



College of Arts and Letters

Northern Arizona University is home to a diverse world of arts and humanities housed in the College of Arts and Letters. Students paint, draw, sculpt, mold, and create. They sing, dance, perform, and act. They write works of fiction, and non-fiction and conduct original research. They hone their skills in speaking and writing in English, as well as in seven other languages. They are citizens engaged in their communities, and through study abroad opportunities and a globally oriented curriculum, they become world citizens as well. They actively prepare for careers in education, the arts, business, public service, or wherever their imagination takes them.



“At NAU, I discovered more about what it means to be a music teacher, and how I can contribute to the classroom and the arts. Being at the university reinforced my desire to be a teacher of music.”

*– Ruben Miranda, '14,
Music Education major*

NAU students have unique opportunities to learn from world-renowned artists and experts who share their gifts and their passions. They graduate from the university as scholars and artists, but also as critical thinkers needed in every profession.

With your gift, the College of Arts and Letters will:

- fund scholarships to make a university education more affordable for students
- support grants for students to study abroad, enabling them to learn cultural contexts and develop global perspectives
- provide students with new instruments and innovative classroom tools to enrich their education
- expand opportunities for performances, public art, and public humanities, ensuring all students and community members can share in these important experiences
- create endowed faculty positions to bring the very best educators to our students



“I want to connect NAU students to what is available in terms of careers, creative energy, and muses in this incredible landscape. There is no reason NAU shouldn’t be one of the premier landscape painting art colleges in the United States.”

– Bruce Aiken, 2012–2013 honors APS artist-in-residence. As APS artist-in-residence, renowned painter Aiken encourages creativity in connection with the landscape of the Colorado Plateau.

“I received a lot of support from the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and then from Northern Arizona University with scholarships. Being a first-generation student, and a single parent, scholarships made a big difference. They were the backbone I could rely on.”

– Matagi Sorensen, '11, Fine Arts major. Following graduation, Sorensen created his own jewelry-making business that continues to grow today.

