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Cisco College Art Department Introduces Archaeogaming into Art History Curriculum

Cisco, Texas - March 1, 2025 – The Cisco College Art Department is excited to announce the integration of archaeogaming into its Art History modules beginning this Fall. "Archaeogaming will serve as a bridge between ancient civilizations and the dynamic technological world our students live in. It provides a relevant way to engage students and foster their curiosity in an immersive learning environment," said Jodi Frizzell, Art Program Director. This innovative approach blends the study of history with the immersive world of video games, offering students a dynamic and engaging learning experience.

Archaeogaming is a cutting-edge field that applies archaeological methods to video game environments, providing students with an interactive way to explore history. The program leverages popular video games set in historically rich settings—such as the *Assassin's Creed* series—to deliver a multimedia learning experience that is both educational and entertaining.

Students will engage with a 10-minute video-game-based multimedia lecture, combining their familiarity with gaming with in-depth historical analysis. The program will cover key topics, including:

- Socio-economic themes such as religion, politics, warfare, and daily life
- An introduction to archaeology and excavation practices

- Identification and discussion of material culture, including clothing, pottery, and architecture
- Exploration of historical causation and personal agency through the non-linear narratives of video games

Beyond its academic value, the archaeogaming initiative at Cisco College provides free Open Educational Resources (OER) to educators, fostering an active and immersive learning environment. This approach not only enhances student engagement but also encourages critical thinking and historical inquiry in a format that resonates with today's learners.

For more information about the Cisco College Art Department and its archaeogaming initiative, please contact: Jodi Frizzell - Jodi.Frizzell@cisco.edu.

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About Cisco College

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.