



NEWS from CAA

We are Different.
We are Able.

Mission

CAA provides an equitable collegiate experience to adults with special needs who historically have not had access to college education.

Vision

Empowering the student body to creatively transform the way the world views individuals with disabilities. CAA creates successful contributing citizens through the arts.

Motto

Showcase Ability!

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Cisco employees and CAA students making connections

A Stellar 2018 for the CAA Student Body

DeAnna Pursai—Co-Founder and Executive Director

The summer and fall quarters at the College of Adaptive Arts brought an abundance of new performances, learning experiences, artistic creations, and endless bursts of boundless joy.

In June, the School of Theatre produced a fabulous version of the musical *Guys and Dolls*. The summer months also included a professional theatre audition workshop at City Lights Theatre Company and a Thank You breakfast for the CAA staff, parents, and volunteers.

September brought our 7th Annual Golf Classic at the beautiful Santa Teresa Golf Club. The amazing Santa Teresa team, under the leadership of Robie Kramer, each year helps CAA put on an incredible Golf Classic. This year a record number of new community members played side-by-side with CAA student golfers. Peninsula Visa stepped up to be an Eagle Sponsor, and Nick Nicolas, Peninsula Visa CEO, gave a touching testimony describing how golf has brought him and his daughter together to collaboratively transform perception.

The number of seats filled jumped from 374 to 420 for the fall quarter, with total student enrollment topping 103 students. We now regularly offer over 42 distinct courses each quarter; new courses include Fused Glass and Song Writing.

CAA opened its doors to a new Digital Media Lab, thanks to a generous grant from the Rotary Club of San Jose Foundation.

CAA's 10th Annual Celebrating Ability Film Festival was a raving success at 3Below, the Los Gatos Ballet did a phenomenal *Nutcracker* ballet workshop with the graduate ballet dancers, and Susan Ellenberg, newly elected County Board Supervisor, was the keynote speaker at the annual Graduation and Holiday Choir Concert at the Historic Hoover Theatre in San Jose. In

September, Cisco Systems, under the leadership of Karen Sanders, Chief of Staff, Enterprise Networking Product Management, invited CAA students out for a team-building afternoon with Cisco employees learning in five CAA classes alongside CAA students.

Next year, CAA turns ten years old, so get ready for an epic ten-month celebration beginning 1.1.19 and ending 10.10.19 (at 10:10pm) at Saratoga Springs!




*CAA stage actors Robby, Michael, and J-Lo in *Guys and Dolls**



CAA's new Digital Media Lab features four workstations thanks to Rotary Club of SJ Foundation

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From the Board

Adrien LeBiavant—Board Chair

I've had the privilege of being the Board Chair for over a year and a member of the CAA Mountain Movers leadership team for almost three years now. I am just blown away by the positive energy and explosive growth in the past two years.

This past summer, I had the honor of hosting a Photography workshop for the students. They did such a fabulous job putting into practice the photography concepts and techniques discussed. We went out in the local neighborhood and took pictures and came back and reviewed their work. It was such a fabulous afternoon spent discussing photography with fellow photographers who love improving and learning new concepts.

That's what I love most about this lifelong learning model—that each adult gets to continue to grow and learn and become the best version of themselves every day, just like typical college students.

I am so proud to play a small part in building this equitable college model for lifelong learning. We have a fabulous Mountain Movers board, and we've got the right team of leaders to keep growing this college model and take this notion nationwide so any adult, anywhere in the country can have access to lifelong learning opportunities. Come take a tour with me anytime—I am so proud to show you what the students are accomplishing each and every day!



CAA student artist Tiffany doing printmaking with gel plates

The Dean's List

Pamela Lindsay, MA—Co-Founder and Dean

As we reflect on 2018, we can't help but wonder at the growth of CAA's programs and students. Perhaps even more wonderful is the speed at which this year as so many before it has flown!

As we prepare for the BIG one—our tenth anniversary celebration in 2019—we are filled with gratitude for our staff, students, families, community members, and the most supportive board any college has ever enjoyed. Your support in our palpable change from a "little conservatory that could" to a thriving collegiate environment with a broad, liberal arts course of study has been astounding to witness.

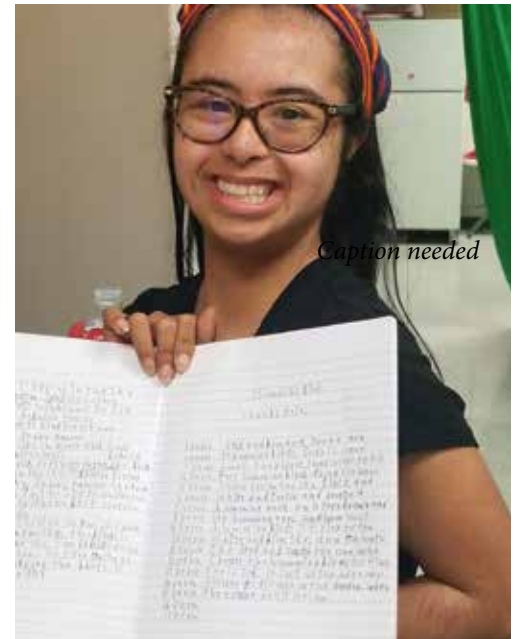
As Dean, I am ever-conscious of the broader effort of our diverse team of instructors and college men and women. We may have an average of 100 students per quarter, but we fill well over 400 seats. That equals 400 individual learning experiences in different areas of

study that must be developed, prepped, delivered, and personalized by our uniquely talented staff. Multiply that by outreach, set-up, management, and manning of 10 different community performance touring ensembles that grace our community and change perceptions of ability every week, every year. All increased to the power of nine schools of study with their own departments, projects, events, and our cutting-edge ARTS approaches to sustainable learning in the coolest classes around. Plus, our confident commitment to work tirelessly in continued service of our current and future Cardinals.

We look forward to ten more years of expanding possibilities for lifelong learning and those exciting moments when we get to equitably announce to prospective students, "When considering YOUR college opportunities, we hope you will consider the College of Adaptive Arts!"



Board Chair Adrien LeBiavant teaches a photography workshop at CAA



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In Song Writing class Ariel displays the lyrics of her song entitled "Hummingbirds".

Superstaff Spotlight: James Fu

James Fu has been a Superstaff member for a year. He is a graduate of San Jose State with a degree in History. Local to San Jose, James attended Chandler Tripp Preschool because of medical circumstances, where many of our troupes now go back to perform.

James brings a calm, caring, and positive presence to the CAA site. An outstanding site manager, he is always on alert to make sure that students get to learn in a safe and structured environment. He always exudes a confident professionalism and a positive, can-do spirit.

James describes his work days at CAA as “unique,” because every moment is different, and each new day brings many opportunities to enjoy the excitement of Cardinal life with his CAA family.

DeAnna likes to share the story of how she wasn't so sure how James would take to the

CAA students. She assigned him to work with a most colorful student who asked James to recite the ABCs during the course of their guitar lesson. When James dutifully and on point recited the whole alphabet with grace and kindness, DeAnna knew that James had the right mindset to support our adult student learners.

James has become a rock-solid, steadfast leader who jumps in where needed and gives astute suggestions and feedback. He has become a dear and essential member of the CAA Superstaff.



Cardinal Student Highlight: Curtis Kitaji

Curtis Kitaji is a delightful surprise. He has grown leaps and bounds since arriving at his first CAA class. The staff identified him as focused and academic and, although he was outgoing, he kept his amazing acting and leadership talents “on the down-low.” Then one day, he burst forth in Professor Katie’s acting class and found his groove in performance.

His fellow students describe him as talented, confident, mature, capable, and motivated. In a word, he is a Cardinal.

Nowadays, you will usually find Curtis on stage or in front of a camera treating audiences to his special brand of charisma

and that infectious grin. He recently shot a public service announcement at CreaTV for CAA and was cast in a major television series. Next time you see him, ask Curtis to tell you about the amazing story of how that role came to be. (Spoiler alert: if you loved the TV show “M.A.S.H.” you will be excited about the director.)

Curtis works hard to represent the abilities of all individuals in the community and we couldn't be prouder!

Curtis on camera at CreaTV, for a public service announcement about CAA



CAA's graduate ballet dancers at a Nutcracker workshop with Los Gatos Ballet



CAA student artists showing off their work



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