

AM Executive Board

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Dear Reader,

We live in a society where the arts are not as widespread as I feel they should be. Children are learning that it is more important to get good grades and study the sciences, and less about ways to express themselves. Mental health issues are more on the rise today than they've been in years. Youth and young adults are focusing more on school than about taking care of themselves. Sports and STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — receive more funding than the arts, and as a result, the arts are often overlooked as a career, craft and way of life.

Art is more than just a craft and means to an end. It is one of the best forms of expression, of letting out your emotions, of showing the world who you are. In our world where there is so much hate and devastation, being able to express your emotions can create connections and bring a light into the darkness.

Albright College has many organizations on campus that continue to use arts as a way of expression and to fight the mindset that they are not as important as other majors. They span from dance, fashion, music and literary, performance and visual arts.

In addition, campus and continue to that make known the community hold events that the arts can

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spread many important messages. From the exhibits in the Freedman Gallery to the shows put on by the Domino Players to concerts held

by the choir and other musicians, art is shown to be not only beautiful, but life changing.

I cannot thank my AM members enough for giving me a great first run at an amazing publication. To Heidi and Mia, my vice president and treasurer, thank you for the late nights of laughs, food runs and complete craziness. To my writers, photographers, and artistic advisors, thank you for bearing with me and giving amazing content to pay homage to these amazing organizations and events. To AM's faculty advisor, Heidi Mau, thank you for always believing in us and giving us the motivation and assistance to keep this going. Lastly, to my past AM leaders, thank you for bringing this organization into existence and making sure it kept on going through the years. Thank you for believing in us and continuing to support us from where you are in your new careers.

As for you, my dear readers, thank you for bearing witness to the amazing things that art does. So, grab a friend, sit back, and read about how Albright is Waking Up the Arts.

~Deborah Afolabi, President and
Editor-In-Chief