College of Adaptive Arts

- **Mission:**
  Providing 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 perception of disability.

- **Motto:**
  Creating successful contributing citizens through the arts, health, and wellness. Showcasing Ability!
A NEW Educational Model: Creating Successful Contributing Citizens

- CAA is a lifelong, equitable collegiate experience for adults with differing abilities who can not access an Associate's degree at a community college.
- For many adults with special needs, educational opportunities abruptly end at age 22 when they are forced out of the educational system.
- 9 Schools of Instruction; 45 course offerings each week; 4 distinct quarters throughout the year.
- CAA has grown 750% since inception in 2009 from serving 12 student to now serving consistently 100+ students/quarter.
What makes CAA's model unique?

- Adults with special needs only sign up for the courses they have an interest in attending.
- Each class is one hour of instruction/week.
- Students receive privately-accredited, non-transferrable diplomas.
- Curriculum is ever-evolving and developing based on new interests of students.
- Lifelong learning model: students are never exited or termed out.
School of Art

- Clay Animation
- Fused Glass
- Graduate Fine Arts
- Mixed Media
- Fine Art Techniques
- 3-D Techniques
- Connections with local art galleries & museums
School of TV/Film

- On-Camera Acting
- Music Video Production
- TV Series Episodes
- Voiceover
- Annual Short Film Festival
School of Music

- Vocal Studies
- Voiceover Work
- Songwriting
- Digital Music Production
- Adaptive Guitar
- Analyzing the Music of Disney
School of Theatre

- Graduate Theatre Troupe
- Professional Audition Annual Workshops
- Connections with local professional theatre troupes
- Stage Acting
School of Dance

- Graduate Dance Clinic
- Ballet & Jazz
- Classic & Contemporary Dance
- Latizmo Hip Hop
- Continual Community Workshops & Dance Performances
School of Communications

- Poetry
- Language Arts
- Reading Partners
- Graduate Writing
- Sign Language
- Spanish & Cultural Studies
School of Health & Wellness

- Mindfulness & Whole Body Wellness
- Golf Team
- Cheer Pep Squad
- Pound Fitness
- Bowling Team (forthcoming)
- Walking Team
- Annual Community Golf Classic with CAA Student Golfers
School of Science & Technology

- Computer Skills
- Gaming Team (forthcoming)
- Robotics/Physics Workshops
- Digital Animation
- ViseoDesk & Scannex Equipment: Open to Students, Parents, CareProviders & the community at large
School of Library Arts

- Graduate Research Study
- Digital Media Lab
- Library Lecture Series: Guest Workshop Presenters
Community Touring Troupes:

Transforming Perception through Connecting & Performing in the Community

- Cancer Walks, Community Parades & Festivals
- Disability Awareness Days, School Performances
- Team-Building Days for High Tech Companies
- Holiday Performances, Senior Centers, Corporate Lunch & Learns
Over 60% of Professors & Staff have disabilities including:

- OCD, Cancer Survivors, Anxiety, Depression, Processing Differences, Autism, Blindness, Visual Impairments, Cerebral Palsy, Homelessness among others

The professors are artists, poets, dancers, musicians, actors, and artistic contributors who are compassionate, patient, and who hold the students to the highest expectations.
Creating a New Layer of Collegiate Education

- CAA’s vision is to become an equitable layer of adult education on a college campus, being a resource for host-campus students for job opportunities and research of a living lab model.
- CAA turns 10 years old in 2019; It has grown 750% since inception; ¼ of the way to being fiscally sustainable and replicable.
- The vision is to take this model nationwide and beyond to be as robust and accessible for education as Special Olympics is for athletics.