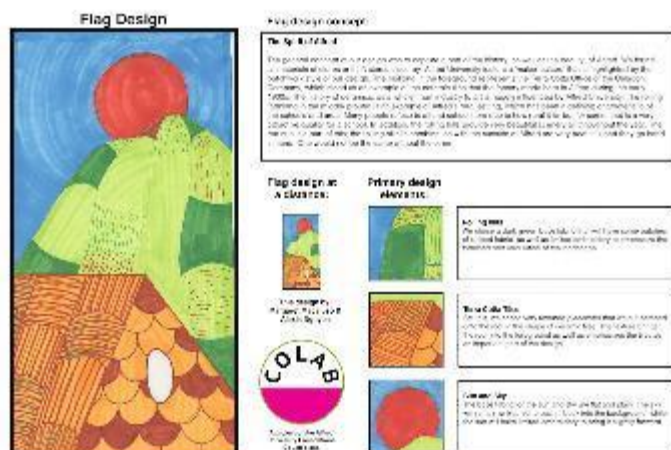


Flags on Main Street! Art Walk, Village of Alfred partnering with Alfred University Foundation Art students

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ALFRED, NY - A portrait of Alfred through the eyes of some of its newest residents will brighten the Alfred village business district this month. First-year students enrolled in Professor Brett Hunter's CoLAB section of Foundations in the School of Art and Design at Alfred University have embarked on an exciting public project that asks students to survey the public signs and symbols around the village of Alfred and design flags that represent their place in and interaction with the community.

Approximately 20 flags will be on public display on Main Street in Alfred during the Alfred Art Walk, on Feb. 20. A second group of students will create their own versions of the project to be seen on the April 16 Art Walk.

Students along with Hunter and co-instructors Sydni Gause and Diego Loya presented their ideas to the Alfred village board Feb. 11 and received unanimous approval.

Alfred is no stranger to flags and decorations on Main Street, though mid-winter months are devoid of decoration beyond regular snowfall. Summer in Alfred brings Hometown Hero and MostArts banners to Main Street, and over the holidays lamp posts are festively decorated.

CoLAB provides an integrated art-making experience that builds on the research methods introduced in the fall. The emphasis will be on helping students translate their explorations into appropriate art forms that best communicate their concepts. Projects explore context in art-making and may facilitate engagement with physical and thematic communities with opportunities for collaboration and dialogue about co-production.

Foundations is a first year course predicated on a generating a rigorous studio practice through comprehensive teaching philosophy that engages a broad range of questions, extending across and beyond artistic disciplines. Individual students bring their own experiences and skills into a community of peers.

Alfred Art Walk is a collaborative monthly venture created by the galleries in the Village of Alfred and on the campuses of Alfred University and Alfred State College in an effort to foster dialogue within the local arts communities.