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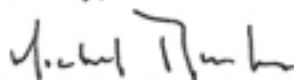
Jim:

On behalf of NC State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, I offer my congratulations and thanks for the recent completion and installation of "The Swimming Retriever." The work is being very well received by our community and visitors, particularly with young children who cannot resist the touching, sitting and climbing that you envisioned with the interactive piece. It is fast becoming an iconic work of art for the campus.

The selection committee was very impressed with your pre-proposal and portfolio of past work and I am pleased we chose you as one of the four finalists to submit formal proposals. I recall with great fondness the trip you made to North Carolina in December 2010, and subsequently, the proposal for your work. The Photoshop rendering of your sculpting model in its intended location helped the committee with their decision, but the stroke of genius which won our hearts and minds was the placing of Randall Terry's image on a dog tag and positioned on the retriever's back. Those who knew Mr. Terry felt this made a powerful statement about his relationship with his dogs and his desire to lead from behind and not draw attention to his many accomplishments. The committee was also very grateful for your willingness to accept suggestions on the facial expressions of the dog prior to the sculpting. We feel you skillfully captured the unbridled joy of this breed retrieving a stick to its master. I also want to thank you for documenting the process with photography and videotaping and we look forward to the DVD compilation of the process. Finally, I want to recognize and thank you and your crew on the installation and for participating in the unveiling of this work to our community...it was a special day for all of us and your part in the event is greatly appreciated.

I hope you have to opportunity to visit North Carolina State University again in the near future and see for yourself how your artwork is being admired and embraced. Good luck with your future endeavors in creating interactive pieces that celebrate natural forms of all types and their importance to our world.

Sincerely;



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