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5-year, dual degree BFA/MAT

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Eligible for certification in 48 states, recent BFA/MAT graduates are teaching in:

Alabama	Georgia	Michigan	Pennsylvania
California	Illinois	New Hampshire	Texas
Colorado	Louisiana	New Jersey	Vermont
District of Columbia	Maine	New York	Virginia
Delaware	Maryland	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Florida	Massachusetts	Ohio	

Success in Art Education

MICA's BFA/MAT program lets you complete an intensive studio BFA, then fulfill the requirements for a master's in teaching—all within five years. Graduates have a 100% placement rate—many with multiple job offers—and a nearly 100% pass rate on the national Praxis Exams administered by Educational Testing Services.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Kevin Tavin '90 and Juan Carlos Castro '99, '00

MICA has long been recognized for producing award-winning leaders in the field of art education. Here are just two examples: Kevin Tavin '90 is an internationally known educator whose research has been **widely published**. He directed the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's MAT program and is now associate professor at The Ohio State University. Kevin **received**

the prestigious Manuel Barkan Award for his research from the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Juan Carlos Castro '99, MAT '00 rose quickly to chair of the visual art department at Towson High School in Baltimore County before pursuing his PhD from the University of British Columbia. He is now on the faculty at Concordia University. A National Board Certified

Teacher, Juan was named **2008 Coca-Cola Foundation Distinguished Teacher in the Arts**, honored for helping to raise the academic achievement of his students, and recognized as an **American Star of Teaching**. Turn the page for more stories of success from MICA's BFA/MAT program.

MICA's BFA/MAT graduates are practicing artists and teachers who...

...are hotly pursued by top school systems

A dozen MICA MAT alumni have been named **Meritorious New Teacher Candidates by the Maryland State Department of Education**, for outstanding grades and test scores in the top quartile on the Praxis National Teaching Exam.

All eight of the 2010 graduates nominated for the **Teachers of Promise program (to receive mentorship by Maryland Teachers of the Year)** were selected for this honor. They were hired to teach in Baltimore City charter and magnet schools, and in the Baltimore County, New Orleans, and Chicago school districts. They join three 2009 honorees, including Ryan Foti, who teaches at the prestigious **Mount St. Joseph H.S.**, where Brian Bieniek '05 chairs the art department.

Kate Morrill '05, '06 has taken on the role of **Project Manager for the new Baltimore Design School** (grades 6-12) set to open in Baltimore City this fall. She is proud of her work as Team Leader on international projects for Habitat for Humanity, and she uses her skill as a social documentary photographer to document these projects.

Catherine Campos '04 teaches in the **distinguished arts magnet program at South Miami Middle School** in Florida.

Lynn Palewicz '00, who received her **MFA at Yale**, teaches in the **Patapsco H.S. Arts Magnet Program in Maryland**.

Jenny Wyss '08 was hired by Tilamook H.S. in Oregon. **She heads the art department and rewrote the art curriculum during her first year of teaching.**

April Hampton Mahon '00 teaches art at the **elementary school at the Atsugi Naval Air Facility near Tokyo, Japan.**

Jennifer Boncek Shoemaker '05 teaches at **Forest Ridge Elementary in Howard County, Maryland.**

Sara Allred '10 was recruited by **Tufts University** to become their **Scholars Program Coordinator.**

Jordan Roemer '06, '07 teaches at **North County H.S. in Anne Arundel County, Md.** where she is faculty leader for the school's chapter of the National Art Honor Society and Student Government Association.

...exhibit and work in art-related fields

Geoff Grace '04 **won the 2008 \$25,000 Sondheim Prize**, a competition that draws artists from throughout the region and is awarded during Baltimore's annual city-wide arts festival, Artscape. Will Walker '03 received a **Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant.**

Sam Weinberg '10, '11 was selected to be a **Young Artist in Residence at the Lobot Gallery** in W. Oakland, California, in summer 2011.

In addition to teaching at Ellicott Mills Middle School in Howard County, Maryland, Michael Bracco '02 **has syndicated comics in national publications**, and published a graphic novel, *Birth*, and an ongoing comic series, *'Novo*, with AlternaComics.

...garner leadership positions and honors

Shyla Rao '98 and Stacey McKenna '01 are currently completing doctoral degrees at **Teachers College Columbia University**, where Shyla won the **Enid W. Morris Fellowship.**

Elyse Rosenberg '05 teaches art in Fairfax County, Va., where she **revamped the middle school art curriculum for this competitive public school system outside Washington, D.C.**

Mary Beth Ronayne Kopacs '98 **heads the art department at Cockeysville Middle School** and was named **2004 Middle School Art Teacher of the Year** by the Md. Art Educators Association.

Eric Hooper '01 is **principal of Pathways School Edgewood**, a non-public school for children ages 15–21 with severe emotional and behavioral disabilities near Washington, D.C.

Gino Molfino '01 is **department chair at River Hill High School**, Instructional Team Leader for Fine Arts, and **heads the Arts Leadership Cadre** for Howard County, Md. Evan LaLonde '04 and Molly Brennan '02 also **chair art departments in Howard County high schools.**

...develop and execute innovative programs

Bridget Bancroft '09 **founded the nonprofit Mid-Coast Free School in Chicago**, which encourages non-teachers to share their skills/knowledge with others—from drawing to yoga to urban sustainability.

Aimee Dixon '96 is **assistant educator for the offsite family program at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.**

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In an impressive 11 out of the last 17 years, a MICA student has won the NAEA Student Art Achievement Award—a statistic unmatched by any other art education program in the country.

Those MICA students and alumni who achieve the highest rate of career success are those who take full advantage of career services and of the education programs offered by MICA.