

The Cascia Hall Fine Arts Department has launched a new initiative to bring artists and professionals into Cascia Hall classrooms and connect Cascia students with the broader artistic community. Entitled Cascia, Creativity, and Community (CCC), this new initiative will introduce Cascia students to visual artists, musicians, theater professionals, and other experts through classroom demonstrations, performances, presentations, competitions at regional and national levels, and field trips to meaningful art exhibitions and musical productions. These interactions between Cascia students and the arts community give students unique opportunities to view the world around them from a fresh perspective and experience how the arts interact within their community. Whether pursuing the arts as a hobby or a career, students benefit from the cross-cultural communication, collaboration, and creativity found within the arts; CCC will enrich these experiences and allow both Cascia students and the broader arts community to learn from and with each other.

The first in the CCC series will feature Codak Smith. A multidisciplinary visual artist, Codak Smith has art installations and exhibitions around the US and Europe. He will be working with the AP and Art II students in Mrs. Brandes' class on September 15, helping the students create their own spray paint graffiti letters and no doubt discussing his own aesthetics and ideals regarding cultural landscapes and compositional ideals. Check back after the 15th for pictures of some of our students' works and highlights from this CCC experience. Students will then visit the Oklahoma Museum of Art on September 28 to view an exhibit on Pompeii, where some of the oldest examples of graffiti are preserved.

For a closer look at Codak Smith's work, feel free to examine his website [First Contact](#).