



Work by Mickey Hess '25, Fine Art.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 1 Admissions Saturday Tour Day

Feb. 7 First Friday reception, Faculty Biennial, 5-8 pm

Feb. 23 CCE Art Bag Challenge, 11 am to 2 pm, Zoetropolis (*see below*)

Feb. 24-28 Mid-Winter Break, no classes

Dr. Andrew Barnes takes the helm as PCA&D President

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design welcomes **Dr. Andrew W. Barnes**, who officially began his new role as President of the College on Jan. 13. In interviews with both local and regional media outlets, Dr. Barnes outlined plans for not only maintaining and growing its local impact in the local arts community, but also increasing its profile on the regional and national levels as well. In [an interview with LNP/LancasterOnline](#), Dr. Barnes said he sees untapped potential in the College, which has nearly doubled its student body numbers from 2015. "PCA&D did something really smart," Barnes told LNP, "they didn't overgrow ... There's tons of room for growth ... so we can grow smartly and I think we will grow over the next five to seven years."



President Barnes



Dr. Barnes confirms plans to utilize the former Chameleon

The College has announced plans to renovate the former Chameleon Club in Lancaster, which it purchased in 2021, into studio spaces and a location for growing a creative artist accelerator. Under current plans, recent graduates would be able to receive a year's worth of business and creative mentorship in the former nightclub building, further preparing them for careers in the creative industry such as opening a brick-and-mortar location. [ABC27 reports](#) President Barnes says the space should be up and running within the next couple years. "If you

talk to any business person out there, it doesn't matter what the business is, they say one thing, they say the same thing -- 'we need people who can think outside the box, who can think creatively.' That's what art and design does."



Tyler Le

Tyler Le commissioned to create New Year's greetings

Thanks to **Tyler Le '20**, an Illustration BFA graduate of the College, for designing the New Year's greetings sent to hundreds of supporters of PCA&D! We recently talked to Tyler, a Designer for *Business Insider* in New York, about the commission, which he completed using Procreate and Adobe Photoshop. Get a look at the finished project, and learn more about what Le has been up to as well as his own goals for 2025, at the [interview here](#).

Dive into the next Art Bag Challenge

Are you local and looking for something to do indoors when it's blustery outside? Stop by Zoetropolis Cinema and Stillhouse's Snug Art Bar, 112 N. Water St., for the Feb. 23 Art at Brunch! Organized by PCA&D's Center for Creative Exploration the event, from 11 am to 2 pm, this month features an Art Bag Challenge: From 11 am to 1:30 pm, you'll be given a mysterious bag of supplies to use in a work of art. At 1:30 pm, voting begins, and there are trophies to be won! No registration is required. A \$5 donation is suggested, but pay what you feel.



CCE's winter session classes and workshops are now open

The College's Center for Creative Exploration is open to all members of the public, and these experiences are a great way to stretch your creative wings and knowledge. Explore options for [Adult Professional Development](#), [Adult Enrichment](#), [Pre-College for High School Students](#), as well as [Young Artist options for Grades 1-9](#).

If you're not sure what a friend or loved one would want to study, give them a choice: CCE Gift Cards are a great option! You can purchase those by clicking on the blue button below.

CCE GIFT CARDS



Recent PCA&D accomplishments ...

- **Salina Almanzar-Oree**, Assistant Director, Center for Creative Exploration, is part of a group exhibition opening Feb. 7 at the Regitz Gallery at The Ware Center, in Lancaster. *Wanawake* opens with a reception that evening from 5:30-8 pm.
- *Visions of Modular Dreamscapes*, an exhibition of work by **Isiah Bates '22**, Fine Art, opens today and runs through the end of March at curio. Gallery & Creative Supply, Lancaster. "This body of work represents a true exploration of self, in its purest form," Bates says in an artist statement. "By letting my hand move across the surface without any true direction, I can actively pull from this other reality. This process lessens the stress of perfection and creates a direct link between the waking world and that of the mind." You can see some of Bates's work at a curio. virtual exhibition [here](#). An opening reception will be held Feb. 7 for First Friday, and an Artist Talk will be held March 11, 7-8 pm, at curio.
- **Paige Alana Bowermaster '23**, Graphic Design, recently completed a brand redesign for the [Lancaster County Chooses Love](#) organization. It can be seen on billboards throughout the region.
- Work by **Rachel Elizabeth '13**, Fine Art, is on display at The Fridge, 534 N. Mulberry St., Lancaster, for the next three months. You can follow her work at [Rachel Elizabeth Fine Art](#) on Facebook.
- *Papa's Cap*, the senior thesis project by **Cleo Kendrick '24**, Graphic Design, has been featured in GDUSA Magazine for its 2024 American Design Awards in the Student Design category. *Papa's Cap* raises awareness and provides resources relating to mental health and farm stress to agricultural communities. [See more](#)

[here.](#)

- The winter exhibition at Edmonds College in Lynnwood, Wash., features the works of **quinn mcnichol** '12, Fine Art, a faculty member of the college's Art Department. *(In)Sights: the Eye Sees the I* will run through March 21. They earned their MFA from the University of Washington's School of Art + Art History + Design in Seattle, and have studied and exhibited nationally and internationally. They also are a member of SOIL, an artist-run gallery in Seattle.
- Work by Admissions Department counselor **Osmyn Oree** '11 is featured in a group exhibition which opens Feb. 1 at Lancaster Art Vault, 100 N. Queen St. *Expressions of Strength: A Celebration of Black Art and Identity* is open through the end of March at the gallery. The show also features two other artists with PCA&D connections: **Cameren White** '24, Photography & Video, and **Ophelia Chambliss**, who was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts by the College at the 2023 Commencement. ABC27 News did a brief feature on the exhibition, which you can read [here](#).
- **Jose Rosado** '22, Graphic Design, has started a new position as Graphic Design Manager at IGI Global Scientific Publishing.
- Congratulations to **Alexander Smith** '24, Photography & Video, whose photo of a female lion recently won first place in a photography contest sponsored by The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. [You can see the photo here](#) on the zoo's Facebook page

How we share news with your student

We encourage you to ask your student if they are checking their email and the College's social media accounts to stay updated:

- The [College Instagram account at @pcad_edu](#) shares announcements and reminders.
- The [College Facebook account](#) does the same.
- Early each Monday morning year-round, *This Week at PCA&D* lands in your student's College email Inbox. This newsletter brings students up to date on what will be going on around campus and Lancaster that coming week. Gallery events, speakers, clubs, and more all are here.
- Every Friday, our *Student Opportunities* newsletter goes out via College email. This newsletter contains art-related internship, job, and volunteer opportunities both on campus and off.

PCA&D uses a mix of all of these resources to keep our whole campus community up to date. And, of course, there's this monthly newsletter aimed at families, which joins monthly communications to alumni and our community of supporters.



Find and engage with us on social media

Parents, an easy way to keep up with PCA&D events, news, celebrations, and announcements is to follow us on social media! We share everything from student artwork and awards to upcoming exhibitions, faculty, staff, and student accomplishments, and need-to-know updates on what's going on at PCA&D. See you online!

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