



Pennsylvania College
of Art & Design



Upcoming Events

May 5 Non-Senior grades due

May 14 CCE Art Recess for Adults, 4:30-6:30 pm, Zoetropolis

May 26 Memorial Day holiday, building closed

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](#).



Congratulations to the Class of 2025

It was a beautiful day for a Commencement ceremony Friday, as the members of the Class of 2025 crossed the stage to receive their diplomas at the Barshinger Center on the campus of Franklin & Marshall College.

Speakers at the ceremony included acclaimed author [Amy Sarig King](#), who's been celebrated as one of the nation's best writers for young adults. King was also presented with an Honorary Degree. The student speaker was Rylee Hohney, a Photography & Video major.

Medals of Honor: Dr. Barbara K. Altmann and Danene Sorace. Dr. Altmann is the 16th President of Franklin & Marshall College, the first woman to serve in that role. She earned a B.A. in romance languages from University of Alberta and completed an M.A. and Ph.D. in medieval French language and literature from University of Toronto.

Sorace serves as the 43rd mayor of the City of Lancaster. Elected in 2018 to this position, and the second woman to hold this office, Sorace previously served on the Lancaster City Council, where she chaired the finance committee. She received her bachelor's degree from Albright College and her master's degree in public policy from Rutgers University.

Distinguished Alumnus Recipient: Mike Witmer '88, Fine Art. A graduate of PCA&D's precursor, The Pennsylvania School of the Arts, Witmer also studied at the Maryland Institute

College of Art. He has continued to paint, maintaining his studio practice for nearly four decades and exhibiting his work nationally.

A special honor, Trustee Emerita, was conferred upon Audry K. Carter, a former trustee and trustee chair who most recently served as interim president of the College.

Departmental Awards

- **Animation & Game Art:** Samantha Sidesinger
- **Design Thinking:** Lindsay Salazer
- **Fine Art:** Quinn Knepper
- **Graphic Design:** Aiyana Alvarado
- **Illustration:** Beck Schilling
- **Photography & Video:** Kiri Chhun
- **Liberal Arts:** Laurence Jacoby

PCA&D Honors

Award for Academic Excellence (highest GPA): Bailey Stechman and Elizabeth Gregory

Mary Colleen Heil Vanguard Award: Katherine Hess

Founders' Award for Excellence in Leadership: Beck Schilling

Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence: Jason Ward

Trustees' Award for Staff Excellence: Rebecca Adey

Stay tuned... we'll be sharing links to all the photos from the big day, as well as to a recording of the Commencement livestream!



Wendy Albert

Wendy Albert joins PCA&D as Vice President of Finance & Administration

A warm Pennsylvania College of Art & Design welcome to Wendy Albert, who has joined the College as our new Vice President of Finance & Administration. She succeeds our interim CFO, Todd Gettys.

Albert comes to us from Lebanon Valley College, where she served as Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, CFO, and Treasurer. There, she led the Finance & Administration division and oversaw all accounting, budgeting, financial forecasting, facilities/capital projects, information technology, human resources, risk management, and

auxiliary services. Initially, she will focus on building the FY26 budget, financial planning, and working with her team to improve current systems. A CPA, she earned her BS in Accounting from Ramapo College of New Jersey and did coursework toward an MBA at Rutgers University.



Looking ahead for the CT&L blog: A very AI summer

Welcome to summer. Congratulations to this year's graduates and the faculty, family, friends, and more who supported them along the way.

Looking ahead, I'm wondering how we're in a different place than we were last year. Surely, the role of Generative AI applications is not going away, and, yet, the discourse of how to respond is

developing, fitfully but surely. I've been [reading](#), thinking, [listening to podcasts](#) and audiobooks, talking to peers, and [engaging with various takes](#) on social media. While I've posted previously on Generative AI (such as [The fantasy of frictionless learning](#)), but, this summer, I plan on focusing on various angles that constitute something of a "teaching philosophy" for me when it comes to Generative AI. [Read more](#) to find out what that "range of angles" will entail.

Virtual opportunity: Teaching with AI Conference

The University of Guelph Office of Teaching and Learning's 2025 Teaching with AI Conference will be held virtually via Zoom from June 9-13, and this year's program features 25 practical sessions, including interactive workshops and dynamic panel discussions. Sixty speakers from 16 institutions and organizations will present, bringing together a diverse group of educators, students, academic staff, and leaders who are shaping the future of AI in education. Registration is \$20 and open to all, and registration closes Thursday, June 5. More information and registration [here](#).

FACULTY LIFE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Tyler Kline
Benjamin Lowery
Stephanie Manzi
Paul Rider
Aaron Thompson
Leah Limpert Walt
Eric Weeks

2021-2024

Now in the Main Gallery: Exploring the works of 7 Faculty Life Grant recipients

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design welcomes a Main Gallery exhibition highlighting PCA&D's commitment to educating not only our students but also our faculty in the pursuit of lifelong learning and professional development. The seven exhibiting artists have received grants from the College to attend residencies or courses where work was produced or new skills and techniques were learned. The artwork on view is a result of those experiences, either created at the time or through applying what they learned to new work.

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 of 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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