

Undergraduate Photography Contest Results

We have the results and are pleased to announce the two winners for the Undergraduate Photography Contest:

Student Poll with 32% of the vote:

Darcy Dixon, *Hidden Smile*

Comments received:

“Nicely composed, lovely smile, and just a hint of enigma.”; “I like the water”.

Faculty Panel:

Alex Omidvar, *Untitled*

Judges comment:

The photograph depicts two young friends sitting together on a rocky beach and looking out onto the vast ocean. The ocean may symbolise ideas such as the oblivion from which long-forgotten memories of the past may be retrieved or the creative void from which the vagarious path of the future will spring forth. But the direction of time at which these two friends gaze is not clear, and that gap of ambiguity is where the photograph’s strength is most felt.

We do not know who these two friends are; all that we see are the back of their heads. They are anonymous but their anonymity allows the viewer to intercede and infuse the image with his or her own desires. As a result, the photographic image stands for something different and personal to each viewer who engages with it. The picture may evolve into a personal reminiscence of times shared with my friend, or perhaps imaginings of a future that holds my friend and me together, conquering the unknown throughout the glorious years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS to both Darcy and Alex, and a big **THANK YOU** to all the participants who submitted a photo to the contest!! All the photos were lovely and all of them received great comments and praise.

Darcy and Alex each win a book worth £20 of their choice.

Many thanks again to everyone who entered photos and voted in the UG Photography Contest. I hope you had as much fun as we did!