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ArtsCore, a partnership between the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, the Paine Art Center and Gardens, and regional public school districts, seeks to support pre-service and early career teachers build competence, confidence, and resiliency through the knowledgeable, supported, and thoughtful use of arts integration.

Colony at the Paine

ArtShare: 60 Minute Saturdays

In 2021, ArtsCore will offer monthly professional development sessions entitled "ArtShare: 60 Minute Saturdays." Each session will offer two topics of interest in one 60-minute format. Sessions will be presented virtually on Hopin and registration will be required. ArtShare Saturdays will be offered on January 23rd, February 20th, April 10th and May 1st. Registration is now open for our January 23, 2021 session.

Submitted by Lisa Crawford

January ArtShare Saturday: Self-Care for You and Your Students



Join us for our first ArtShare: 60 Minute Saturday on Saturday, January 23, 2021. ArtsCore Colony Alumna, Teresa Moucha, will be presenting "Self Care for You and Your Students." Participants will learn how to do meditation with their students. Participants will round out their morning with a meditation and yoga session. Registration on Hopin now for our January 23rd session [here](#):

Call for Proposals

Colony Alumni from Appleton and Oshkosh school districts are invited to submit a proposal for our 2021 Professional Development series, "ArtShare: 60 Minute Saturdays." Sessions are 25 minutes in length and will be presented virtually. If you would like to present a new lesson for one of these professional development sessions, please complete the Request for Proposal [here](#).

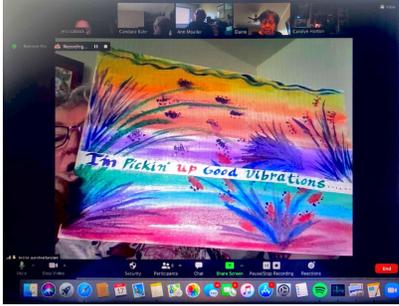
Our annual Symposium will be presented virtually on Saturday, March 13th. Colony alumni from any school are invited to submit a proposal. Symposium sessions are 40 minutes in length and the lesson should include a hands on component. If you would like to present a new lesson for Symposium, please complete the Request for Proposal [here](#).

On Campus

Miravida Living Internship

ArtsCore offers a variety of internships to students. One of our internships is hosted at Miravida Living here in Oshkosh. Miravida is a senior living community, offering a variety of services to their residents. UWO student, Jessica Bock, is currently interning at Miravida, teaching art virtually one day a week.

Here is what she had to say about her experience, "I am so thankful that I get to be a part of ArtsCore and the Miravida internship. This year has been especially challenging as teaching



art online has not been easy. Using technology and online video chat rooms is difficult for any age group but we have persevered and have had a really great time making art together. I look forward to our lessons every week and I know the members of the class enjoy spending time together doing fun projects. They often talk about how it's just nice to see friendly faces and have a normal conversation. This makes me so happy that we are still able to connect and do these lessons virtually because it really does have an impact on them and their well-being. I am looking forward to creating lasting bonds with the ladies at Miravida as we enjoy our creative time together."

UWO alumna and former ArtsCore Miravida Living Intern, Shelby Weber, is now serving as Jessica's mentor. This opportunity allows Jessica the chance to learn from Shelby, while allowing Shelby the opportunity to develop her own mentoring and leadership skills.

Here are a few words from Shelby's perspective. "I was honored to continue to be a part of ArtsCore through the mentorship between myself and our newest Miravida intern, Jessica! It has been fascinating to watch Jessica navigate this unique internship virtually through these unprecedented times. Having been an ArtsCore intern at Miravida in the past, I am confident that giving the residents in the Simeanna independent living complexes the opportunity to explore their creativity was a highlight to their week back when I taught in person lessons. This creative exploration only becomes more crucial as we continue to navigate the 2020 pandemic and learn new ways to bring these opportunities to our residents while keeping them and ourselves safe! Jessica has been so innovative in her lessons to ensure the residents are able to explore their art and feel the same socialization as they would have had they all been in person together! "

Submitted by Jessica Bock and Shelby Weber, Mentor



ArtsCore Promise Scholarship for Titan Teachers

As part of our commitment to ensuring all UWO Preservice Teachers can continue to pursue their dream of teaching, ArtsCore is providing ten \$750.00 scholarships. This scholarship is awarded to students who are admitted to, or enrolled at, the Oshkosh campus. Applicant must be majoring in teacher education. Recipient must enroll full-time in order to receive the award payout. Applicant must have significant financial need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Previous recipients of the ArtsCore Promise Scholarship for Titan Teachers are not eligible to apply for subsequent awards. Application deadline is January 10, 2021. This award will be applied to Spring 2021 tuition. Click [here](#) to apply.

Arts Integration Passport

Over 50 pre-service teachers have already enrolled in the ArtsCore Arts Integration Passport program. This program offers professional development opportunities that support UWO education majors learning about and implementing sound arts integration strategies in their future classrooms.

The Arts Integration Passport is comprised of 4 journeys. As we explained in our last newsletter, the first journey connects candidates with experts who introduce arts integration. *Journey 2 continues with participants interviewing ArtsCore trained teachers or UWO faculty to discover how classroom teachers and faculty are using arts integration in their classrooms and how it benefits their students.* Watch this space for more about the Journeys in coming months!

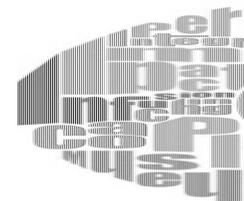
Successful completion of the passport is an excellent addition to one's resume. Our ArtsCore partners in the Oshkosh and Appleton Area School Districts agree that this achievement demonstrates a candidate's ongoing commitment to developing creative and effective approaches to teaching. Students who successfully complete Journeys 1-4 before April 30, 2021 will also be awarded one \$150 gift card for supporting their educational-related expenses. There is still plenty of time to register and get involved. Enrollment in this Canvas course may be found [here](#).

Submitted by Dr. Wendy Strauch-Nelson, ArtsCore Co-Founder

ArtsCore Student Organization November Events

ASO hosted a virtual teacher panel on November 17, where pre-service teachers could ask a variety of questions to educators in the field. A big thank you to the following educators for contributing their time and talents:

- Carolyn Kendall- former ArtsCore intern, currently student teaching in



- Kimberly School District
- Renee Schumacher- Oshkosh Area School District ArtsCore District Coordinator
- Teresa Moucha- Elementary Art Teacher at Carl Traeger Elementary School, Oshkosh

ASO's [website](#) will be updated as new events are scheduled.

All ASO events can also be found on Titan Connection. Download the app and start following ASO!

If you are interested in receiving further information about upcoming ASO events or serving as an ASO officer, contact ASO at aso@uwosh.edu.

Submitted by Lisa Crawford

ArtsCore Partner The Paine Art Center and Gardens

Educators In Residence

The Educators in Residence at the Paine program is open to Colony alumni who are interested in expanding their creative and leadership skills. Educators in Residence (EiR) explore new creative pathways and collaborate with the Paine's staff and exhibiting artists to expand their own creative skills and create arts integrated experiences for their students and for visitors to the Paine.

For EiR 2020-21, three Colony alumni who teach at Merrill Middle School in the Oshkosh Area School District are collaborating with Jennifer Angus, who will be creating an installation at the Paine for the spring of 2021. Angus' installations feature authentically and ethically preserved insects arranged in patterns that resemble elaborate wallpaper (see examples on her website at jenniferangus.com). She also focuses on the storytelling possibilities inherent in her arrangement of the insects and other natural materials, and has written a novel, *In Search of Goliathus Hercules*. There are many natural connections between Angus's work and various content areas, and the Educators in Residence are using those connections to create arts integrated content to capture their students' interest and excitement.

Ta Feiter and Brianna Lubbers will be reading *In Search of Goliathus Hercules* to their literacy students. ArtsCore has provided modeling clay for all 150 students so they can use the sculptural art form to express their reaction to the novel and their understanding of story elements such as character and setting. Leigh Marmes' seventh grade science students have been engaged in scientific observation via sketching this year. They will also explore the importance of coloring and patterns in insects' bodies as adaptations to their environments as a connection to Angus's exhibition. Due to restrictions on field trips this year, students may not visit the Paine and meet Angus in person, but the Educators in Residence are collaborating with the Paine's staff to still connect their students with the artist. Students in both grade levels will meet virtually with Angus to ask questions about her art and writing, and to learn more about the insects that are featured in her work. The Paine's education staff will create a time-lapse video of Angus's installation process to share with the classes.

To deepen their students' exploration of the theme of pattern and the qualities of the insects used in Angus's installation, all three teachers will introduce watercolor painting skills and have the students draw and paint insects. ArtsCore, via the Paine, is assembling art kits for all 270 students so that they can create their insects at home if need be. If they are back in school, either full time or in a hybrid model, students will work together to combine their insects and create patterns with them somewhere in the school. If they are learning virtually, they will shift to a digital art program and/or stop motion animation, a process the teachers learned about with animator Mark Jones at ArtsCore's Bridge Day in September, to combine their insects and create patterns. The students' projects will reflect the collaboration among their teachers and artists like Jennifer Angus, as well as ArtsCore's philosophy of arts integration and the Paine's commitment to community outreach.

On February 20, 2021, the ArtShare: 60-minute Saturday will focus on the EiR project and Jennifer Angus's installation at the Paine. Check the ArtShare webpage (<https://uwosh.edu/artscore/artshare-60-minute-saturdays/>) for more information.

Submitted by Mary Pleiss, Director of Education/ArtsCore Coordinator, Paine Museum and Gardens



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