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Franklin University Unveils Student Statues

Columbus, Ohio — **Franklin University**, one of the leading educators of working adults, is pleased to announce the unveiling of two statues dedicated to the diversity of Franklin's student population.

In 2006, Franklin commissioned sculptor Gary Ross to create two life size statues in the likeness of Franklin Virtu@1 Campus graduates SGM Scott Martin (eArmyU) and Linda Peltier (Community College Alliance). The sculptures represent the Virtual Campus student and serve as lasting physical reminders to all of the global diversity of Franklin University's students.

Chairman of the Franklin Board of Trustees Gregory S. Lashutka will host the event on **Friday, July 20 at 11 a.m. in the Huntington Courtyard located on Franklin's main campus, downtown**. President Paul Otte will officially unveil and present the two student statues to the University with sculptor Gary Ross and student model Linda Peltier in attendance.

Dr. Otte noted the statues are more than just portrait sculptures. They provide a very real connection and understanding for Franklin's on campus students that many of the students that make up their classes are actually as far as away as another state or even another country.

Sculptor Gary Ross works in a variety of materials, from cast bronze and resins to carved wood and stone. Ross has not limited his career to sculpting. Over the years, he has shared his artistic talents with others through teaching in the Columbus Public Schools; the Columbus College of Art & Design; and for the past 37 years at Capital University.

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Student Sculpture Unveiling
Friday, July 20, 2007, 11 a.m.
Franklin University, downtown campus
Huntington Courtyard

To date, Ross has over 500 portrait sculptures located on three continents and has made over 60 life size or larger sculptures and several bronze reliefs. He has held several one-man shows in places such as the Zanesville Art Center, The Huntington Gallery and Gallery 200. He has participated in group shows such as the Faculty Shows held in Schumacher Gallery at Capital University; the Greater Columbus Arts Festival; the Columbus League shows; and the Hoyt Sherman Gallery at The Ohio State University. His works have been recognized in the form of numerous awards, including the Ohio Exposition Award for Sculpture; the Columbus Museum of Art Award for Graphics; the Columbus Art League Prize for Sculpture; and First Place for Sculpture at the May Show at the Columbus Museum of Art.

About Franklin University

Founded in 1902, Franklin University is central Ohio's leading and most experienced educator of adult students. Annually, more than 10,000 students attend Franklin, both on campus and online. Franklin offers 19 undergraduate majors and three graduate programs, and graduates more than 1,500 students annually. Further information regarding Franklin University can be found at www.franklin.edu.

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