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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.

Upcoming Events



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

Our first ArtShare: 60 Minute Saturday is quickly approaching on Saturday, January 23, 2021. ArtsCore Colony Alumna and Oshkosh Area School District art specialist, Teresa Moucha, will be presenting "Self Care for You and Your Students."

In part one of this two part session, Teresa will share resources and demonstrate techniques you can use with students to promote body, mind and breath awareness. Also included is time for teachers to share techniques they have had success with and give everyone a chance to connect and collaborate.

The second 25 minute session participants will partake in yoga, relaxation and quiet meditation. Register on Hopin now for our January 23rd session [here](#):



February ArtShare Saturday: *Insects and Art: Building Curricular Connections*

Take a virtual tour of the Paine's newest exhibition, which features intricate patterns created by incredible insects! Join Mary Pleiss, the Paine's ArtsCore Coordinator, and Kelsey Raschke, the Paine's Educator, for a virtual tour of Jennifer Angus's installation in the Main Gallery and a look at how Angus uses insects as art objects and vehicles for storytelling. Teachers will learn how they and their students can experience the exhibition and help build curricular connections to Angus's work.

The second half of the morning will feature ArtsCore Colony Alumni Ta Feiter and Brianna Lubbers presenting their arts integrated literacy lesson, "Sculpting with Read-Alouds." It's time to pull out the Play-Doh or Model Magic! Ta and Brianna will share an excerpt from Jennifer Angus' book and demonstrate sculpting techniques. Participants will be able to upload an image of their creation to share with others. Register on Hopin now for our February 20th session [here](#):

Arts Integration Symposium

Our annual Symposium will be held virtually on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Puppeteer, Karen Konnerth will be our keynote speaker. "Make Learning Pop with Puppets: Arts Integration Across the Curriculum in the Elementary School Classroom", will examine strategies for student engagement across the curriculum through quick and simple puppet techniques using easily available materials. Karen's presentation will be followed by hands-on breakout sessions presented by ArtsCore Colony Alumni. New to Symposium this year will be a virtual networking session. Registration will open later this month.

April

ArtShare Saturday: *"Doing" National Arts Standards in the S.T.E.A.M. Curriculum*

Join UWO Alumna, Annie West, and UWO

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." If you would like to present a new lesson, please complete the Request for

Professor, Dr. Yoko Mogi-Hein for this Hot Topic Discussion. Annie and Yoko will discuss creating experiential lessons with an emphasis of educators supporting students across STEAM disciplines. Registration will open in March.

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 should include a hands on component. If you would like to present a new lesson, please complete the Request for Proposal [here](#).

On Campus



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.

ArtsCore Scholarship Application Now Open

This ArtsCore Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen or incoming undergraduate transfer students who plan to major in education and have an interest in arts-integrated instruction. Applicants must be admitted to the UW Oshkosh campus. Students transferring from the Fond du Lac or Fox Cities campuses are eligible to apply. Incoming freshmen must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school grade-point average and incoming transfer students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative transfer grade-point average. Applicants must demonstrate commitment to, and potential for, a successful career as a professional educator and an intent to participate in ArtsCore initiatives to develop and share effective arts-integrated teaching strategies. Preference will be given to applicants from PK-12 partner school districts.

The recipient must be enrolled full-time to receive the award. The recipient is eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years, provided the recipient remains in good academic standing and continues to maintain the criteria of the award. The [scholarship application](#) is currently open until 2/5/2021.

Arts Integration Passport

Over 50 pre-service teachers are 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 previous newsletters, Journey 1 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. *Journey 3 gives participants the opportunity to create and develop and Arts Integration Lesson either individually or collaboratively with other Passport participants.* Watch this space for more about Journey 4 next month!

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

Teacher Panel Follow Up

The ASO November Teacher Panel was very impactful for our students. Here's what some of our participants had to say:

"I enjoyed the overall energy of the teacher panel. Everyone was so happy to be there and answer every question! I learned a lot about how lessons can fail sometimes, and that's ok! It made me feel more confident teaching in the future". -Camryn A

"I enjoyed learning about the different experiences that each level of teacher had been able to share with us! The pandemic experiences were definitely nice to know because of the uncertain future." - Olivia J.

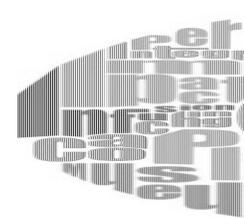
"I enjoyed answering and sharing my thoughts with everyone who attended. We had several different teachers on the panel who all come with different perspectives. Since I am a student teaching intern, I was able to answer the questions based on my student teaching experiences so far. I think this opportunity gives a good reflection of the teaching world in general. Teachers work best when they collaborate with other teachers. We all bring different perspectives and experiences with us to share!" -Carolyn K.

ASO is looking forward to hosting another teacher panel with a new content focus this spring. Watch your email for details!



Read the complete article [here](#)

Student Organization Graduations and Mid-year elections



As the fall semester comes to a close, we want to congratulate and say thank you to two of our own board members: Kathryn Schickert and Becca Kading. Kathryn has served on the ASO board as our publicity officer and co-treasurer since 2019, and Becca has served as our co-treasurer for the fall semester. They have been an incredible asset to our team and we wish nothing but the best for them as they start their journey as educators. Congratulations!!

ASO now needs to fill the roles of Secretary/Publicity Officer and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving as an ASO officer for the remainder of the 20-21 academic year, please contact Jen Killam at: killaj88@uwosh.edu. Officer applications are due by January 8, 2021.

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, contact ASO at aso@uwosh.edu.

Submitted by Jen Killam, ASO President

ArtsCore Summer Interns Highlighted in UW Oshkosh Today

Three graduating education majors have been highlighted and recognized for their work as interns through the ArtsCore program in UW Oshkosh Today. Carolyn Kendall, Jessica Martinez and Selena Xiong will draw on their summer work with the Winnebago Area Literacy Council's New Voices program for immigrant and refugee English learners as they graduate and begin their teaching careers.

ArtsCore Partner Paine Art Center and Gardens

Virtual Field Trips

Students and teachers are not the only ones adapting to a virtual school year. Kelsey Raschke, Educator at the Paine Art Center and Gardens, and Arts Core Colony alumni, has also adapted to bringing her field trips into a virtual experience for students. Her goal of the Nutcracker virtual field trip was to incorporate the literacy standards used during the in-person field trip and use them to develop an engaging experience that was a break from the routine of e-learning that students are in. The field trip was broken into two parts. The first part of the experience consisted of a pre-recorded virtual tour led by a local actor dressed as Godfather Drosselmeyer who explored each room of the story. The virtual tour paused at different transition points to ask students questions and tap into the literacy standards. After the virtual tour, students switched their bodies and brains over into actors. Kelsey narrated the story of the Nutcracker and students turned their cameras on and off to "enter" and "exit" the virtual stage to act out the different characters with their bodies and expressions. This strategy of using a narrator worked well with the time constraint and also alleviated nerves for students about having to memorize speaking lines. The virtual experience was



offered to over 600 third grade students in the Oshkosh school district at no cost.

This field trip experience has been well received by students, parents and teachers alike. Amaya, a student at Oaklawn Elementary said, "I liked the room of sweets and the acting. I especially liked how we got to act and I was the Mouse King." Lydia, Amaya's mom, felt that, "I think play acting is important because it teaches children to empathize with characters and makes the story more applicable to them. It is not only reaching the classic story but also teaching them empathy." Oaklawn Elementary 3rd grade Teacher, Katy Urbas, stated that, "Everyone enjoyed the story telling aspect of the tour of The Paine with Drosselmeyer telling the story of The Nutcracker. Our class also enjoyed the interactive virtual play that Kelsey had the students perform. The staff at The Paine found a way to bring the culture of The Nutcracker to the 3rd grade students that was enjoyable and interactive."

Submitted by Kelsey Raschke, Educator, Paine Art Center and Gardens



ArtsCore Spotlight

Teresa Moucha

Teresa Moucha has been part of ArtsCore since it was just an idea. We asked Teresa to tell us more about her ArtsCore journey and here's what she had to say:

"I met with Wendy Strauch-Nelson at some of the first community group planning meetings and have been involved ever since. I knew from the beginning that I wanted to be part of ArtsCore and that it would have a phenomenal impact on our community. Being a lifelong learner, I have always had professional goals and officially joining ArtsCore has been on my list since I learned about it. This is my 29th year teaching, my 26th year in Oshkosh. I also taught part-time for 3 years in Chippewa Falls. I have a master's degree, I am a National Board Certified Teacher and now I am an ArtsCore Alumni! It was an amazing time at Colony, and I continue to develop and use many of the highly effective teaching strategies from the experience.

Currently, I am collaborating with Traeger Elementary 2nd graders and their classroom teachers on a Shape Poetry Book in our virtual setting and am working on recruiting our first year, 2nd grade teacher to join the ArtsCore team next year! ArtsCore is a phenomenal group of people with a common goal; student and teacher success through arts integration, and I am so grateful to be involved with this amazing program!"

Teresa is very excited to be presenting at our ArtShare:60 Minute Saturday session on January 23rd. Teresa feels, "We never grow out of our need to pause before reacting. Practicing body, breath and mind awareness is free, can be done anytime or anywhere and gives us an opportunity to prepare for life situations that can cause us to react when we would rather respond with equanimity. While we are learning this skill, we can practice with our students as well. I invite you to join me for a two part session dedicated to "hitting pause". With our ever changing work and home environments, it is important to put self-care first and then to pass that onto our students."

Teresa's First year teacher tips:

1. Practice self-care (It is impossible to help others learn and grow if you are feeling overwhelmed)
2. Find balance between home/work. (There is life after the bell rings!)
3. You are enough (Really, you are! You have trained for this and you got it!)
4. You do enough (I hope you will never have to work as hard as you do this year!)
5. Everything is going to work out as it is meant to (Don't stress about it. Let it happen and enjoy the ride!)
6. HAVE FUN!

Submitted by Teresa Moucha, Elementary Art Teacher, Traeger Elementary Oshkosh

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