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The Art Walking Tour: A Gift of Beauty to Arizona Glendale Community College - John F. Prince Library

**Executive Summary
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The John F. Prince Library of Glendale Community College (GCC) contains more professional artworks on permanent display than any other library in the Maricopa Community College District, and is ranked among the top 10 publicly funded collections in Arizona. The collection totals approximately 550 paintings, masks, ceramics, sculpture, photographs, lithographs, etchings, woodcuts, and more. The history of world art is showcased, including items from the Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907) to the present day. Artworks have been donated and some purchased by funds raised from GCC Evening Student Government over the course of 40 years. Artists featured include Pablo Picasso, Francisco Goya, Marc Chagall, Phillip Curtis, William Ahrendt, Paolo Soleri, and Ansel Adams, among many others, all in a beautifully renovated, award-winning building.

To reveal these “hidden treasures” to the world as a community service and a powerful learning tool advancing an educational mission, GCC is poised to create:

- * A self-guided audio tour of the library’s collection using state-of-the-art equipment found in the finest museums. Use of the equipment would enhance a museum experience for visitors without disrupting library patrons;
- * A multi-media promotional campaign targeting schools, retired senior adults, art enthusiasts and many others statewide who could benefit from a museum experience within a unique educational environment. The multi-media campaign would include a web site integrated with tours, brochures and other integrated communication tools.

GCC Library and Art Department faculty and staff have devoted hundreds of hours to the collection and to take this overall project as far as they could with existing funds. Community support is now being sought to help make this dream become a permanent reality. For more specifics about the GCC Art Walking Tour and related giving opportunities, contact George Martinez, Director of Institutional Advancement, at george.martinez@gmail.maricopa.edu or 623-845-3605.