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CHS Art Teachers Also Have Personal Art Projects

In addition to bringing inspiration into the classroom, the Carter high school art teachers, Andrea McCulley and Lauren Adams, also have their own inspiration when it comes to art. McCulley is a watercolor painter, printmaker, sculptor and ceramics artist. Ms. McCulley recently did a painting based on a photograph she took in a chapel in England. The painting is of a singular candle blowing in the breeze on top of a stone altar with dramatic shadows. McCulley also recently did another piece. It's called Chacos and Maxpatch. It's four feet, wear-

ing chacos, relaxing with Maxpatch in the distance. The background is a swirl of trees and lines that symbolize the security of a healthy relationship. Ms. McCulley maintains her creativity by looking at lots of artwork. She gets her inspiration from the real world, but they begin to take on a symbolic or metaphoric meaning as she works. Ms. McCulley wants all of her students to know that taking art classes is so important to making you a deeper thinker, and a more compassionate and empathetic human being. Mrs. Adams is a painter, who works with various techniques

when it comes to oil painting. Her paintings are inspired by landscapes, both real and fictitious. "I don't really choose a project, they kind of just come to me," says Lauren Adams.



Ms. McCulley's candle painting

Profile: Ms. Adams's Journey to Art



Ms. Lauren Adams, CHS art teacher, poses in her classroom

Ms. Adams, one of the CHS art teachers, has been into art ever since she was a little girl. Her entire family has always been into the arts such as fashion design, product designer, art history buff, and many more. She was always creating, drawing, building and painting. She loved to read and play music, so her imagination and creativity was fanned from

a very early age. One of her earliest memories is around age four or five, sitting at the coffee table in the family room and pouring through books her nonna and mom had just brought back from some museums on a trip they took. She was in awe of the paintings, mostly French Impressionists and Post Impressionists. According to her, "My life was forever changed." Fast forward to high school. She went to New York and Italy with her high school honors and AP art classes. Her love for art was cemented forever after that. However, she didn't see it as a career at the time. She enrolled in college at the University of South Carolina. She thought that she would work in some facet of international business or accounting: something that would allow her to travel. However, life had other plans. She was excelling in all of her courses, but she was ter-

ribly bored. "No offence to my business friends and family," she said; it just wasn't for her. So, after class one day, she marched across campus and met with an advisor and said she wanted to be an art teacher. In the end, she got a bachelors in fine arts in Art Education. She always goes to museums and galleries whenever she is in a new place. She picks up books from her travels, marks them with the date and whom she was with, and keeps it for reference in her library. Art is not always an easy path, though. She says, "The business side of art is a hustle. You have to be okay with that. You have to be able to produce and get yourself and your art to as many galleries as you can, work social media, and network. This isn't any different than being in sales of a product or insurance or something like that. You just have to work hard and get your work out there."

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Meet Our New Counselors!

Ms. Duda

A bright-eyed young woman walks into Carter High School with confidence, fresh for the day. She finds her way into the counseling office with a smiling face, ready to take on the tasks ahead of her. She is ready to start this year of high school... but, this time, with a college degree. Ms. Duda began her first year of counseling in August of this year at Carter. She had previously spent her days in college at Lee University, where she played D2 lacrosse. Being a student

athlete in college, along with being freshly out of high school herself, she is well equipped to handle the struggles of teenagers today. Ms. Bowman, who also graduated from Lee with Ms. Duda, started this year as a counselor as well. She says they “came here together” and are both excited for the year. While in college, Duda knew she wanted to go into some form of counseling, but really decided on being a school counselor for the connection she was able to make with the students she assists

during the four years they are in high school compared to the professionalism of psychiatry. Not only is she excited for her first year in counseling, Duda also speaks highly of the Carter community that welcomed her in. She says, “I love the tight knit community here. Everyone always has a good attitude.” With her warm personality and positive frame of mind, Ms. Duda is ready for the upcoming school year, and many more to come, being of service to the student body.



~The new counselors~

Left: Ms. Bowman

Right: Ms. Duda



Ms. Bowman

A cozy office. A brilliant smile. Ms. Bowman, the new guidance counselor, is bringing new warmth to the Guidance Office. Raised in West Knoxville, Ms. Bowman grew up in a loving home. Her parents were incredibly supportive and helped raise her into the person she is today. Her mom raised her to be empathetic, a quality necessary for her job, while her dad pushed her to excel academically. She had a stress filled childhood, and this understanding of home issues pushed her to want to help others work their own issues. Ms. Bowman attended Bearden High School and, upon graduation, went on to receive a bachelors in psychology. After she completed this degree she had trou-

ble choosing her career. When asked about her decision to be a school counselor, Ms. Bowman stated, “After college I didn’t know what to do. I talked to a professor about my career because I wanted to work with kids but didn’t know how.” This professor went on to recommend school counseling. Taking the professor’s advice, Ms. Bowman continued on through the Masters program at her alma mater, Lee University in Cleveland Tennessee. After graduation, she moved back here and began looking for a job; however, jobs in this position were scarce and she was unsure she would find one until her college friend, Carter’s own, Ms. Duda told her about the opening here. Ms. Duda told Ms. Bowman

about the position because, “I kind of felt that she would just be a good fit. I kind of knew because I love it and she would love it as well.” The rest, as they say, is history. Ms. Bowman’s inspiration for the job comes from her desire to help. She says, “I would like to make an impact on at least one person’s life, but I want to help everyone.” Other than her love of the job, Ms. Bowman loves to draw and travel. Her favorite place to go is Utah and one of her biggest goals is to move there someday. Ms. Bowman is available whenever you need; you can contact her through email (rachel.bowman@knoxschools.org), a stop by her office, or an appointment via the QR code posted outside her office.