



Makalla Shernick

Hello, I'm Kalla! I am a graduate student at George Mason University, located in **Fairfax, Virginia**. I am a **graphic designer** and **art educator** dedicated to showing care and making meaningful contributions in my community through the arts.

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Education

MAT, Art Education May 2024
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

BFA, Art and Visual Technology May 2023
Graphic Design, Studio Art Minor
Dean's List, Fall 2020–2023
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

Certifications

Postgraduate Professional License May 2024
Visual Arts, PreK-12
Commonwealth of Virginia

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Sept. 2023

Art: Content Knowledge (5134) June 2023

Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment (VCLA) Oct. 2023

Skills & Interests

Adobe Creative Suite; Motion Graphics; Logo Design; Branding; Editorial Design; Motion Graphics; Photography; Painting; Journaling; Cooking; Ceramics

Professional Experience

Student Teaching Internship
Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA Jan. 2024–Present

- Completed a 7-week internship with mentor teacher Lauren Carpenter (lmcarpenter@fcps.edu) at Providence ES. Developed responsive classroom management strategies, integrated SEL learning practices, and differentiated instruction for a large population of ELL students.
- In progress of completing a 7-week internship at Robinson Secondary School.

Substitute Teacher
Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA Oct. 2023–Present
Winchester Public Schools, Winchester, VA Oct. 2022–2023

Lead Instructor & Teaching Assistant
Mason Community Arts Academy, Fairfax, VA June 2022–2023

- Developed and implemented curricula for two semesters of Art Explorations.
- Created and taught curricula for a 1-week section of the Creative Discoveries summer camp, ages 6-8.
- Facilitated special topics in Anime, Digital Illustration, and Printmaking.

Graphic Designer
Java Kava, Winchester, VA Jan 2019–Feb 2021

- Designed a cohesive brand identity and developed a variety of assets including flyers, advertisements, website, and social media posts.
- Facilitated the implementation of live inventory, online ordering, and delivery on the website.



Honors & Awards

**2023 Gillespie Scholarship
Endowment Award \$2,000**

**Outstanding Undergraduate
Design Student**

*Awarded by the School of Art at
GMU for the Class of Spring 2023*

Memberships

**National Art
Education Association**

GMU Student Chapter

Vice-President Apr 2022–Dec 2023

Secretary Aug 2021–Apr 2022

VA Art Education Association

Northern Region 2021–Present

Conferences

**Virginia Art Education
Association Conference**

Nov 3-5, 2022, Richmond, VA

Oct 14-16, 2021, Virginia Beach, VA

Oct 16-18, 2023, Harrisonburg, VA

**National Art Education
Association Conference**

April 3-6, 2024, Minneapolis, MN

Conference Presentations

**Exploring collaboration and experimental
artmaking in a community arts setting**

VAEA Conference, Harrisonburg, VA

Oct. 2023

♥ Delivered a 50-minute lecture and Q&A
with co-presenter, Caroline Harding

♥ Exhibited new perspectives on fostering collaboration and
inclusivity within diverse communities gained via co-writing/
co-teaching studio art curricula.

Group Exhibitions

Kaleidoscope, 2023 Art & Design Senior Show

GMU's Gillespie Gallery, Fairfax, VA

May 2023

The Identity of Art Educators Beyond the Classroom

NAEA National Office, Alexandria, VA

Feb 2023

Student Exhibitions

Mason Community Arts Academy Saturday Art Classes

Buchanan Hall, Fairfax, VA

Nov 2022 & Apr 2023