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NORTH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

VISUAL ARTS

One department, multiple pathways, endless career possibilities...









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North Springs Visual Arts students explore an exciting array of courses and experiences, including...

- **Darkroom & Digital Photography**
  This course is an introduction to the photographic medium as an art form. Students will learn about the historical development of photography and photographic design and its cultural influences through assignments, studio applications, and theoretical studies. Students will examine and learn about appropriate processing techniques and safely use various photographic materials and equipment.
- **Printmaking**
  Courses introduce art printmaking using collagraph, serigraphy, linoleum relief, monotype, and intaglio. Students explore a variety of media and tools. The elements of art and principles of design are used to analyze, design, create, and evaluate prints. This course combines aesthetics, art criticism, and art history with the studio production of print series.
- **Ceramics**
  Students learn about the historical background, aesthetic traditions, and artistic properties of ceramics through various studio experiences. Students will acquire knowledge of form, volume, and space relationships via construction, hand-built, and wheel-thrown forms of clay. Experimentation with the embellishment of a clay surface will extend knowledge of line, texture, pattern, theme, and variation. Students will explore career opportunities in the arts and arts-related fields.
- **Sculpture**
  Students explore three-dimensional forms in traditional and nontraditional materials. They will study form, volume, and space relationships by exploring decorative, utilitarian, and conceptual approaches to sculpture. Studying sculptural form in various media during various historical and cultural periods will guide the development of students' ability to make personal aesthetic and critical judgments. Career opportunities in the arts and arts-related fields will be explored.
- **Drawing & Painting**
  Students will engage in techniques and various media. The courses stress critical analysis of master paintings and drawings of different styles and historical periods and emphasize problem-solving techniques to achieve desired results in personal work.
- **Exhibition Experience**
  Visual Arts students will have opportunities to exhibit their works at school and in the community as they develop their artistic voice.
- **Georgia Fine Arts Diploma Seal**
  Students who complete a visual or performing arts pathway earn the FADS on their diploma to indicate their mastery of state standards in the arts.

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CAREERS IN VISUAL ARTS

- **Applied Arts:** *Applied artists use their creative talents and the practical application of the same principles used in fine arts to enhance the functionality, aesthetics, and design of everyday objects.*
  Careers: *Interior Design, Architecture, Furniture Design, Automotive Design, Product Design*
  Interdisciplinary Approach: *Industrial Design (Art, Business, and Engineering), Graphic Design (Visual Art, Graphic Art)*

- **Arts & Arts Studies Careers:** *Art Dealer, Art Historian, Art Dealer, Art Teacher, Art Therapist, Museum Curator, Museum Exhibit Designer*

- **Ceramics Careers:** Ceramic artist, Pottery Designer, Ceramic Manufacturer, Production Potter, Slip Caster, Industrial Ceramics, Ceramic Studio Technician, Kiln Building, Ceramics Instructor

- **Sculpture Careers** *Fabricator, Foundry Worker, Welder, Furniture Designer, Jewelry Designer, Metal Artist, Model Maker, Motion Picture Sculptor/Modeler, Product Designer, Sculptor, Teacher/Instructor, Toy Designer*

- **Fine Arts:** *The field of Fine Arts attracts those who enjoy the process of creating tangible objects. Artists love working with their hands so they can discover and create beauty in everyday life.*
  Careers: *Courtroom Sketch Artist, Found Object Artist, Muralist, Portrait Artist, Screen Printer, Ceramic Artist, Airbrush Artist, Graffiti Artist, Tattoo Artist, Painter, Sculptor, Woodworker*

- **Photography Careers:** *Advertising Photography, Commercial Photography, Fashion Photography, Food Photography, Nature Photography, Portrait Photography, Wedding Photography, Wildlife Photography, Photojournalism*

- **Digital Art:** *Digital artists come from a variety of backgrounds in Art & Design fields such as illustration, graphic design, painting, photography, animation, video production, and music.*
  Careers: *3D Animator, Book Cover Artist, Book Illustrator, Cartoon Artist, Comic Book Artist, Computer Animator, Logo Designer, Medical Illustrator, Motion Graphics Designer, Video Game Designer, Visual Effects Artist*

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Students will have slightly different schedules based on their chosen pathway. Pathways are flexible beyond what is listed below based on the interests of the student.

Drawing & Painting

The 2D Design pathway is for students interested in working with materials such as colored pencil, charcoal, pastels, watercolor, acrylic, graphite, collage work, and more.

9th Grade	• Introduction to Visual Arts & Design Fundamentals
10th Grade	• Drawing/Painting I/II • Printmaking I/II
11th Grade	• Drawing/Painting III/IV • AP Art History or Open Choice
12th Grade	• AP 2D

3D Art & Design

The 3D Design pathway is for students interested in constructing works or art with materials such as clay, paper, wood, resin, metal, found objects, and more.

9th Grade	• Introduction to Visual Arts & Design Fundamentals
10th Grade	• Ceramics I/II • Sculpture I/II
11th Grade	• Ceramics III/IV and/or Sculpture III/IV • AP Art History or Open Choice
12th Grade	• AP 3D

2D Design & Photography

The 2D Design & Photography pathway is for students interested in exploring various methods of photography and utilizing computer programs to edit their photos and create art with them.

9th Grade	• Introduction to Visual Arts & Design Fundamentals
10th Grade	• Photography I/II • Intro to Graphic Design or Open Choice
11th Grade	• Photography III/IV • Graphic Design & Production or Open Choice
12th Grade	• Advanced Graphic Design

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WHY IT'S IMPORTANT...

Visual arts are the foundation of any creative career, and our accomplished art alumni are thriving personally and professionally. North Springs gave them an exceptional start, providing a vibrant and diverse community where students from across metro Atlanta come together to explore a wide range of artistic opportunities.

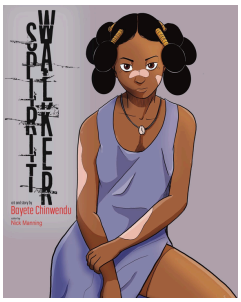
Not all of our students pursue careers in art, but the benefits of artistic involvement extend far beyond the studio. Many colleges offer scholarships for students who excel in art, even if they don't major in it. Research consistently highlights the cognitive and behavioral advantages of engaging in the arts. On average, art students graduate in the top half of their class and are less likely to face disciplinary issues. Moreover, students who take four years of fine arts classes score over 150 points higher on the SAT compared to those who take half a year or less. That's a significant advantage!

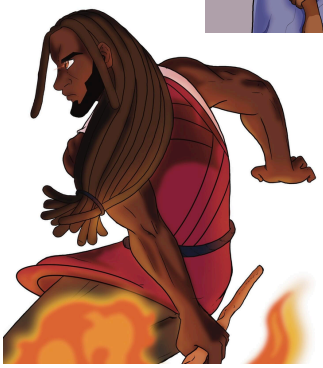
Check out what some of our students have done after graduation...

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Baye'te Chinwendu, NSHS Class of 2016
SCAD Class of 2020, Animation

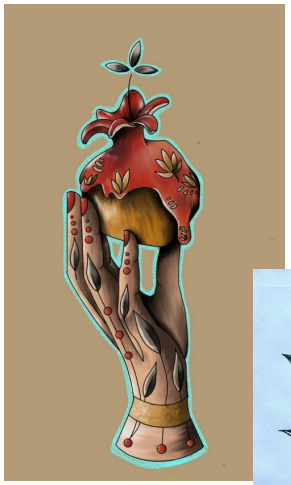
I graduated from the dual magnet program at North Springs in 2016. Being a part of the magnet program helped me to prepare my portfolio for SCAD, where I graduated in 2020 with a degree in Animation.

My experience in the Visual Arts program at North Springs helped me to build a strong foundation which helped to propel my career as an Animator for shows on Hulu, Netflix, as well as a feature film on HBO Max. My teachers at North Springs helped me to think outside the box of what I could do and what kind of career paths were available to me as an artist. It was important to me that I was as passionate about my career as I was about the other things that I enjoy doing in my life.

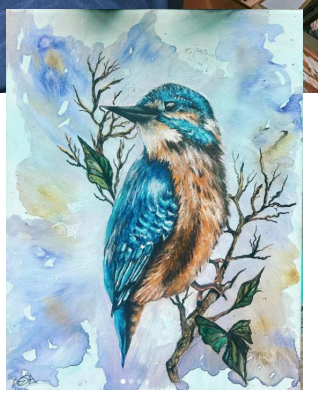
I'm currently pursuing an MFA in Animation at SCAD with the hopes of being a technical director for films, television series, and commercial motion graphics work.









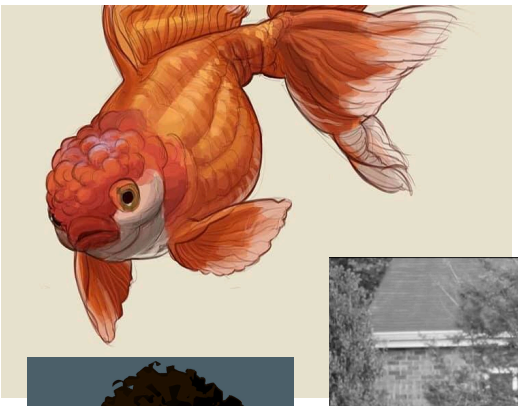


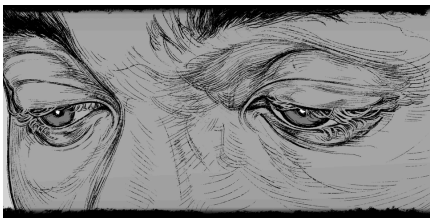
Neta Gal
NSHS Class of 2017
Mixed Media Fine Artist

The VPA program at North Springs completely shaped my development as an artist and therefore the person I am today. I entered the program as a beginner with very minimal knowledge, but a strong interest in drawing and painting. After 4 years, I emerged as a well-rounded artist, not just with an extensive portfolio, but a deep and comprehensive understanding of all the elements and principles of art and design. My teachers were not only great artists who taught me a lot, but also excellent motivators who always inspired my creativity. They never kept me in a box but rather pushed me to use and explore all the corners of my imagination. Thanks to them, my passion continued to burn outside of North Springs, and I continued my art journey into adulthood.

Today, at age 25, I am a professional painter with an online retail shop where I sell original paintings and prints. I've been featured in multiple galleries and local festivals and maintain a strong demand for custom commissions. I am also currently in tattooing school in hopes of translating everything I've learned into a new and exciting career.

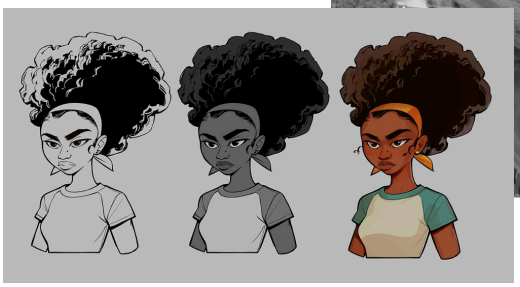
I am forever grateful for all the resources the VPA program offered to at such a crucial age. Without the art program at North Springs being what it is, I don't know where I'd be today.











Justin Benford, NSHS Class of 2016
SCAD, Illustration

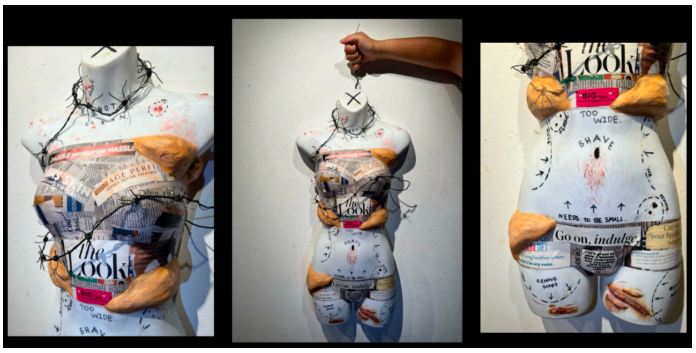
My name is Arzialous Benford. Currently I am a freelance character/prop artist working for animated TV/Film. I'm based in Atlanta, Georgia and I primarily get a lot of my work through social media.

When I attended North Springs, I mostly took ceramics classes. I think I may have had ONE drawing and painting class out of the entire 4 years I was there. Despite all that time working with 3D materials, I became a 2D artist.

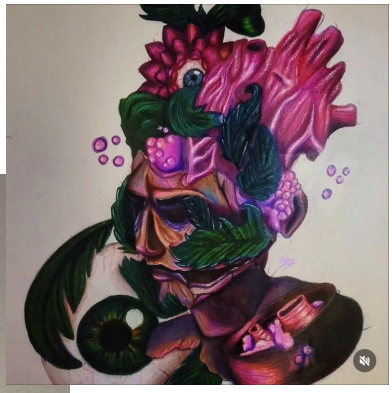
While in high school, I had no real intention of becoming a professional artist, or at least at the time it didn't seem very 'realistic'. Drawing was the number one thing I loved to do, but I knew very little about what it would take to 'break into' the industry. It wasn't until my senior year that I made up my mind to attend art school at SCAD.

Pursuing the life of an artist is a challenging road. Making money within this industry isn't too difficult if you recognize the standards that are required of you for whatever niche you choose to invest in. The real challenge is the emotional investment that comes with every piece and decision you make as an artist. Being an artist is one of the few professions where you are actively giving something personal about yourself away for others to interpret.




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NEEDS TO BE SMALL
Go on, indulge


















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