



University of Tampa Art Department Creates SSO 2025 Sustainability Art Structure

This year SSO 2025 featured a sustainability art structure in the HUB entrance entitled, *Collective Support: A Tribute to Surgical Oncology*. The structure incorporated elements of disposable materials found in the operating room.

The design process was a collaboration between three university art classes. More than 60 students participated and their contributions were a literal part of the sculpture. The hands cast on the pieces belong to each person involved. The team completed the sculpture in just two months. “The students were surprised to find out how much discard comes from operating rooms,” according to the professor leading the project. “They wanted the piece to translate transformation, resilience and sustainability.”

The plexiglass cubes were elevated on purple platforms, supported by white hands, representing SSO’s ongoing commitment to environmental awareness in healthcare. The structure symbolized transparency and awareness as each section consisted of a clear cube filled with surgical materials, such as gowns, masks, gloves and packaging.

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