

Interior Designer Jewelry Designer Landscape Architect Medical Illustrator Museum

Students enjoy an environment where they focus on mastery of skills while developing their own artistic style, reflecting individual expression and intent. There are offerings at the Advanced levels to sequence learning with a more intensive experience. Visual Arts students have received many awards at the local, regional and national levels. In addition, this program well prepares students who wish to pursue art school after graduation.

The courses listed may be applied toward the one credit minimum graduation requirement in the Arts and/or Technology Education. They may also be applied toward the seven additional elective credits. Please consult the high school program of studies booklet for more detailed information about courses.

The arts promote work habits that cultivate curiosity, imagination, creativity and evaluation skills. With these skills, students are better able to tolerate ambiguity, explore new possibilities, express thoughts and feelings and understand different perspectives. Study of the arts can help produce globally aware, collaborative and responsible citizens.

21st Century Skills

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Communication

Collaboration

Creativity

Innovation

Information Literacy

Media Literacy

Information, Communication, and Technology Literacy

Flexibility and Adaptability

Initiative and Self – Direction

Social and Cross-Cultural Skills

Productivity and Accountability

Leadership and Responsibility



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Visual Arts Department - Mission Statement

The Art Department, through a commitment to excellence, promotes artistic development, critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and the pursuit of life-long learning. The curriculum embraces diversity and individuality, encourages students to be responsible citizens, and prepares students to respond independently and innovatively to a rapidly changing society as 21st century learners.

Designer/Restorer Transportation Designer Video Artist Video Designer Model Maker

Curator or Educator Muralist Painter Package Designer Photographer Photojournalist Puppeteer Sculptor Set Designer Textile

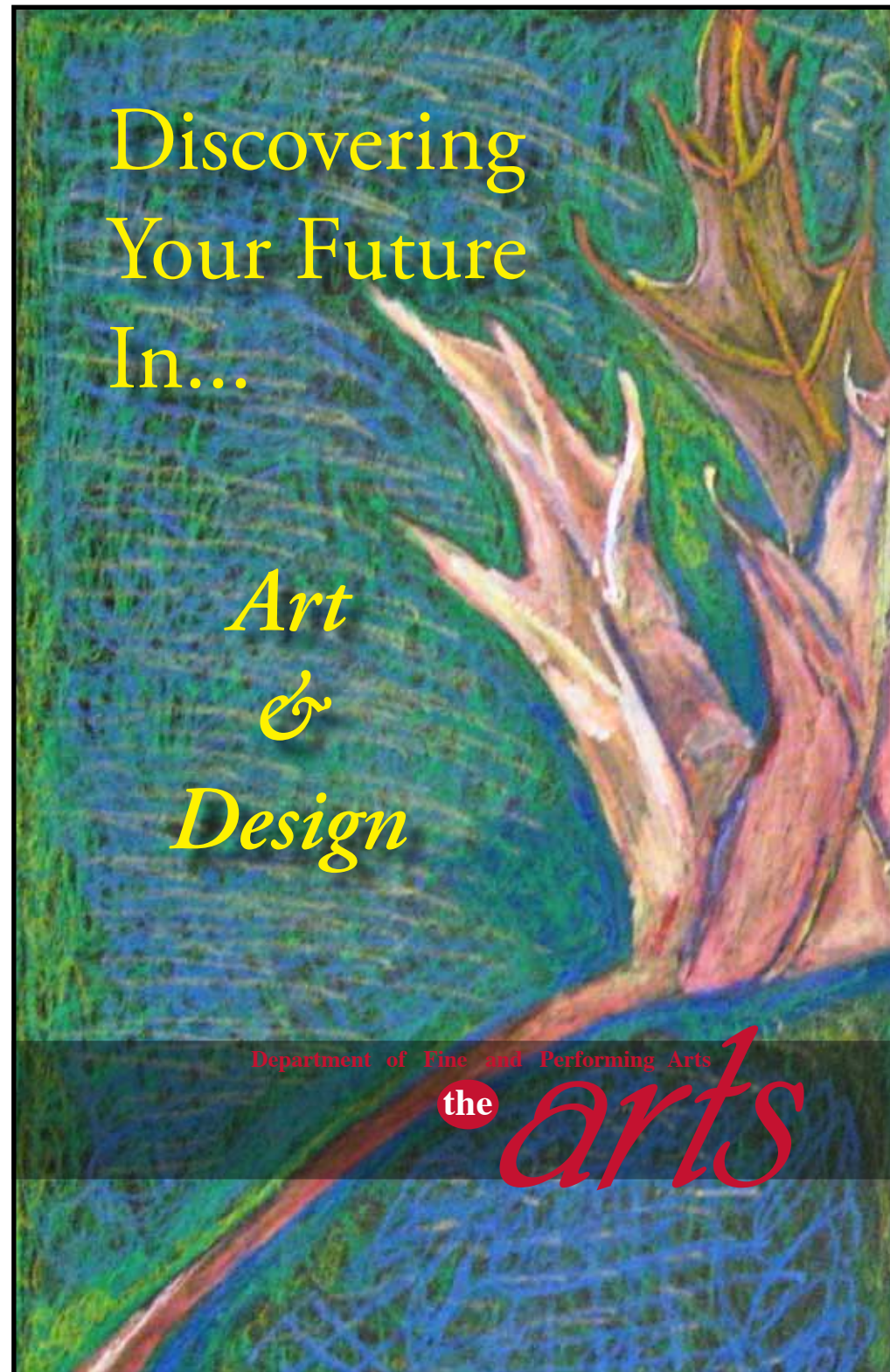
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Did you Know that:

- The economic impact of art and design exceeds that of sports worldwide.
- Yearly sales of art reach an estimated \$10 billion in the United States alone.
- People spend approximately \$55 billion annually on video games.
- The computer animation industry generates \$33 billion annually.
- Jobs and employment in many creative industries are growing faster than the labor force as a whole and make up 30% of the work force by some estimates.
- Designers are the single largest group of artists followed by performing artists such as actors, dancers, musicians, and announcers.

Conard High School offers an exciting selection of Visual Arts courses. Each course supports development of skills such as problem solving, collaboration, exploration, and independent learning.

The Visual Arts are forms of understanding and ways of knowing that are fundamentally important to education. They are grounded in the National Standards for Arts Education.

Careers in Art: Advertising Animation Architect Art Critic/Reviewer Arts Administration Art Historian Art Director

Courses

Exploring Art and Design

- Introductory course in two-dimensional and three-dimensional design.
- May include printmaking, drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics.

Portfolio

- An advanced course for students to develop a portfolio of original artwork for college admission and/or employment.

Advanced Placement

- An in depth college level experience emphasizing an area of studio art.

Sculpture

- Study and creation of three-dimensional forms in space.
- Processes may include carving, modeling, and assemblage.

Ceramics

- Introduction to various hand building and wheel throwing skills.
- Developing skills in functional and sculptural forms.

Painting

- Expressing ideas through various painting media such as watercolors and acrylic paint.
- Painting from life and imagination.

Drawing

- Experience in drawing techniques and a variety of media which may include charcoal, paint pen and ink, and conte crayon.
- Develop drawings from life and imagination.

Other opportunities for students to create and display artwork:

Art Club
Empty Bowls
Scholastic Arts Competition
Town Hall Exhibits
Annual Art Exhibit
Visiting Artists

Field Trip Experiences
Integrative Efforts
Permanent Collection at
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