



Newsletter | June 2022

Read how we have brought learning to life this month!

ArtsNOW Hosts Two Foundational Seminars: Athens, GA and Charleston, SC

ArtsNOW provided two (2) opportunities for educators to attend our annual Foundational Seminar this year! Due to overwhelming interest, and support from the US Department of Education federal grants, we expanded our bandwidth to accommodate the huge demand! Participants learned strategies in all five (5) art forms that they could immediately take back to their classrooms and begin integrating in the core content areas. We would like to thank Visual Arts Consultant, Shannon Green, Dance Consultant Melissa Joy, Theatre Consultant Susie Purcell, Music Consultant Dave Holland, and Barrow County Teacher Leader Ashley Bailey for all of the planning and delivery of such phenomenal lessons. Each of these team members provided standards-based active, engaging, hands-on sessions for authentic arts integration to educators from Georgia and South Carolina!

Athens' Foundational Seminar supported teachers and administrators from Atlanta Public Schools, Cobb, Savannah-Chatham, Barrow, Fulton, Richmond, Clayton, Hall, and Marietta City school districts and/or counties. ArtsNOW's federal grant, SAIL (STEM + the Art of Integrated Learning), local school funds, and the Chestnut Family Foundation provided funding for these school teams to attend.

In Charleston, educators from Beaufort, Colleton, Allendale, Charleston, Richland 2, Clayton, Florence 3, and Savannah-Chatham school districts and/or counties attended on behalf of two (2) other federal grants, REALAI (Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integration) and SmART Literacy, local school funding, or support from the Chestnut Family Foundation.

We would be remiss not to thank our ArtsNOW team for making these two seminars possible! Executive Assistant Lane Hall, Project Managers Whitney Snuggs and Andrea Washington, Executive Vice President Crystal Collins, Business Manager Delores McDaniel, and Regional Directors Shawn Williams and Jim Heater worked tirelessly to ensure the organization was prepared and ready to welcome educators to a great professional learning opportunity. Without careful planning, strategizing, organizing, and implementing, none of this would be possible.

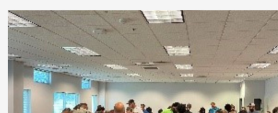
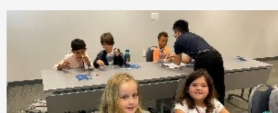
Pamela Walker, ArtsNOW's President and CEO, lead each seminar ensuring connections were made throughout each session. She provided the foundation for why arts integration is critical in education, explained the differences between arts for arts sake, arts enhancement, and arts integration, and reviewed the data, research, and results of arts integration. We look forward to next year's Foundational Seminars to be held in June 2023.





ArtsNOW and Georgia Tech Savannah CEISM C Collaborated for ArtBotics Summer Sessions

ArtsNOW and Georgia Tech Center for Education Integrating Science, Math and Computing (CEISM C) collaborated to offer a Summer Program Session at the Savannah Campus. The session's title, "ArtBotics", was designed for students in 3rd through 5th grades, and facilitated by ArtsNOW Teacher Leader, Christine Ziegler of Savannah-Chatham. ArtBotics was a program developed to bring participants' creativity to life and have fun along the way! Each student created their own unique and interactive piece of artwork using a combination of traditional art mediums, coding, and robotics. They made LED name badges, light up bookmarks, coded name bracelets, a disco ball and interactive string art. Students made an art mobile based on the works of Keith Haring and also created their own conductive painting based on the art of Pablo Picasso. The week was capped off with a gallery showcase for family and friends. ArtsNOW and CEISM C will collaborate for another session, July 18-22, 2022, for students in 3rd through 8th grades. This session is called "Interactive Sequential Stills" and was developed by ArtsNOW Visual Arts Consultant, Shannon Green. Interactive Sequential Stills will combine participants' interest in storytelling, drawing, and electronics to bring their comic book ideas to life! Sequential artists, the people creating your favorite comic books, combine their creative talents to bring super heroes to life. Each participant will develop their own comic book, and through the use of simple circuits, will integrate the use of interactive lights, switches, sounds, and more!





ArtsNOW Welcomes Two New Regional Directors: Shawn Williams and Regi Strickland

2021-2022 has provided exponential growth for ArtsNOW and we are expanding! We are pleased to announce our expansion in South Carolina, as we will be opening a regional office in Columbia. In order to meet the high demands of programming in the state, we have hired Regi Strickland as Regional Director. Regi will be responsible for supporting schools as they implement arts integration strategies in partnership with ArtsNOW. Regi worked at an ArtsNOW partner school in Richland 2, Conder Elementary Arts Integrated Magnet, as their Arts Integrated Magnet Lead before joining ArtsNOW. As well, we have been so fortunate to hire Shawn Williams, who recently retired from the Barrow County School System. Many of you know Shawn as a previous principal in Barrow County and as a true champion of ArtsNOW. In fact, Shawn has been working with ArtsNOW on a part time basis, so we are excited to be able to hire her full time! Shawn has been a supporter and educational partner for over 10 years. We are incredibly pleased to have both Regi and Shawn as part of our team. Please join us with welcoming them to ArtsNOW!



Want to see arts integration in action? Please watch two (2) of our newest video compilations!

The first highlights our partnership with Angel Oak Elementary School, an ArtsNOW Leadership School in Charleston, SC.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/il3hb0hvyumu92h/Angel%20Oak%20ArtsNOW%20Highlight%20Reel.mp4?dl=0>

The second reflects our district-wide partnership with Barrow County School District and highlights our work at the Center for Innovative Teaching.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nagdUzoSd0kUHZbkgZ1uUngcGgBoZzAP/view?usp=sharing>

Why ArtsNOW?

- Integrated learning is powerful learning.
 - For over 20 years, ArtsNOW has been leading the way in reshaping pre-K-12 education by integrating the arts with all core subjects.
 - We're setting the stage to encourage teacher confidence and improve student engagement for greater academic and personal achievement.
 - Teachers are champions and students are heroes.
 - We're not just teaching. *We bring learning to life.*
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