

Knox College Students Win 150 Media Stream/ACI Contest for Digital Art June 30, 2020



Yuge Zhou, left, is curator of 150 Media Stream, Chicago. Contest winners from Knox College are Odessa Sagli, second from left, Portland, Oregon, and Patrick Steppan, third from left, Chicago. Tim Stedman, right, visiting professor of art, Knox College, supervised the students' project.

Two students from [Knox College](#), Galesburg, Illinois, won the digital art contest sponsored by [150 Media Stream](#), Chicago, and organized by ACI. Odessa Sagli, Portland, Oregon, and Patrick Steppan, Chicago, who both recently graduated, will be awarded a total of \$3,000 by 150 Media Stream to complete their collaborative project. Their project will be featured on the 150 Media Stream art installation sometime this fall, with a launch date to be announced.

Located in the lobby of 150 N. Riverside Plaza in Chicago, 150 Media Stream is a unique public media art installation with 89 LED blades, the largest structure of its kind in the city, said Yuge Zhou, curator. Launched in 2017, the 150 Media Stream showcases commissioned work by emerging and renowned media artists on a monthly basis.

The students' project focuses on ecological concerns and the loss of species, Zhou said. "The goal of this contest was to practice students' skills in creating digital art, to acquire experience in producing art in public space and to provide a prestige platform to showcase their work," she added.

This spring, Sagli earned a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, with a minor in design. Steppan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science, with minors in art history and design. Tim Stedman, visiting professor of art, Knox College, supervised the students' project. Students at each of ACI's [27 member colleges and universities](#) were invited to submit proposals for the contest.



The contest winners look at an early version of their art exhibit at 150 Media Stream, Chicago.