

College of Adaptive Arts Annual Report 2019-2020



We Are Different. We Are Able.



Mission

To provide an equitable collegiate experience to a adults with special needs who historically have not had access to a college education

Vision

To empower the student body to transform perception of individuals with disabilities

Mottos

We are **Different**. We are **Able**.

Creating successful contributing citizens through the arts



Spectacular Year In Review

Overarching!!! CAA turned 10 years old and had the ***Most Epic Party on 10/10/2019 of the Decade*** at Saratoga Springs thanks in large part to the very generous support of CAA Mountain Mover board member Mimi Giannini and the Giannini Family for their steadfast support over the years!!!

Fully pivoted entire school online within 1 week when Shelter in Place was issued in late March – entire school transitioned online; tech resources secured to ensure optimal amount of students could continue learning who needed access.

School of Dance

The Graduate dancers had a rich community collaboration with the Los Gatos Ballet performing in all of their Nutcracker shows. The Ballet dancers in addition got to perform on Christmas Eve in the Nutcracker performance with The New Ballet at the Hammer Theatre.

School of Health & Wellness

The College of Adaptive Arts is globally recognized as a Pound Venue. CAA's PoundPro and Director of School of Health and Wellness, Nicole Matarangas, is developing a partnership with Pound Fit HQ that will allow CAA students to become certified Pound Fitness professionals by participating in an upcoming training hosted at our venue.

School of Library Arts

Professor Suzanne built up the Library Lecture Series with lectures from Darren Peck, Meteorologist of KPIX News channel in SF & Doc Lewis – community civic leader. The school also did a fabulous collaboration with the Basis Independent HS Robotics team whereby they had their own tournament at CAA.

School of Music

CAA's growing music class options are very popular. The Concert Choir class prepares year-round to perform each year at CAA's Annual Graduation & Holiday Concert Choir. Adaptive Guitar, Children's Music Sing-Along, & Digital Sound Production continue to gain student enrollment & produce multiple artistic expressions in classes & touring in the community.

School of Science & Technology

The Santa Clara County Realtors Foundation gave the School of Science and Tech a grant to build out CAA's Digital Media Lab, allowing more students access to state-of-the-art equipment for their digital animation, gaming, coding, and computer classes.

School of Theatre

The Graduate Theatre performers continued their community partnership with City Lights Theatre Company, doing Shakespeare adaptations, professional audition workshops, and original screen plays written and performed by the CAA students.

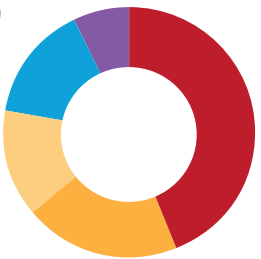
School of TV & Film

The School of TV & Film added classes in Voiceover studies and significantly expanded their podcasting class, interviewing many community leaders from the Bay Area including Brian Adams, Keith Blackey, and Rod Diridon.



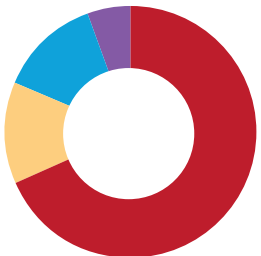
Annual Budget: \$939,530

- Tuition: 44%
- In-Kind: 20%
- Donations & Grants: 14%
- School Underwriting: 15%
- Events & Other: 7%



Expenses

- Instruction & Program: 83%
- Admin: 7%
- Classroom Materials & Support: 7%
- Events: 3%



*Budget data per Federal 990 reports

Thank you to ALL of our 2019-2020 donors*

Donors Making The Difference- Mountain Movers Make Their Mark

Over the year, individuals, families, small businesses, and corporate sponsors dedicated their time and financial contributions collectively providing new educational opportunities for our students that have been previously out of reach or non existent. We are growing exponentially! Come be a part of history in the making!

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“ We believe this is a wise investment, as we know there are so many adults out there that are yearning to be able to continue their education to become successful contributing citizens in their own right. ”

John O'Farrell & Gloria Principe,
Longstanding School of Theatre Underwriters



Breakdown of Disability:

- Down Syndrome: 35%
- Developmental Delay: 37%
- Autism: 51%
- CP/Physical Differences: 4%
- Medically Fragile: 7%
- Other: 6%

Professors & Staff:

- Staff of 34 (includes 2 contracted staff)
- 53% of disabilities
- 6 full-time staff
- 22% of staff provided with medical benefits
- Ongoing Professional Development Quarterly



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- Average age/student: 29
- Number of Seats Filled: 2066
- Average students/quarter: 114 students

School of Art

CAA secured its first formal School Underwriter, the Brian and Denise Schmidt family. The School of Art had a phenomenal exhibition in partnership with the Santa Clara University SCCAP students whereby artwork was displayed and sold, and all proceeds went directly back to the student artists.

School of Business

CAA received a grant in 2019 from the Mission City Community Fund of Santa Clara to secure some camera equipment for training students in the new School of Business marketing and media skills.

School of Communications

The School of Communications celebrated its 4th Annual Showcase Night at the Campbell Church of Christ to a phenomenal audience enjoying student poetry, written words, and sign language performances.

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Business: Open

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Pursai Family

Dance: Open

Health & Wellness:

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Library: Open

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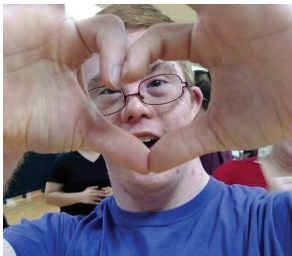
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