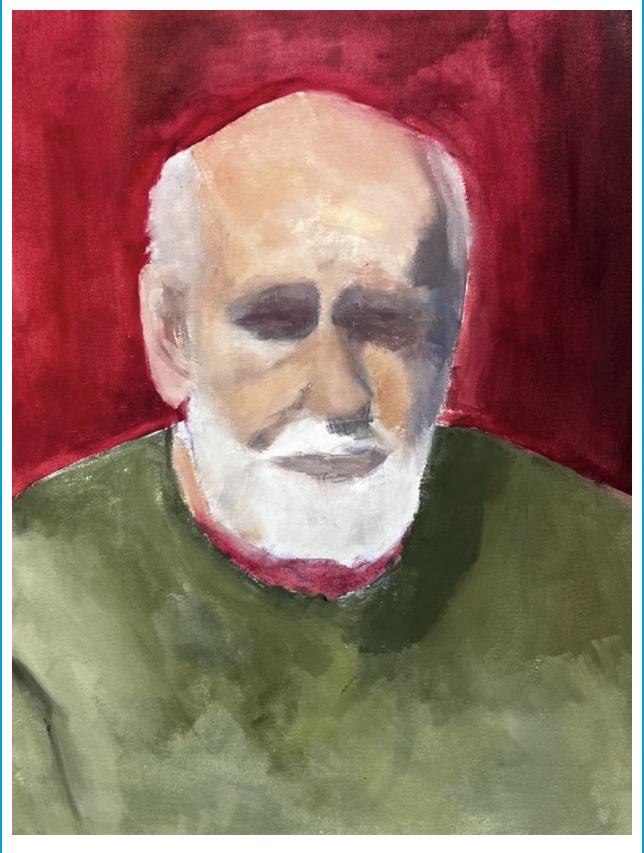
STUDENT NEWSLETTER 08.25.25





Work by Anthony Torres-Rutherford '27, Fine Art.

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 25 First Day of Fall Semester
- Sept. 1 Labor Day, College closed
- **Sept. 4** Thursday Night Open Model session, 6:30-9 pm, Room 404 (see below)
- Sept. 5 Last day to Add/Drop a class
- **Sept. 5** *Unearthing Solitude* opening reception with artist **Callie Morton** '22, Fine Art, 5-9 pm, PCA&D Main Gallery *(see below)*
- **Sept. 5** Lancaster First Friday
- Sept. 5 Lancaster Print Crawl, 5-9 pm, downtown Lancaster

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

How to find out what's going on, on campus

Welcome back, PCA&D students, and a special welcome to campus for our Foundation students!

Curious to know what's going on on campus, or what deadlines are coming up? There are lots of ways for you to stay informed:

- The <u>College Instagram account at @pcad_edu</u> 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 College email Inbox. This newsletter brings you up to date on what will be going on around campus and Lancaster this coming week. Gallery events, speakers, clubs, and more are all 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.

So don't forget to check social media and your email -- and if you like, stop by Communications in Room 111 and say hi to the team! Our door is always open!

RAVE Alert system will be tested Tuesday

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design uses the RAVE text alert system, email, social media, and the College's website to notify students and employees when there is a delay, building closure, or other emergency. The expectation should always be that the campus is operating as normal, unless otherwise indicated.

Make sure you are signed up for 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.

A test of the RAVE Alert system will be held Tuesday!



Welcome to PCA&D! After a quiet summer on campus (besides the major Atrium refresh!), we're so glad to see you back on campus! About 125 Foundation and transfer students joined our student body this August, bringing our total to about 425 -- and we're thrilled to welcome each one of you to the first day of the Fall Semester and to what promises to be a great year!

Mandatory! Sign your SFRA form!

Have you completed your Student Financial Responsibility Agreement (SFRA) form yet? This agreement ensures all students understand the College's billing processes and procedures, and MUST be signed and submitted by every student each semester.

The SFRA contains information related to payment of tuition and fees, delinquent accounts, financial aid, communication methods, and other important topics. You can access the SFRA in two ways: either from MyPCAD or your Student Portal. Use the following instructions:

MyPCAD

- Log into MyPCAD account at <u>ss.pcad.edu/</u> (If you are unable to log in or are locked out, please contact the IT Department at <u>IT@pcad.edu</u> or by phone at 800-689-0379 extension 1004.)
- 2. Click the "Finances" tab.
- 3. Select the "Student Financial Responsibility Agreement" item.
- 4. Carefully read the agreement.

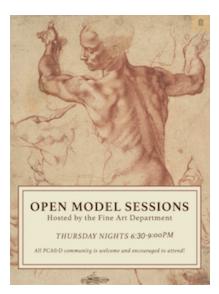
- 5. Sign the "Student Financial Responsibility Agreement" electronically and then click the Save button.
- 6. Finally, click the Next button in the upper right and then Finish.
- 7. You will receive an email at the email address you entered at sign-in. Please print and keep the email for your records.

Student Portal

- 1. Navigate to the PCA&D Student portal at pcad.edu/student-portal
- 2. Select the "Student Financial Responsibility Agreement" tile.
- 3. Carefully read the agreement.
- 4. Sign the "Student Financial Responsibility Agreement" electronically and then click the Save button.
- 5. Finally, click the Next button in the upper right and then Finish.
- 6. You will receive an email at the email address you entered at sign-in. Please print and keep the email for your records.

You can access a copy of the agreement after you submit it.

For further information on this matter or if you have any questions or concerns, contact the Office of the Bursar at 717-396-7833, extension 1016, or email Bursar@pcad.edu.



Thursday Night Open Model sessions starting up Sept. 4

Come join the PCA&D community for Thursday Night Open Model sessions, starting on on Thursday, Sept. 4! Everyone is welcome to join in from 6:30-9 pm in Room 404.

And get the following dates on your calendar, in case you can't make the first session: Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20.



Main Gallery exhibition: Unearthing Solitude

PCA&D's Main Gallery welcomes **Callie Morton** '22, Fine Art, in an exhibition of her work completed during her time as the 2024-2025 Fine Art Artist in Residence. *Unearthing Solitude* will be celebrated with an Opening Reception on First Friday, Sept. 5, from 5-9 pm. The work, Morton writes in an artist statement, "bridges together a journey of new life. Exploring themes of abandonment and identity through painting and printmaking, the work grew to tell my story of recovery. This body of work began in the midst of my addiction and through time found its conclusion in my life in recovery. Figures carry expressions and colors that explore playfulness and melancholy. As the work progressed, so did the willingness to play and experiment in connection with artistic principles of color, shape, and composition..."

Join virtual summit on bridging divides

The National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation (NCDD) is hosting its inaugural virtual summit on Sept. 5, noon to 3 pm, to bring together educators, students, and community leaders to share tools, strategies, and stories for bridging divides, motivating civil discourse, and navigating identity, power, and leadership. Through interactive breakout sessions and practical conversations aimed at building capacities, these sessions will emphasize the role of inclusive, equitable dialogue in fostering deeper understanding, collective problem-solving, and cultural transformation within academic institutions. PCA&D faculty and students can register for 50% off the list price of \$40 by using the promo code HIGHER ED SUMMIT LARGE GROUP DISC. To learn more and register, go to https://www.ncdd.org/news. Scroll down to the Aug. 18 blog entry for details. PCA&D can also support up to 10 students to attend for free, so if cost is a barrier or you have trouble registering, reach out to **Dana Jain**, Student Success Advisor, at djain@pcad.edu.

Print Crawl features CCE instructor's design

The work of **Xani Dean**, a Center for Creative Exploration instructor, will be featured on the poster for the <u>2025 Lancaster Print Crawl</u> on Sept. 5. Participants in the interactive event will create Dean's design by stopping by pop-up print stations around Lancaster City, each of which will provide part of the overall poster via screen printing, letterpress, stamping, laser cutting riso, 3D printing and vinyl sticker graphics. Poster templates will be available on the day of the event, or in advance <u>here</u>.

Summer internship? Check in here!

If you completed an internship over the summer, please be sure to check in with Career Services when you return to campus. They'll need you to complete a few important closing documents so that they can officially record your internship experience. These forms will ensure your work is reflected on your transcript and in your PCA&D records. If you are unsure about what needs to be submitted, reach out and Career Services will walk you through it. You can reach them at careerservices@pcad.edu.

A note to rising seniors from the Registrar

Dear Class of 2026 members: Please complete the form linked below for Registrar **Hannah Warner** so the College can begin preparations for degree audits and the 2026 Commencement:

FORM FOR RISING SENIORS

Uwill counseling available

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.

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 <u>Uwill FAQ</u>, Student <u>User Guide</u>, or reach out directly to Uwill at <u>support@uwill.com</u>. **More questions? Contact Student Services**, at <u>studentlife@pcad.edu</u>.

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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