut (2), Tyngsboro, Chelmsford and Methuen, Massachusetts; four high-school branches at Lowell High, Dracut High, Methuen High and Nashoba Valley Technical High schools; and a loan center in Lowell.



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