Arts Alliance Awards $1,000 Scholarships to Six High School Seniors

by Ron Brown, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Funds Apply to Continued Studies in the Arts

For over eighteen years, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) has offered arts scholarships to a qualified graduating senior from each Charles County public high school. The $1,000 scholarships will help each student in their visual, performing and/or literary arts degree program. The scholarship recipients have each earned a minimum cumulative 3.0 weighted grade point average (WGPA) and submitted an application including a detailed resume, an essay about how the scholarship will help them achieve their goals, two letters of recommendation, and an official transcript.

Representing a high level of artistic talent and academic achievement in Charles County public high schools, the 2018 CCAA arts scholarship recipients are as follows: Chloe Lateulere from Henry E. Lackey, Jahlen Grant-King and Sarah Steele from North Point, Nicholas Kootsikas from La Plata, Bryette Washington from St. Charles, and Taylor Degges from Westlake.

Chloe Lateulere is a graduate from Henry E. Lackey High School. Her strong academic credentials can be seen in her impressive 4.1 WGPA and memberships in the National Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the Thespian Honor Society. Additionally, Chloe immersed herself in dramatic and tech activities with the Lackey Drama Club, the Port Tobacco Players Theatre, the CSM Theatre Company and Hard Bargain Players. She participated in numerous acting
President’s Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Arts Alliance,

The next 6 months have been set on track after the CCAA semi-annual retreat held on July 14. And, we have an exciting 6 months of events coming your way!

First, plan on volunteering to help with the Back to School Art Boxes on August 9, and the Fair Bag stuffing on September 7. Both take place at the CCAA Office.

Grant season is now open for schools and non-profit organizations.

Encourage your friends and family to sign up for the weekly Newsflash to stay up-to-date on events and happenings throughout the county.

And best of all, VOLUNTEER to assist with the events and become part of your County and your Arts Alliance.

See you next month at the Fair.

Gale S. Kladitis
President

Attention All Organizations and Businesses
Charles County Fair is September 13 - 16
Help Us Fill the CCAA Arts Bags!

Arts Bag 2013 The Charles County Arts Alliance has been a proud partner with the Charles County Fair Board for many years. We help supervise the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building, and staff a CCAA booth to promote the arts in our county and membership in our organization.

Each year we assemble arts bags filled with interesting flyers, pens, bookmarks, coupons, water bottles, rulers, brochures, business cards, press releases, event announcements and other promotional materials to hand out to Charles County Fair-goers. We want to advertise the broad diversity of the arts we offer here in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature, and the businesses that support them.

This year, again, we plan to stuff 500 arts bags. We need your stuff, so we can fill these bags. The bags are 12" wide and 15" tall. Please deliver 500 of your promo items to our CCAA Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Deadline for delivery is noon on Wednesday, September 5. The office is located at 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646, near the corner of Rts. 488 and 6, in the United Way House. Please call the office at 301-392-5900, if you have any questions. Thank you!
competitions winning awards, such as the Most Outstanding Actress in the 2017 Maryland Thespian Festival One Act Competition. Acting has been augmented with participation in the high school choir and Takin’ Charge Acapella. She has lent her talents and abilities to an array of community volunteer activities, including Girl Scouts, Special Olympics and the local literacy council. She even found time to compete on the Chargers tennis and Indian Head swimming teams. This fall she will begin her college education at West Virginia University in the BFA Musical Theatre program.

Jahlen Grant-King is a North Point High School graduate. There she earned a 3.95 WGPA having taken numerous Honors and Advanced Placement courses in the Graphic Communication STI program. Furthermore, she served as a Graphic Communication intern. Her several years of being on the Honor Roll, Principal Honors and High Honors have earned her membership in the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars. Her interests have included membership in Skills USA where she earned second place in a regional competition and membership on a Destination Imagination Team where she placed first in another regional competition. She was president and co-creator of the school’s FanFiction Club. She place third in a drawing contest at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center’s “Seven Up” exhibit. Additionally, she had time to engage in community volunteer service and to compete on the Eagles Track and Field Team. This fall Jahlen will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design to pursue studies in its Graphic Design program.

Sarah Steele is another North Point graduate being awarded a CCAA scholarship. She has achieved a 3.90 WGPA having taken numerous challenging Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Additionally, she has participated in artistic competitions earning recognitions, including the state’s Destination Imagination Tournament, the Mallows Bay Art Project’s artistic view of the “Ghost Fleet,” the Mattawoman Creek Art Center’s “Seven Up” exhibit, and Congressional Art Competition for “An Artistic Discovery.” Besides her artistic and academic endeavors, Sarah earned a letter for participating on the Eagles Varsity Girls Cross Country team. Additionally, Sarah devoted considerable time and energy to volunteering to serve in several non-profit organizations. Coming this fall at Salisbury University, she plans to pursue a double major in Painting and Psychology with a goal of becoming an Art Therapist.

Bryette Washington is another artist who graduated from St. Charles High School. She earned a 3.75 WGPA and was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and was on the Principal’s Honors List. She was Co-Captain of the Spartans Dance Team for three years. It was to dance that she devoted considerable energies which enabled her to expand her dance skills, become a supernumerary in the Nutcracker with the Kansas City Ballet at the Kennedy Center, and instruct pre-school dance students. She joined both the ASCEND program of the Upsilon Tau Omega Sorority and the Youth at Work Program to hone her leadership and cultural skills and lend her time and energy to community service, such as Martha’s Table in Washington, DC. Bryette will begin her first semester at Salisbury University this fall to pursue a degree enabling her to become physical therapist concentrating on dancers.

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Taylor Degges is a Westlake High School graduate. She challenged herself with a range of advanced courses to earn a 3.76 WGPA. As a dedicated music student, the focus of many of her activities at Westlake, beyond academics, were devoted to instrumental music. This was demonstrated as follows: performing in the Charles County All-County Honors Band, playing in the Westlake Concert, Jazz, Marching and Symphonic bands and Symphonic Orchestra; honing her skills on the flute, piccolo, alto saxophone and piano; and earning superior ratings in four years of district solo and ensemble competitions. Along with developing her instrumental music skills, she developed management skills as she was assigned leadership roles as the Woodwind Commander in the Marching Band and as a Flute Section Leader. Starting this fall, Taylor will attend the Indiana University of Pennsylvania to major in Music Education.

Nicholas Kootsikas from La Plata High School is a recipient of the PNC Bank Foundation Scholarship awarded through the CCAA. He took several advanced courses to earn a 3.95 WGPA and earned membership in the National Honor Society. In addition to advanced courses at La Plata, he attended the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center where he completed an intense two-year Interactive Media Program which provided training in multimedia skills and techniques. He was involved in the Writers Club, Improv Club and Mock Trail. Additionally, Nicholas was deeply involved in the creation and production of a short silent film called Not on My Watch. He also does lighting design for productions at the New Life Church. This fall he will begin his first semester at the Savannah College of Art and Design to earn a BFA in Film and Television.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!
Best wishes as you pursue your career in the Arts!
Arts Alliance Grant Season is Now Open!

Grant Application Deadlines
Community Arts Development - October 1, 2018
Arts in Education - October 31, 2018

Over the past 31 years, the Charles County Arts Alliance has awarded more than $750,000 in grant funding to nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County to support activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Last year, the Arts Alliance provided nearly $49,000 in funding to 20 nonprofit organizations and schools. This has helped enhance our county's arts and culture, and inspire our fellow residents to explore the diverse arts community and arts offerings present in our own backyard.

As in previous years, our CCAA Arts Grant Program offers two types of grants: Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, and Arts in Education (AIE) grants for schools. The CAD grants have two sub-categories: General Operating grants for arts organizations, and Special Project grants for non-profit organizations that present activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Schools may request up to $500, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible for grants up to $7,000. All grants have matching requirements ranging from 1:1 to 3:1, depending on the amount being requested. Grant applications are reviewed by a Grant Panel comprised of members of the CCAA Board of Directors and representatives from the community. The grant monies will be awarded at the CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Our annual grant season is now open with the posting of applications online on our website at www.charlescountyarts.org/grants, and with hard-copies available through our CCAA Office.

Completed CAD grant applications with all required copies must be in the possession of the CCAA Office (not postmarked) no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, October 1, 2018; and AIE grant applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The CCAA does not accept responsibility for incomplete, lost, misdirected, or late applications; such applications will not be considered.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.
New "Artists Without Limits" Show Opens at the Commissioners Gallery

Exhibit Runs through September 10, 2018

The third "Artists without Limits" show opened at the Charles County Commissioners Gallery on July 6, with 41 works of art by 25 artists.

On July 16, a public reception was held to celebrate and recognize the artists participating in the exhibit. This year, there were works by: Frisco Barber, Paula Barnes, David Boarman, Joshua Brown, Ronald Dickerson, Ann Marie Dipoli, Devonte Dorsey, Lorenzo Flaim, Jason Foster, Troy Fox, Triniece Gilliam, Jayla Green, Nichol Green, Jennifer Hancock, Ann Lane, Jody Loper, John McGraw, Anissa Morgan, Terri Lynn Morris, Tiffani Patterson, Courtney Trusty, Alice Whitney, Anthony Wills, Angelo Woods and Ed Woody.

Opening the presentation ceremony was Emily Ferren, Past Chair of the Charles County Commission on Individuals with Disabilities (CCCID), who introduced Gia Richmond, the new Chair, Marchesa Whittington, Vice Chair, Pastor John Lewis, Past Vice Chair, and Joyce Abramson with Freedom Landing. All the artists received certificates for their participation and there were a lot of smiles all around.

The Gallery is open to the public. The address is 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646; Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Arts Alliance Opens New Show with Gina Durgin at the University of Maryland
Charles Regional Medical Center

Exhibit is on Display through October 10, 2018

Gina Durgin, a CCAA member, is a local artist from San Diego, California, who moved to Calvert County twelve years ago after retiring as a Forensic Evidence Specialist. Her job-related photography background led her to pursue other aspects of photography after retiring. Gina has been artistically inclined since she was a child and mentored by a renowned San Diego artist who discovered her talent early on. She has dabbled in many forms of art throughout the decades and has taken art courses from professional artists over the years. Still, she considers herself mostly self-taught.

Gina’s artwork and photography have been chosen for local exhibits including Waldorf West Library, Community Bank of the Chesapeake and the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Her artwork has been featured at solo art exhibits at the art gallery of Quality Printers in White Plains, MD, and the Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, MD. She has received numerous awards at local venues and her artwork was selected by the Charles County Arts Alliance to use on the cover of their invitations and program brochures.

Currently, she is involved in an abstract form of art called Fluid Acrylic Pouring. This form of art is comprised of chemistry, composition, color value and technique. She says, with a little imagination, the possibilities are endless. Adding resin to these pieces creates even more dimension and make the colors pop! Gina has been obsessed with this form of art and plans to continue creating different versions using this technique.

Gina is currently accepting commissions for custom artwork and can be contacted at ginadurgin@verizon.net or 443-624-7419.

The Gallery is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours are daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Her art can also be seen online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/charles-regional-medical-center.
CCAA Helps Judge the "Design a Bookmark" Contest
by Jasmine Carmona, CCPL Marketing Assistant

Winners To Be Announced Later This Month

The Design A Bookmark Contest is a tri-county competition with Charles, St. Mary’s and Calvert counties to give patrons the opportunity to create a work of art while connecting with their libraries and learning how the public institutions change lives.

It also is a way to connect with Beanstack, the libraries’ reading platform that gives readers the ability to track their way to reading success while winning badges and prizes during our Summer Reading event. Readers can challenge their minds and log their progress throughout the year.

Not only does this contest help engage patrons’ imaginations, but it also teaches them how libraries are part of their everyday lives offering them much more than books.

Three judges – Gale Kladitis and Cindi Barnhart from the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA), and Susan Cox from the Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) – were able to judge the creativity of 31 submissions and decide which one best represents the themes of reading and changing lives.

Gale was excited to be part of this project:

"It was wonderful! We had some beautiful entries. Some of them were [from children] as young as 3 years old. I thought that was fantastic. We had a couple of 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds that actually filled out the bookmark [template] and they did remarkably well. [The theme was ‘how libraries change lives’], and that’s exactly what they showed with their artwork. We were very impressed with all the submissions."

CCPL’s winner will be announced on or around August 11. A huge thanks to Gale, Cindi and Susan for judging, and for St. Mary’s and Calvert counties for partnering together to inspire others to engage, discover, and learn. This couldn't have been possible without them!
Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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August 2018
Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:
- CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter
- CCAA Arts Newsflash weekly E-update of arts events
- 10% off custom framing at Bernie’s Frame Shop in La Plata
- $1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

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Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!
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- Administrative/Office Work
- Technical/IT Support

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