



The Fine Arts Club in Central Park

Fine Arts Club Visits NYC!

Students in the Fine Arts Club, along with faculty members visited New York City during Spring Break 2006. The students and faculty visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Whitney Museum and The Museum of Modern Art. They also visited several advertising and design agencies, where they were treated to tours and demonstrations. The highlight of the visit was an unexpected trip to the Ed Sullivan Theatre to see a live taping of the David Letterman Show!

Villa Photo Students are Finalists in National Competition

Several of our students at Villa Maria College have placed as finalists in the Photographer's Forum Magazine's 26th Annual Student Photography Contest. Over 30,000 entries were submitted from student photographers nationally. Only the top 7% of these students are placed as finalists and winners. Photography Annual 2006 will be available in our library soon. In the meantime, check out the annuals from previous years including already published Villa Maria College students. Students this year are: Zandra LaCour, Brooke Robinson, Megan Loveless, Karin Kelley, Shannon Schiedel, Chris Henneberger, Carlton Carter, Tara Thieringer and Matt Buckley.

Interior Design Department Launches New Bachelor of Fine Arts Program

This spring, after more than thirty years of graduating students with a two-year degree in Interior Design, the first Bachelor of Fine Arts graduates will walk the stage during Villa's Commencement Ceremony. In the fall of 2005, six Interior Design students began their senior year in Villa's first 4-year program.

Included among their senior year classes are an intensive spring internship with local and nation-wide opportunities and a studio working to design space for the Kevin Guest House, a not-for-profit organization providing hospitality to bone marrow cancer patients during their treatment at Roswell Park. Seniors must also complete a thesis project in which they are challenged to "raise the bar" and increase awareness of Interior Design in Western New York.

Each project is distinct and, in the end, will represent the culmination of four years of hard work and dedication to their future profession – Interior Design. Watch for announcements regarding the showing of each project and what the BFA program at Villa has to offer.

Interior Design Signs Articulation Agreements with ECC and Alfred State

The Interior Design program is proud to announce articulation agreements that allows graduates from the Architectural Technology program at Erie Community College and from the Interior Design program at Alfred State College to enter into the new BFA program. Two students from ECC and two students from Alfred State College have already taken advantage of the opportunity and are currently enrolled in Villa Maria's BFA program in Interior Design.

Graphic Design Program Incorporates New Media into Curriculum

Along with traditional mediums, students in the Graphic Design Program at Villa also work with New Media related projects that involve time-based animation, motion graphics and multimedia components. These programs are the basis of the graphics seen in television advertisements, news, and movies. The unique aspect of New Media in the Graphic Design Program at Villa is the relationship between multimedia and accompanying printed pieces; a common aspect in the communication design industry. Students also incorporate interactive design into their work, creating an interactive portfolio on CD-ROM and personal web sites. The web sites include interactive links, menus, roll-overs and animations, incorporating Macromedia Flash, the state-of-the-art software in web site design.

Villa Maria College Student Publication, SKALD 2006, Receives National Recognition!

The 2006 *SKALD*, Villa Maria's Art & Literary Publication, has been nominated to receive either a Gold or Silver Collegiate Crown Award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Award will be presented during CSPA's Awards Convocation in New York City, scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Roosevelt Hotel in midtown Manhattan.

2006 *SKALD* also received a Bronze Medal for overall design earlier this year from CPSA. The magazine's 2006 edition, entitled "SKALD - The Studio Sessions", features the talents of Villa's artistic students highlighting their works in poetry, prose, graphic design, fine arts and photography.

First developed in 1977, *SKALD* has consistently received the American Press Scholastic Association's First Place Award over the last seven years. The 2006 edition is posted for viewing on the college's web site at www.villa.edu.

SKALD is designed by students, along with faculty advisement, in the Graphic Design Program. Students are responsible for concept development, layout, electronic production and working with area printers. This is a valuable experience which allows the students to participate in a realistic design problem, meeting the challenges and expectations experienced by professional designers.

Fine Arts Faculty Member Has One Person Show in NYC

Full-time Fine Arts faculty member Adam Weekley recently had a one person exhibit at the Black & White Gallery in Brooklyn. He was also featured in a group show at their Chelsea gallery. Adam's installations, which explore allegorical and metaphorical constructs primarily dealing with self preservation and healing, have also been exhibited locally at the Burchfield-Penny Art Center located on Elmwood Ave in Buffalo, NY.

Mike Bosworth had a solo exhibition entitled "Vivaria" at the O'Connor Gallery of Art, Chicago, IL November 1- December 8, 2006 The exhibit opened on November 1, 2006 with a lecture by the artist followed by a reception. The show continued through December 8.



Above
Advertising Campaign
Tom Pirson
Graphic Design Major



Left
Abstract Painting
Tracey Hoelzl
Fine Arts Major

Other Faculty News

Assistant Professors of Photography **Laura Snyder**, **Michael Bosworth** and Instructor **Eric Jensen** exhibited in the CEPA Gallery Annual Members' Exhibition in Buffalo, NY.

Laura Snyder, **Mike Bosworth** and **Brian Duffy** (Professor of Fine Arts), were included in an exhibit at the Fineline Gallery in Buffalo, NY. The exhibit, titled "The Educated Eye", featured art work by instructors from area Colleges and Universities and was reviewed in *The Buffalo News*.

Laura Snyder exhibited her photographs in a group show at The Peter & Mary Lou Vogt Gallery at Canisius College, located in Buffalo, NY.

Fine Arts instructor **Francisco Amaya** will exhibit a painting in a group show cPOP gallery located in Detroit, MI.

Villa Maria College Offers The Most Diverse Art Programs

The Art Department at Villa Maria College offers the most diverse visual arts program options in Western New York with excellent programs in **Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Interior Design and Photography**. Our students win many local and national awards in competitions, exhibit their art work in galleries and are successful in gaining employment or transfer into four year programs. Our internship program places students in many of the best agencies and studios in the area giving them real work experiences. Whatever your career goals, the art programs at Villa will help you begin your exploration into the visual arts.

The **Fine Arts** program is the only two-year program of its kind in Erie County. It is an excellent program for students to explore the many aspects of the visual arts and to help them choose a career path. Students transfer into programs in Art Education, Graphic Design, Photography, Illustration as well as Fine Arts. The program offers a wide range of studio courses designed to develop creative skills and dexterity with a variety of materials and methods. Students have the opportunity to explore courses in drawing, design, painting, printmaking, photography and three-dimensional design.

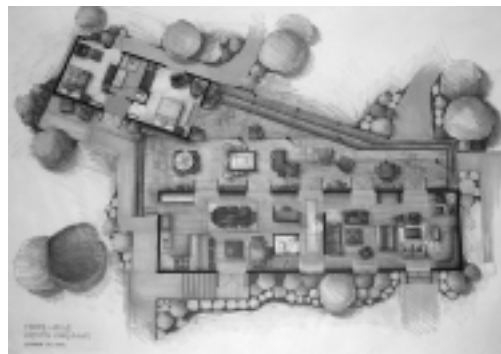


Kara Kawalec, Photography Major

The **Graphic Design** program, one of the best programs in the state, trains students with the necessary skills to gain employment in the print-based advertising field which dominates the Western New York area. This program develops the student as

a designer with an emphasis on design theory and creative problem solving. Students also work with 'New Media' (multimedia, interactive design and website design).

The **Interior Design** program offers two and four year programs in this dynamic field of study. The profession encompasses many components: gathering client/user needs, space analysis, evaluation and planning, construction methods, materials and codes, drawing, drafting and rendering of plans, selecting colors, fabrics, furniture and writing specifications. Villa's Interior Design Program stresses space planning and rendering skills to express visual ideas. Computer aided design (CAD) equipment is used by students at all levels. Additional coursework focuses on the history of interior design, furniture styles, and the business aspects of the profession



Kristen Karlinski, Interior Design Major

The **Photography** program is the only program in the area which offers an emphasis in the commercial aspects of photography as well as fine art oriented photography. Our students exhibit their work in galleries and obtain employment. Our new lab and well equipped darkrooms, allow students to develop both traditional and digital techniques. The skills stressed are black and white and color photography, developing and printing, studio lighting, view camera techniques, and digital imaging.

Graphic Design Graduates Success Stories

Theresa Fenske Named Art Director at Lamar Advertising

Theresa Fenske, a 2006 graduate of the Villa Maria Graphic Design Program was named Art Director at Lamar Advertising in Buffalo, NY. Ms. Fenske is responsible for developing outdoor advertising campaigns, as well as advertising and marketing materials. Lamar is the nation's leader in the highway sign business.

Recent Graphic Design Program Graduates:

Dawn Gibson and **Nicholas Fox** are both attending Daemen College. Dawn is enrolled in the Graphic Design Program and Nick in Art Education.

Michael Krukowski and **Kelly Kreskonko** are both enrolled in the Graphic Design Program at Fredonia State University.

Kimberly King - Production Artist and Technician
Gateway Printing and Graphics

Nicholas Mason - Art Relations Director
Regal Tip Drum Sticks

Rebecca Wright - Graphic Designer
EASTCO Graphics

Justin Von Strasburg - Graphic Designer
Neon Entertainment

Atilla Sagi - Designer/Technical Director
New Era Graphics

Art Faculty Speakers Available

Villa Maria Art Faculty are available to visit your classroom to speak with your students about a variety of topics from careers in the visual arts to how to prepare a portfolio for a college admission.

For more information contact: Bob Grizanti at 716.961.1881 or Brian Duffy at 716.961.1833





Art Faculty exhibit in the new gallery

Villa Art Gallery Renovated

Through a generous donation from the family of attorney Paul William Beltz, the campus art gallery has been completely renovated. Beautiful new hardwood floors, lighting and innovative hanging panels were installed in the gallery's new layout designed by Interior Design Program Coordinator, Edwin Smart.

The Beltz Family, a longtime supporter of the Western New York arts and the non-profit community, was also instrumental in supporting the 2004 construction of Villa Maria College's on campus digital recording studio and classroom for the Music Business program.

The gallery recently featured an Art Faculty Exhibit, as well as exhibits by artist of local and national acclaim. During the Spring 2007 semester the gallery will be featuring student exhibits from each of our four art programs. For more information and a complete schedule, call the College at 716.896.0700 or visit our website at www.villa.edu. A complete listing of exhibitions can be found in *ArtVoice* and The Buffalo News *Gusto*.

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Fine Arts?

Two Year Degree!

Everything!

A two year Fine Arts degree from Villa Maria College is an excellent exploration of the visual arts allowing students to experience many techniques and mediums to help them decide on a career path.

The first two years of most art programs at four year colleges are foundations - the equivalent of Villa's Fine Arts program. Students then usually declare a concentration in a one of many visual arts options.

Career / Transfer Potential

The excellent foundation that the Fine Arts program at Villa provides, allow students the option of transferring or gaining employment in many diverse areas in the visual arts. A few possibilities are:

*Illustration, Art Education
Graphic Design, Gallery Staff,
Art Therapy, Cartooning,
Screen Printing, Animation,
Web Designer, Photographer,
Interior Design, Art Historian,
Fashion Designer, Jewelry Design,
Stage Design,*

*...or continue exploring
Fine Arts media to exhibit and
sell artwork:
Painting
Drawing
Photography
Printmaking
Sculpture*

Class Visit Days at Villa Maria College

Experience life at Villa Maria College and all it has to offer by sitting in on a class or two without having to do the studying or homework. You'll have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, and students.

If you would like to take part in our Class Visits contact:
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