

《CAAT》 BEYOND



2023

CHESTER
CAAT
CULTURAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
CENTER

The Cultural Arts and Technology Center is developing a high-tech, state-of-the-art learning space, where youth and adults receive academic instruction and personalized attention from industry leaders, explore career pathways, and ready themselves for skilled positions in the high-growth fields of the arts and technology.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

RETURNING FALL PROGRAMS



legacyartsclub.com/about

Legacy Arts

Legacy Arts Chester is an organization on a mission to empower the youth of Chester and equip our city to flourish through the arts. Through teen art programs, mural projects and mentorship, we are committed to seeing our community thrive.



BABES

Our BABES sessions are always a hit with our young ladies. Brunch with us as we use our (b)eauty (a)nd (b)rains to (e)minate (s)isterhood! From DJ'ing workshops to sharing tips on fashion design, we provide the girls with skills and hobbies that could lead them down a potential career path. Moreover, we provide an open space for the girls to be able to share their thoughts and feelings with adults who will listen. Make sure you sign up your little lady up for our next BABES Brunch on November 4th!

Haylo Marie



Haylo Marie Acting Camp is a FREE acting camp for children ages 8-17, and there is no previous acting experience required. If you have a little drama queen or king, this is the perfect program for them!

Register here!

<https://bit.ly/haylomarie>

Purpose Performers



We perform with PURPOSE! Our classes are for children from ages 4-16, and feature classes in ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop, and acro.

www.thepurposeperformers.com

NEXT Gen



Don't get us wrong. Cultural Arts is our game, but Technology is the second part of our name! Our NEXT Gen sessions are for those of us who like to discover and explore. Your child will have loads of fun as we conduct exciting experiments and learn about different innovations in media and technology.



CAAT Klub

The CAAT Center is excited to bring you the "CAAT Klub," a youth-led social club designed by our teens! In the

spirit of partnership, the CAAT Center joined forces with STEM High School to recruit our first members who then came up with the structure, criteria, and some of the activities we have planned for the coming months. While STEM is the first high school to have a chapter in the CAAT Klub, we will expand to include Chester High beginning Fall 2022



GENTS

Here at the CAAT, we truly believe that "each one can teach one!"

Too many of our young men, in Chester and beyond, have been

taken from us prematurely due to gun violence, illegal activities and, ultimately, because of a lack of resources. We no longer want to be complacent with this problem. The GENTS program (Great Educators/Entrepreneurs Networking Through Sankofa) is a CAAT mentorship program designed specifically for young minority men in Chester. The goal for the GENTS program is to provide our young boys with exceptional male role models who can guide them through the difficulties of growing up a black man in an urban community. Be on the lookout for our next GENTS session!

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

THE SUITE BY J. NICOLE & CO.



(Formerly Suite Belle) is an award-winning luxury Self Care boutique featuring local businesses that specialize in candles, home decor, natural skincare, haircare, bath & body, beauty, and more! Our brick-and-mortar location provides customers with the ultimate shopping experience and top tier customer service.

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KATCH 22 CAFE

Here at Katch 22 Cafe in Upper Chichester, PA, we serve brunch such as chicken and waffles, fried crab rice, fried whiting, sriracha honey wings, and shrimp and grits. We are located south of the Delaware Expy near Henry Johnson Park! Order online for carryout!

Cuisines: Breakfast Brunch Fish Chicken Seafood Wraps

Atmosphere: Casual Dining

Service Options: Free Parking

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SAFE CORRIDORS

Safe Corridors was established in 2012 as a 501c3 non-profit organization to strengthen social and mental outcomes for individuals, families, and schools.

Our organization has established several pathways for supporting desired outcomes, relying on trauma-informed approaches to achieve success in the 21st century.

Our school safety programming promotes pro-social behaviors in the educational atmosphere. The Life Support Mentoring assists adults with wrap-around services to support re-entry for justice served individuals. We partner with local officials and legal aides to present pardon and record expungement clinics at no cost to participants and attendees. Lastly, we serve as a community service provider for Delaware and Chester counties in Pennsylvania.

NON PROFIT HIGHLIGHT



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- * EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES, CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION, DIAPERS AND FORMULA available Wednesdays, 10am-12pm **Please note WIC card will be required for diapers and formula
- * FRESH FOOD Program Thursdays 1:30-4pm
- * MEN'S SHELTER: Call 484.289.0843. Open 7 days a week at 8pm (Enter through the back door by the steps)

EVENTS IN REVIEW



Juneteenth Weekend "Safari Ya Uhuru!"



We were overjoyed to see all of you at our "Safari Ya Uhuru!" Juneteenth celebration weekend! Whether you made all of the events or

one event, your presence was greatly appreciated and it helped to make this weekend one of the CAAT's best ones yet!



We began our weekend with our "Family Night Out" on Friday where we hosted several families for an

evening of fun and games, good eating, and teachable moments about Juneteenth and the African American journey to becoming "free-ish."

On Sunday, we celebrated our fathers as we paid homage to the men in our communities who have



been an exemplary example to not only their own children, but to all the people whose lives they have touched. Our delicious brunch was served by The Chennai Experience and Dr. Onaje Muid was our inspirational very special guest speaker.



Finally, we ended our weekend long celebration at Rose Tree Park in Media where we led the parade processional with stilt walkers, African drums, and the spirit of our ancestors. The crowd was also treated to a performance by our very own Purpose Performers and The House of MaciLago girls.

All and all, our Juneteenth weekend was simply amazing and we cannot wait to have a bigger and better celebration next year. We will post pictures on our social media soon and more information on the CAAT's 2024 Juneteenth celebration will be announced later this year.



Downtown CAAT Community Gathering

We were overjoyed at the love and support we received at our soft opening for CAAT Downtown! We are grateful for every person who showed up, every donation, every post or share, and every prayer that was sent up on our behalf. We love you and we can't wait to share all that we have in store for you.

Special shout out to the Chennai Experience for the delicious hors d'oeuvre!

If you haven't been to the CAAT Downtown yet, what are you waiting for?? The CAAT is taking over October with our "CAAT-OBER" calendar full of special dates and events!

www.chestercaatcenter.org/downtowncaat

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BABES AND ART DELCO WEEK



We kicked off Delco Arts Week like never before!

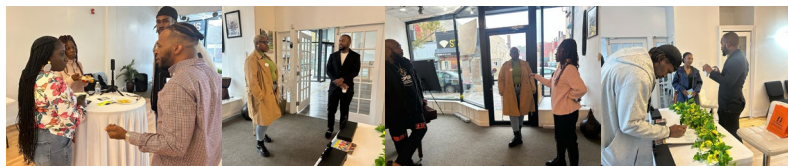
Our BABES events are always full of community, arts, education, and fun.

This time, we started Delco Arts Week with a bigger 3 part event. All were welcome to enjoy theater, arts, and dance classes with our experienced art teachers while enjoying free food, mocktails, and a great time!

Don't forget to join us for our next BABES Brunch on November 4th.



Back 2 Business



It's the last quarter of the year, and that means there is no better time to get back to business than now! As part of our CAAT-tober takeover, the CAAT Business Center, along with The Missing Plug and the Chester Business Association, hosted our "Back 2 Business" event featuring a chat and chew with the Chester Business Association, giveaways, and an opportunity to learn more about the CAAT's Business Center. A great time was had as we played games and met new people, but most importantly, we networked and developed business relationships that not only push ourselves forward but our community as a whole!

Holcomb Behavioral Services



A huge thank you and loads of gratitude are due to our funder, Holcomb Behavioral Services! CAAT-tober was made possible for you by them.

For more information on this organization, please visit their website at <https://chimes.org/about/chimes-family/holcomb-behavioral-health-systems/>

FUNDER HIGHLIGHT

Delaware County of PA



We are thrilled to share exciting news!

Delaware County Council recently made a significant commitment to support the cultural and technological advancement of our community. In a groundbreaking move, the Council has allocated a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Chester Cultural Arts and Technology Center in Chester, PA.

The Chester Cultural Arts and Technology Center, a beacon of creativity and innovation in our region, plays a vital role in fostering artistic expression and technological literacy among residents. The infusion of ARPA funds will empower the center to expand its programs and services, enhancing its capacity to serve as a hub for cultural enrichment and educational opportunities.

The Delaware County Council recognizes the pivotal role that the arts and technology play in community development, particularly in promoting inclusivity and bridging socio-economic gaps. By directing ARPA funds to the Chester Cultural Arts and Technology Center, the Council is demonstrating its commitment to fostering a vibrant and equitable community for all.

We are grateful!
The CAAT Family

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

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CAAT BEYOND
ARTIST
Spotlight

WITH
TUCKER RODKEY



<https://youtu.be/b8xvcKuEI5k>

Tucker Rodkey

Tucker on the creation of Painting Freedom...

"Painting Freedom is a Christian Art's Ministry built around the idea that God created us to be creative. God created us to engage creatively with this world. So when we're born, we don't come out the womb and immediately start talking through language; we understand the world from what we see."

Watch Tucker's full interview with Tara Jones on our Chester CAAT Youtube channel

THANK YOU TO OUR INTERNS

Chester Education Foundation



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Foundation

For the past month, we have been grateful to host six of Chester Education Foundation's interns for their summer program. While we have accomplished so much with these interns for the time we had them, the month did pass by extremely fast and we are saddened to see them go. We wish them the best for the upcoming school year, as well as continued success on any future endeavors.

Be Proud

Over the summer, we also had the pleasure of working with college sophomore, Nadia Thompson. She was an overall asset to the CAAT, helping us to organize and get ready for the upcoming final quarter of 2023 while supervising our interns from the CEF summer program.



Maturity Works



The CAAT Center is ecstatic to welcome Ms. Emma Morris-Jennings and James Wharton to the CAAT Center team as our front desk secretary and head watchman, respectively.

The **WorkPlace**
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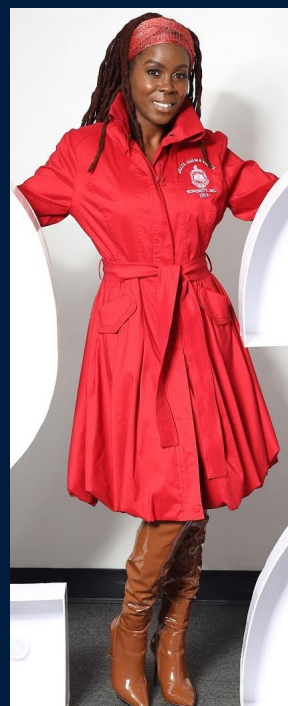
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2 LOCATIONS

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POEM

From the Fairgrounds to Fortitude



I am from the government's rented land for the trained non-prosperous

An experiment built for powerful folks to stand on top of us

Green Army Barracks as housing units for the poor

I am from a time and place of everything and nothingness, always needing more

I am from a childhood life with no father, Mom's heroine addicted boyfriend as a figure, please don't bother!

I am from a household where my mom and friends like to drink

But that left me in my room alone quality time to think

I am from a woman who taught me to be proud

When they said be silent, I wouldn't make a sound

I am from a people that says I am cute to be Black

Nappy hair and dark skin always under attack

I am from a place of darkness, yet always seeking light

Whether physical, mental or spiritual, they prepared me to fight

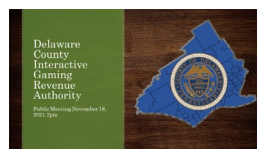
I am from a life that's not so perfect too,

So no worries, look at me, God got me through!

T. JONES
CAAT CEO

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The Chester Cultural Arts and Technology Center strives to be Delaware County's go-to venue for artistic youth courses, empowering adult and entrepreneur workshops, and of course all things culture! We are forever grateful to our funders because they help us to provide this essential programming. On behalf of not only ourselves but the community, we thank you!



Chester CAAT Center's Business Listing

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