



Pennsylvania College
of Art & Design



Work by Rylee Hohney '25, Photography & Video.

Upcoming Events

April 28 Foundation, Sophomore, and Junior move-out continues (*see below*)

May 1 Mandatory Beret Ceremony for seniors, 5-7:30 pm, The LookOut (*see below*)

May 2 Commencement, seniors report by 9 am, ceremony from 10 am to noon

May 2 Mandatory seniors at Senior Show exhibition, 4-9 pm

May 2-4 Senior Show

May 4-6 Graduating Seniors and Commencement Volunteers move-out (*see below*)

If you have news, an event, or an announcement you'd like to share, please email Jen Kopf, at jkopf@pcad.edu.

Seniors: Here's your upcoming grad schedule!

- **Beret Ceremony:** Thursday, May 1, 5-7:30 pm, The LookOut
- **Commencement:** Friday, May 2, seniors report by 9 am and the ceremony is from 10 am to 12 noon
- **Mandatory Senior Show Exhibition:** Friday, May 2, 4-9 pm

Moving out of PCA&D housing? Read this!

It's that time of the year: If you're in PCA&D Housing, make your move-out plans!

Michael Parks, Director of Housing & Residence Life, sent you an email on April 10 with lots of details, but a quick at-a-glance list of dates and times is below:

- Foundation, Sophomore, and Junior Move-Out: deadline is April 28 through 5 pm.
- Graduating Seniors and Commencement Volunteers: May 4 at 8 am through May 6 at 3 pm.
- Summer Residents: Stay in your current spot until May 31 and then move to your summer spot on June 1.

Your CAs will be in contact to sort out all you need.



Atrium renovation time is finally here!

In just over a week, renovations to the College's Atrium space get underway!

Until mid-August, we'll be undertaking a major (and long-awaited!) Atrium refresh under the design guidance of Tippetts/Weaver Architects, and the management of Benchmark Construction. A few highlights: reimagining the current stairwell to the Mezzanine level to including a seating wall; the addition of two new "social pods" for students to meet up at the top of the stairs; the inclusion of retractable hanging scrims that may be used to separate parts of the Atrium or as projection screens to animate the space; and new flooring. It's a big change from the current space, and we're excited to see how you enliven the space when classes get started this August! The Tippetts/Weaver schematic above should give you a basic idea of the final plans.

LANCASTER CITY
ARTWALK

Come visit with alumni Saturday in Art Garden

As part of Lancaster City's ArtWalk celebrations, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design's Alumni Council is hosting a meetup in the College's Art Garden on May 3, from 10 am to 4 pm. Come join us at the corner of Prince and Chestnut streets for some family crafts in partnership with the Center for Creative Exploration, a display of alumni art, a chalk spray mural, and more fun surprises! There also will be PCA&D swag for purchase (and some freebies!), ways to sign up for newsletters and update your contact information, and more! Rain location is in the College Atrium. ArtWalk itself continues Sunday, May 4, from noon to 4 pm, and you can [find a map here](#) of all the exciting locations. We're No. 12 on the map with our Senior Show, which you won't want to miss! A special shout-out to the College's soon-to-be newest alumni, the Class of 2025!



Photo by Tamara Lugardo.

Final PCA&D-Zayed exchange for 2024-25

The PCA&D-Zayed Photography Exchange has released its final post of the academic year -- don't miss checking it out! This final prompt was "Searching." PCA&D students whose work is featured include **Allie Bretz** '26, PHV; **Lauren Veloz Castillo** '27, Design Thinking; **Kiri Chhun** '25, PHV; **Kaylyn Cuff** '28, PHV; **Elaina Darr** '27, PHV; **Rylee Hohney** '25, PHV; **Owen Knauer** '27, PHV; **Tamara Lugardo** '27, PHV; **Dahlia Navarro** '27, PHV; **Robin Salsman** '27, PHV; **Bee Taylor** '26, PHV; **Aswan Warren** '26, PHV; **Autumn Woods** '27, PHV; and **Sam Yesko** '26, PHV.

The photographs on this blog are the result of a cultural exchange between photography students studying at the College of Art and Creative Enterprise, Zayed University in Abu Dhabi and Pennsylvania College of Art & Design.

FACULTY LIFE GRANT RECIPIENTS

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

2021-2024

New Main Gallery exhibition opened Friday

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design has welcomed a new 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.

Open now in Hayden Gallery: Touchstone show

The Touchstone Foundation Show is now in display in the Hayden Gallery, next to the Atrium. The artwork is the product of a class run by **Jason Ward** for a coloring book to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Touchstone Foundation, an organization that works to expand access to local youth mental health resources in Lancaster County. The exhibition is open on First Fridays through May, and when the room isn't in use for a class or meeting.

Students whose work is represented in the exhibition are: **Mary Auble** '26, Illustration; **Alanna Botscharow** '26, Illustration; **Julia Burns** '26, Illustration; **Shontae Dashiell** '26, Illustration; **Jossalyn Dolin** '26, Illustration; **Morgan Earley** '26, Illustration; **Madi Edmiston** '26, Illustration; **Finn Jones** '26, Illustration; **Jamie Little** '26, Illustration; **Gelian Mesa** '25, Illustration; **Ava Morgan** '26, Illustration; **Sophia Replogle** '26, Illustration; **Logan Vedral** '26, Illustration; **Sierra Weidman** '26, Illustration; and **Julia Wychryst** '26, Illustration.

SuperHero Project Exhibition on 2nd floor

The SuperHero Project Exhibition celebrates the collaboration between PCA&D student interns and the SuperHero Project, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering children facing serious illnesses and disabilities through custom artwork. As part of their internships, students created Power Posters — bold, inspiring designs that reflect the unique strengths and personalities of these young heroes. Through their creativity, they transformed real stories into impactful visuals, bringing joy and confidence to children and their families. Take a look at the 2nd-floor Gallery and honor their work and the incredible mission behind this project!

Students whose work is on display include **Endia Clark** '26, AGA; **Sandy Farrare** '25, AGA; **Onix Guadalupe-Rivera** '25, Illustration; **Abby Howe** '26, AGA; **Connie Saunders** '26, AGA; **Samantha Sidesinger** '25, AGA; **Aaron Vankirk** '26, Illustration; and **Bryana Walker** '26, Illustration.

New grant program for Pennsylvania residents

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be administering a new grant program for Pennsylvania residents called Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program. It provides up to \$5,000 annually in grants to those who participate in one of over 460 majors.

There are numerous caveats, including a requirement to work in Pennsylvania after graduation in an "in-demand occupation" for as many years as the grant is received; if that is not met, then the grant will retroactively turn into a loan that must be repaid to PHEAA.

For a list of qualifying majors, in-demand occupations, and other criteria related to the Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program, please click the following link:

<https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/grow-pa-scholarship-grant-program>

If you are a Pennsylvania resident and intend to remain in Pennsylvania after graduation and work in one of the qualifying occupations, you're urged to apply for this. **Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.** For more information, contact PCA&D's Director of Financial Aid & Student Employment **Vince Frank** at vfrank@pcad.edu.

Returning? Remember your 5/1 FAFSA deadline

A message from Director of Financial Aid & Student Employment Vincent Frank:

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for Pennsylvania residents to apply for Financial Aid for the 2025-26 school year is May 1. If you have not already done this, please do so immediately at studentaid.gov.

This is especially urgent for Pennsylvania residents because the FAFSA must be submitted by May 1 in order to be considered for the Pennsylvania State Grant. The PA State Grant is worth up to \$5,750, which is free money that does not need to be repaid. If you complete the FAFSA *after* May 1, you will automatically be ineligible for the PA State Grant for the entire 2025-26 academic year.

If you do not receive the PA State Grant as a result of missing the filing deadline, please be aware that PCA&D will be unable to replace it with institutional grants.

Several states and U.S. territories (including Delaware, Ohio, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Vermont) have reciprocity with Pennsylvania, meaning their state grants may be used at Pennsylvania schools. If you reside in one of those locations, you will need to check with your state's or territory's grant agency for deadlines and other details.

If you need assistance completing the FAFSA, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please reach out to Frank at vfrank@pcad.edu, or Room 209.

SENIOR SHOW TIMELINE

March 3 - Exhibition Agreement Due

March 13 - Headshot Day in 101
Drop-In Hours from 11:30 AM - 4 PM

April 4 - Catalog Submission Form Due
(Bio, Thesis Description, CV, Headshot, & Single Thesis Artwork Image is due)

April 23 - Website Images
(Senior Thesis Artwork Images & Videos are due)

April 22 - Senior Studios Cleared Out

April 26 - Sr. Show Room Clearing 9 - 11 AM

April 27 - Sr. Show Wall Painting 9 AM - finished

April 28 - Sr. Show Install 8 am - 8 pm

May 2 - Sr. Show Opens 4 - 9 PM
(You must be at PCA&D the whole time.)

May 4 - Sr. Show Artwork Pick-up 3 - 8 PM

Uwill counseling available through the summer

Feeling a little extra stressed, or interested in finding a way to bring some professional counseling into your life? PCA&D provides students FREE access to 24-7 counseling through Uwill for a wide variety of topics, from short- and long-term support, to crisis counseling, telehealth for common acute symptoms, and on-demand wellness programming like meditation, mindfulness, nutrition, and yoga. And it's even available for current PCA&D students through summer break.

To schedule teletherapy appointments:

- [Create a profile](#) with Uwill
- Choose a therapist based on your preferences including *availability, issue, gender, language, and ethnicity*.
- Choose a time that fits your schedule with *day, night, and weekend availability*.

If you need any assistance, you can refer to [Uwill FAQ](#), Student [User Guide](#), or reach out directly to **Uwill** at support@uwill.com. **More questions? Contact Student Services**, at studentlife@pcad.edu.

Your web resource: The Student Portal

The College's Student Portal webpage provides links to some of the most-needed information. **You can find [this link to the Student Portal](#) at the very bottom right corner of the homepage at PCAD.edu.**

There, you'll find official College dates, such as holidays; class times; research links; links to academic support and counseling help; and much more.



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