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Visual Artist and Art Educator

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OBJECTIVE

Visual Artist who explores the intersection of activism, spirituality, and painting. Driven artist and art educator teaching full-time in the Baltimore City Public School system. Learning with students to create meaningful and personal artwork to uplift the community and empower individual and collective healing.

EDUCATION

Towson University, Towson, MD - *Masters of Fine Art*

AUGUST 2024 - PRESENT

Towson University, Towson, MD - *2nd Bachelor of Art Education*

JANUARY 2019 - MAY 2020

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC - *Bachelor of Art and Romance Languages*

MAY 2009 - MAY 2013

RELATED BCPSS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

- **Lesson Planning for Black Lives Matter Week in Schools** - *Fall 2020*
- **Humanizing Distance Learning** - *SY 2020 - 2021*
- **Transforming Student Work: Online Portfolios and Digital Projects** - *Spring 2021*
- **Instructional Framework and Rubric: Applying TEACH Indicators** - *Fall 2021*
- **Comprehensive Literacy: Teaching Writing** - *Spring 2021*
- **Accelerated Professional Pathway** - *Fall 2022*
- **Model Teacher Cohort** - *Fall 2022 - Spring 2024*
- **Highly Effective Teacher Rating** - *SY 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25*

SKILLS

- MD State Department of Education Certification PK - 12
- edTPA Certified: 49/75
- PRAXIS 2 Art: Content and Analysis (5135 Score): 188 / 200
- Fluent in Spanish and conversational in Portuguese.
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite, Wordpress, Microsoft Office, and Final Cut Pro.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visual Art Educator, ConneXions: A Community-Based Art School

AUGUST 2020 - PRESENT

- Create meaningful art units for middle and high school student-artists during the extended COVID-19 quarantine and in the classroom ranging from augmented reality art to mural making.
- Build relationships with students and families in an online learning and in-person classroom setting to build community and deepen learning.
- Created rotating AP Studio Art and AP Art History courses for upperclassmen.

Student Teacher, Patterson High School

APRIL - MAY 2020

- Designed remote learning lessons and units for beginner high school student-artists during the COVID-19 quarantine, taking into account a variety of issues including access to technology and art-making resources.
- Skillfully engaged with students in an online learning classroom setting to build community and emotional resiliency with SEL curriculum.

Student Teacher, Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary #34

JANUARY - MARCH 2020

- Designed engaging, creative, and culturally responsive art lessons for students Pre-K to 5th.
- Incorporated technology, motivating visuals, and integrated ESOL, science, reading and writing into art units.

Field Experience, Baltimore City College High School

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019

- Created and co-taught IB Spanish language interdisciplinary unit on collage, symbolism, and environmental activism to high school seniors with the goal to aid their oral final exam.

HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Towson University Dean's List** - *Spring 2019 - Spring 2020*
- **President of Towson Student Chapter of National Art Education Association (NAEA)** - *Spring 2019 - Fall 2020*
- **Teaching Fellows for Maryland Scholarship** - *Fall 2019 - Spring 2020*
- **Member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education** - *Spring 2020 - 2022*
- **Member of NAEA and Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA)** - *May 2019 - Present*
- **Attended MAEA State Conference** - *September 2019*
- **Presented at NAEA National Conference** - *March 2021*
- **Attended the NAEA National Conference** - *March 2022*
- **Published article in the MAEA Gazette** - *July 2021*
- **Launched ConneXions as an Arts Everyday School (AED)** - *Sept 2021 - Present*
- **Voices of Baltimore Fellowship** - *September 2022 - May 2023*
- **Nominated for Visual Art Teacher of the Year by AED** - *Spring 2023*

PERSONAL / GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- **Teacher As Artist, Baltimore County Artist Guild** - *Spring 2023*
- **Reflections, 4th Juried Art Competition** - *October 2024*
- **Open Studio Tour at Towson University** - *October 2025*
- **Phantasms: MFA Exhibition at Maryland Art Place** - *May 2026*

STUDENT EXHIBITIONS

- **May Is Fine Arts Month School Solo Exhibition** - *Spring 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026*
- **Courting Art Exhibition** - *Spring 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026*
- **Arts Everyday 10x10 Exhibition** - *Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026*
- **Reginald Lewis High School “Men of Change” Exhibition** - *Spring 2021*
- **Mondawmin Youth Showcase** - *Spring 2022*
- **Partnership with Baltimore Hippodrome** - *Spring 2025*
- **Baltimore-Washington International Airport Youth Gallery Showcase** - *Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025*
- **Mayor Scott’s Black History Competition** - *Feb 2023, 2025, 2026*
- **Partnership with Baltimore Center Stage** - *Spring 2026*

REFERENCES

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