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Oxnard College Foundation Establishes Partnership with Carnegie Art Cornerstones
New Collaboration Will Provide Support for the Arts at Oxnard College

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In these unprecedented times, the Arts remind us of the importance of community and connection – providing a vital platform to creatively represent ourselves and connect by sharing meaningful expression and experiences. Today, Oxnard College Foundation announces its new partnership with Carnegie Art Cornerstones, a 501(c) (3) organization committed to investing in emerging artists. The endowment from Carnegie Art Cornerstones will provide funding and support for the Arts at Oxnard College through a new Arts facility, repairs to the McNish Gallery of Art, and scholarships for Arts students.

This collaboration will promote the mission of Carnegie Art Cornerstones to “inspire passion and appreciation for arts and culture in Oxnard and Southern California” and the commitment of Oxnard College Foundation to provide support to campus development, student scholarships, and educational programs in the continuing advancement of Oxnard College.

“We greatly appreciate their support of the Arts, especially considering what we are all going through,” says Christine Morla, MFA., Studio Art Faculty Lead at Oxnard College. “One of the most important contributions will be the endowed scholarships(...) the Art Program students have shown themselves to be exceptionally talented, and these scholarships will give them the added vote of confidence and tools to pursue a degree in the Arts.”

The renovations for the Arts facility are currently underway, with an anticipated completion in late 2021. Additional collaborations include discussions to showcase student artists in a Virtual Art Show and other ways to continue supporting the Arts.

“The Arts play an essential role in our lives, enriching us and allowing us to become whole humans”, added Morla. “The Arts gives us a space to express ourselves, find refuge as well as see beauty when so much of the world may be ugly to us”. This welcomed partnership will continue to benefit our community as we move forward from this pandemic, with optimism.

To learn more about the Oxnard College Foundation partnership with Carnegie Art Cornerstones and donate to show support, visit <https://www.oxnardcollege.edu/college-information/foundation/carnegie-art-cornerstones>

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About Oxnard College Foundation: a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, the Oxnard College Foundation commits to the mission of providing support to campus development, student scholarships, educational programs, and other college needs in order to promote the progressive and continuing advancement of Oxnard College, to further educational excellence and enable the college to serve as an exemplary multi-cultural community resource.

About Carnegie Art Cornerstones: a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, Carnegie Art Cornerstones is committed to promoting creativity, learning and growth in the careers of artists, and inspiring passion and appreciation for arts and culture in Oxnard and Southern California.

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