



Welcome to the ArtsNow Newsletter!

APRIL EDITION

Federal Grant Kick-off in Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA

ArtsNow Learning President and CEO, Pamela Walker, Executive Vice President Crystal Collins, ArtsNow Board Chair Carol McGrevin, and National Executive Director of Young Audiences Arts for Learning David Dik traveled to Charleston and Savannah to kick-off our \$2.37 million federal literacy and arts integration grant, provided by Assistance for Arts Education Development and Dissemination (AAEDD). In Savannah, Garrison School for the Arts hosted grant-partner-schools Heard Elementary and Marshpoint Elementary at the Yamacraw Theater for a district-wide kick-off. Senior district leadership was present, and Pam and David offered words of support and excitement! Local news outlets captured the coverage in video and print.

<http://www.wtoc.com/2019/04/24/elementary-schools-chatham-county-receiving-funding-smart-literacy-program/>

We were also able to meet with Dr. Ann Levett, Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. Dr. Levett's support of arts-integration and student engagement is greatly appreciated and we are incredibly proud of this partnership!

While in Charleston, SC, Pam met with individual grade levels and local school leadership to offer support and to answer any questions

concerning outcomes and expectations of the grant. Having this time was invaluable because collaborating with the teachers is critical for success. Pam, Crystal, Carol, and David also met with Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools, and senior district level leaders who were eager to learn more about the grant and to offer their support. We are so excited that Angel Oak principal, Judith Condon, is a part of this literacy grant and the leadership she offers in the area of arts-integration.





The Varsity Visited Powder Springs Elementary!

In order to recognize and thank Powder Springs Elementary School teachers and administrators for being a leadership school, ArtsNow Learning sent the The Varsity food truck to their campus so they could enjoy a small token of our appreciation. Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins were onsite to help serve the staff. Powder Springs is always willing to allow visitors and school tours for those who want to observe authentic arts-integration implemented with fidelity. We are in our 5th year of this partnership and look forward to the future together!



Lee Bane, Digital Arts Consultant, and Crystal Collins, Executive Vice President of ArtsNow, traveled to North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School in Charleston, SC. Lee provided lesson ideas and digital arts strategies while incorporating digital storytelling in all curriculum areas. We met with K-5 teachers and Lee was able to provide curriculum examples for individual grade levels. It was a great day of learning and the teachers created examples of best practices throughout the professional learning day. We thank Charleston County School District for their partnership, as North Charleston is not part of the AAEDD federal grant; however, the county has funded year-long professional development for two Charleston County schools during 2018-2019.



Drumming in Hephzibah, Georgia

Dave Holland, Music Consultant, and Crystal Collins traveled to Hephzibah, GA, in Richmond County. Dave is an incredible drummer who presented science and music integration to all students of Willis Foreman Elementary through a drumming program titled, "Hey, What's That Sound?" Students were engaged and teachers shared real-life applications for their classrooms.



Young Audiences Arts for Learning Conference

Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins attended the National Young Audiences Conference in Houston, Texas. This year's focus was on diversity, equity, and inclusion. There was a powerful student performance from a local school and the break-out sessions were high quality. Both Pam and Crystal brought back ideas for the organization to explore.



Music Demonstration Lessons in Henry County at Hampton Elementary School

Darlene Guida, Music Consultant, worked with students in grades K-5 while the classroom teachers process-observed the strategies. We have worked with the teachers of Hampton Elementary with music, theater, dance, and visual arts strategies. We thank Brian Keefer, principal, for his vision and Henry County Schools for their partnership!



Culmination Activities at Barrow's Center for Innovative Teaching

Fourth through eighth grade students and teachers from across the district came together to share and celebrate the ArtsNow residency programs they had received throughout the year.





Foundational Seminar will be held at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, June 10-12, 2019. Registration is filling up quickly, so please contact Crystal Collins at crystal@artsnowlearning.org for more information.