

Calgary Arts Academy Foundation Annual Report



September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

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TREATY 7

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Calgary Arts Academy acknowledges Treaty 7 territory—the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy: Kainai, Piikani and Siksika as well as the Tsuut’ina First Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nation. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

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For their exploration of urban and rural communities, CAA Kindergarten and Year 1 students built their own community made of urban and rural landmarks and houses. The completed project was presented to their families in their video titled “CAA City Walk” in October 2021.

ABOUT CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY

Calgary Arts Academy is an innovative Kindergarten to Year 10 public charter school that engages children through Arts Immersion to become confident learners and spirited citizens. As the only school of its kind in North America, we employ professional artists and certificated teachers who collaborate to plan and deliver the Alberta Education Program of Studies. Founded in 2003 by a group of concerned parents and community members, offering Kindergarten to Year 9 curriculum, individual student success is our first priority. We leave tradition behind and embrace new education methods and learning style theories.

We were thrilled to be approved to offer a high school program, beginning with Year 10 at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Year 11 will be added at the start of the 2021-2022 school year, and Year 12 will be added at the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

ABOUT CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Calgary Arts Academy Foundation (CAAF) is a registered charity founded in 2008 and is comprised of volunteer members from across Calgary's arts and business communities.

Our purpose is to ensure financial stability for programming and infrastructure for the delivery of inclusive Arts Immersion education at Calgary Arts Academy (CAA).

To date, CAAF's most significant project was to raise \$1.4 million to support the modernization of the historic Weston Bakery building at Stampede Park's Youth Campus. CAA's Education Centre is now home to our Year 4 to Year 9 students since October 2017. Our separate Knob Hill Campus houses our Kindergarten to Year 3 learners.

Our many volunteers and staff have organized creative fundraising campaigns, including: Building the Spirit of Generosity Brick by Brick, Be the Change capital campaign, Arts & Inspiration, Re-Imagine Learning, and achieving an Alberta Government grant for the outdoor activity centre.

Our campaigns are led and organized by our Board of Directors and key staff representatives:

Directors

Andrew Wiswell, Chair
Laura Bicknell, Vice Chair
Tom Caldwell, Director
Michelle Ure, Director
Nancy Wiswell, Director

CAA Representatives

Dale Erickson, Superintendent
Kevin Loftus, Communications
Janice Nigh, Community Arts Coordinator

Message from the Chair

The global pandemic certainly had an impact on Calgary Arts Academy, but the Foundation continued its work looking for funding opportunities to enhance CAA.

The unwavering efforts of Foundation Vice Chair, Laura Bicknell, resulted in the completion of construction of a creative middle school outdoor activity centre at Calgary Arts Academy's Education Centre on Stampede Park Youth Campus during the summer of 2021. This valuable addition to the campus was received with great excitement and has been extensively enjoyed. Thank you, Laura!

The Foundation was encouraged by the success of Calgary Arts Academy's adjusted protocols and procedures to safely manage the education of over 500 students during a global pandemic. This was no easy task. School administration and all staff worked collaboratively, were flexible and succeeded. Should you wish to know more, please read, ["Arts Immersion at Work During a Pandemic"](#) written by CAA Community Arts Coordinator, Janice Nigh.

We look forward to supporting Arts Immersion education, moving forward. We will discuss priorities with the Calgary Arts Academy Society Board of Directors, school administration and representatives from the Calgary Stampede.

In addition, we continue to focus on Foundation recruitment.

Andrew Wiswell
Chair, Calgary Arts Academy Foundation

In Review

What We've Been Up To

We were excited when the Outdoor Activity Centre was installed at Calgary Arts Academy's Education Centre during the summer of 2021. The completion of this project was possible due to a grant from {Grant Name} and supporters like you. We are grateful to Vice Chair Laura Bicknell for the tremendous effort she put into this.

The Outdoor Activity Centre is well used by Calgary Arts Academy students and neighbouring children.



2020-2021 Supporters Thank You!

Community Circle (\$1,000 +)

Anonymous
 Laura Bicknell
 Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.
 Shaw Charity Classic
 Andrew & Nancy Wiswell

Artist Circle (\$500+)

Doug Frenette
 Tribal Cycle II

Friends and Family Circle (\$50+)

Elena Buliga & Sergiu Cavalgiu
 Julie Chan & Chi Him Kan
 Ina Coryaen & Family
 Telmo dos Santos

Friends and Family Circle - continued

Rikki Dymond
 Ford Family Fund
 Sherry Heinze
 Nicole & Barry Hemphill
 Barbara Klaassen
 Michael Martin
 Eri & Robert McAuley
 Louise Middleton & Tom Cox
 Jody & Kevin Olsen
 Sharmaine Prince
 Maricarmen & Nelson Reyes
 Bevin Wirzba
 Susan Zieffle

2020-2021 Financials

How We Did

**BALANCE SHEET**

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Cash	\$81,408	Operations	\$25,253
Accounts receivable	126	Accounts Payable	0
(less doubtful accounts)		Capital Campaign	142,196
Inventory		Grant Payable	72,378
Temporary investment	21,156	Taxes payable	0
Prepaid expenses		Accrued payroll	0
Total Current Assets	\$102,690	Total Current Liabilities	\$239,827
Fixed Assets		Long-term Liabilities	
Long-term investments		Mortgage	\$0
Land		Other long-term liabilities	0
Buildings		Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0
(less accumulated depreciation)			
Plant & equipment	149,216		
(less accumulated depreciation)			
Furniture & fixtures			
(less accumulated depreciation)			
Total Net Fixed Assets	\$149,216		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$251,906		
		EQUITY	
		Current Earnings	(\$429)
		Previous Retained earnings	12,508
		Total Shareholders' Equity	\$12,079
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$251,906

APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Financial Statement has been reviewed and approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cole Jordan'.

signature
Cole Jordan - Secretary Treasurer
Position


Date

01-Feb-22

signature
Laura Bicknell - Vice Chair
Position

Date


Calgary Arts Academy Highlights of 2020-2021




school council

Even though in-person events were not possible, CAA School Council continued their efforts with advocating for the school (Alberta School Councils' Association,) managing student courses (Home Alone Course, Babysitting Course) and various fundraising events, including Growing Smiles and Purdy's Chocolates.

August 2020
CAA started its high school program by adding Year 10 for the 2020-2021 school year. Year 11 will be added for the 2021-2022 school year, and Year 12 will be added for the 2022-2023 school year.




high school



at-home learning

August 2020
To assist with reducing the spread of COVID-19, Calgary Arts Academy offered an At-Home option for students not comfortable with or unable to attend in-person classes. These students were able to participate in virtual classes with a dedicated learning facilitator, and complete learning contracts at home.

October 2020
Calgary Arts Academy launched a new website.



The screenshot shows an Instagram post from Calgary Arts Academy, published on October 21, 2020. The post includes the text: "Check out our new website at www.caaschool.com". The main image of the post features the CAA logo and the text "CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY" overlaid on a photograph of the academy's modern building.



November 2020

All students participated in CAA's submissions for CBC Music's Canadian Music Class Challenge. The entries included Crabbuckit, Everything You've Done Wrong, Robots and We're All In This Together.

The Art of Learning

December 11, 2020

Students and staff were disappointed that the annual winter celebration at the Jube could not be presented in person. Instead, a virtual version was presented to families on December 11, 2020. Borrowing from the school's tagline, the show was titled The Art of Learning.

the art of reading

May 2021

CAA celebrates the Art of Reading! Guest authors virtually visited Knob Hill students during Spirit Week, all students participated in the Scholastic Book Fair, and Year 10 students ran a book drive to support Calgary Reads.



June 2021

Year 9 students presented their recorded graduation ceremonies on June 7, 2021. This touching event was well done and was viewed by their families in the comfort of their own homes.



June 2021

CAA's celebration of National Indigenous Peoples' Day included this video created by the elementary campus. National Indigenous Peoples' Day was celebrated on June 21, 2022.