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NEW COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS ACHIEVE NATIONAL SUCCESS

Two New College students are celebrating after having their work recognised by a national photography competition. 31 year old Bruce Boulton and 21 year old Aron Woods have been awarded merits in the FujiFilm Student Awards, a competition that awards just 30 merits each year.

The annual competition invited entrants to submit an image to feature on the front cover of Ralph Ellison's 1952 novel, 'Invisible Man'.

Bruce explains: "The book is about a black man growing up in 1930s America, struggling with oppression from both black and white people and a feeling of invisibility. I used a smoke machine and acetate to communicate the feeling of the book and the judges of the competition responded really well to the image."

Bruce is due to finish his Foundation Degree in Photography at New College, which is offered in partnership with the University of Gloucestershire, this summer and has high hopes for the future.

Bruce commented: "I've been an engineer for 15 years so this course has been a big career change for me. I plan to go on to do an additional year of study with the University of Gloucestershire, while running my own photography business; Lantern Photography.

"Without the Foundation Degree I probably wouldn't have gone into a career in photography, or even known how to; the course is very vocational and has a clear focus on preparing you for a career in the photographic industry.

Bruce and Aron will be attending an award ceremony in London on Thursday 17th July to find out whether their image has been selected to appear on the book cover.

More information about New College's Foundation Degree in Photography can be found at www.Newcollege.ac.uk or by calling Santo Basone on: 01793 611470. Examples of the Foundation Degree students' work can be found at www.smilephotographers.co.uk.

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