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Upcoming Events

Jan. 13 First Day of Spring semester

Jan 13 RAVE Testing

Jan. 13 through March 1 Faculty Biennial, Main Gallery

Jan. 17-18 *Threads of Legacy* projection, 5-8 pm (*see below*)

Jan. 25 CCE @ The Stuff to Do Fair, Tec Centro West, 57 Laurel St., 10 am to 2 pm

If you have news, an event, or an announcement you'd like to share, please email Jen Kopf, at jkopf@pcad.edu or [share in this document](#).



Great expectations and growth mindsets

You may have heard this story: a teacher is told that their students have above-average IQs, and the teacher engages with their class, with above-average results. The teacher is later told that, in fact, their students were an average (re: mixed ability) group. The self-fulfilling prophecy of positive expectations leading to positive outcomes came to

be known as [the Pygmalion effect](#) (after the George Bernard Shaw work, which was later adapted into the musical, *My Fair Lady*).

In subsequent decades, this research has been replicated with varying degrees of success...

Want to know more? [Keep reading here](#).

RAVE text alert system will be tested today

As the College does on a periodic basis, it will test the RAVE text alert system today. The College uses the RAVE system, along with email, social media, and the College's website to notify employees and students when there is a delay, building closure, or other emergency.

Make sure you are signed up to receive the RAVE text alerts: <https://getrave.com/login/pcad>. Your username is your PCA&D email address. If you do not recall your password, please use the "Forgot your password?" link.

Free workshop addresses course design

"What Do You Want Your Students to Remember in 20 Years? A Course Design Workshop" is being offered by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at the University of Mississippi this Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 3-4 pm on Zoom. Open to all, it is based on Jim Lang's [2018 essay from the Chronicle of Higher Ed](#). The goal is to provide support as people navigate burnout, worries and fears about AI and other concerns by thinking a bit differently about what we want our students to take away from our courses. Register for the free workshop [here](#).

The 2025 PCA&D

FACULTY BIENNIAL



**January 13 - March 1, 2025
Free & Open to the Public**

Faculty Biennial opens today in the Main Gallery

Be sure to stop by the Main Gallery today to check out the opening of the 2025 PCA&D Faculty Biennial. Featuring the work of 36 of the College's faculty, the Biennial is a

traditional celebration of the artistic practices and talents of instructors in our PCA&D community.

An Opening Reception for the exhibition will take place on Feb. 7 as part of First Friday celebrations.

'Threads of Legacy' projection this weekend

This Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17-18, don't miss *Threads of Legacy*, a projection on the Atrium windows featuring the work of Photography and Video majors **Kiri Chhun** and **Ashley Vazquez**. Each artist explores themes of heritage, memory, and the enduring bonds of family. Chhun's video reflects their journey of rediscovering family history and navigating Cambodian American identity, blending a personal poem, evocative imagery, and music to illuminate the resilience of cultural roots. Vazquez's *Annie's Hymn* draws on her mother's Polaroids and a poetic narration to honor maternal love and the spiritual strength carried through life's challenges, creating a meditation on memory and legacy. Together, these works invite viewers to reflect on their own connections to heritage and the threads that tie us to those who came before.

Friday, Jan. 17, and Saturday, Jan. 18, from 5-8 pm.

Hanging student artwork? Let us know!

We love to celebrate everyone's creativity on campus -- and we want to make sure everyone has a chance to see new work that's being hung on our walls, too! The next time you're putting student work on display -- from a full-blown exhibition to work from a class assignment -- please reach out to communications@pcad.edu so we can share the exhibition campus-wide. Thanks!

Volunteer judges sought for exhibitions

PCA&D is excited to partner with the Lancaster Museum of Art to exhibit the 2025 Lancaster County Young Artist and Scholastic Awards this spring. In preparation for the shows, we need three volunteer jurors to assess the Digital Arts submissions.

As an Art Juror, you're asked to commit to a one-day panel this Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Judging will be done in person at PCA&D. All entries from both Scholastics and LCYA were submitted digitally. Please email **Alex Schaufele** at aschaufele@pcad.edu if you are interested in participating.

The adjudication process is the core of the recognition programs. Jurors look for works that exemplify the Awards' core values: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision.

Call for Art: Lancaster Amtrak station

The City of Lancaster Office of Public Art seeks artists to showcase work in two glass-enclosed display cases at the Lancaster Amtrak Train Station. Create site-specific work inspired by or cohesive with the *A Place for Every Piece: Lancaster's Living Quilt* design.

Artists are encouraged to submit proposals for installations in the glass cases that either draw from or align with that work, by Libby Modern and Jill Good, which will fill windows in the station's main terminal. Proposals should include drawings, sketches, or renderings, along with a written description. While new, site-specific works are preferred, artists may adapt previous artworks, to fit the theme of *A Place for Every Piece: Lancaster's Living Quilt*.

This call is open to all professional artists and artist teams ages 18 and older. Each selected artist or team will receive a \$1,250 honorarium to cover project expenses, including materials, fabrication, and installation.

Submissions are due by Jan. 20. For more details and to view the full call for artists, visit cityoflancasterpa.gov/office-of-public-art.

Learn a new skill: Sign up for a CCE class

Faculty and staff: Check out the slate of classes and workshops offered by the College's [Center for Creative Exploration](#). You can request your employee benefit for discounted CCE classes for yourself as well as for your children or spouses. Email ce@pcad.edu to let them know the class or workshop you're interested in and they can work with you to get you a special code. Also, as educators, you can request scholarships for students in grades 1-12 for CCE classes. If you know a student in our community who would benefit, [head here](#) and complete the request form. Questions? Email ce@pcad.edu.

Hear of gig work, part-time or full-time jobs for students and alumni? Let Career Services know

Help fill our Student Portal Job Boards with opportunities for our students and alumni. They can range from gig work to part-time, and even some full-time jobs.

There is a high demand for work opportunities among our student body in both the creative and non-creative sectors.

If you hear any great opportunities please pass them along to the Career Services Team at CareerServices@pcad.edu so we can connect our students to employment opportunities.

Web resource: The Faculty/Staff Portal

You can find a [Faculty/Staff Portal](#) at the very bottom right corner of the [PCAD.edu homepage](#). It links to all sorts of useful information, from retention reports and class schedules to the academic calendar, maintenance and events requests, and much more.



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