

Biographical Sketch

Mary Catherine Newman – Visual Arts Program Director

Mary Catherine earned an MAT in Art Education and a BFA (concentration in painting and drawing) in Studio Art from the University of South Carolina. Currently she teaches Advanced Placement Art, Talented and Gifted Art, PCA 2 (2-D Design), Advanced 2-D Design and Art 1. Her work has been exhibited in the Bus Stop Gallery, the Art Garage Gallery, Lipscomb Gallery, USC Garnet and Black Publications, and the SC State Fair, where she was a 2004 State Fair Award Winner. She recently furthered her education by completing SC State's Advanced Placement Certification program, Curriculum Leadership in the Arts program and intensive studio work at the Governor's School for the Arts.

She was honored to have her students show a collection of 20 works titled, Inner Visions, at the internationally acclaimed Martin Gallery in Charleston, SC in March of 2006. Mrs. Newman's students work was also featured in Mocha magazine in July of 2006 and at Solstice Restaurant in Columbia. Her students have won State Gold Key Awards for their Portfolio (collection of 8 works) as well as Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions in the SC Scholastic Competition. In 2005 her students won First and Second Place in 2-D, the Barend Van Brussel Award and BEST OF SHOW at the State Fair. Her PCA students continue to participate in community outreach art programs, such as with the SC school for the Blind and the Columbia Museum of Art is in her second year at Richland Northeast.