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A Newsletter of the S.T.Arts Program

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## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT >>>

Murals & Munchies

A round of applause for our community partner!



244 Washington Ave Albany, NY 12210 (518) 426-2938 10:00 AM - 10:00

A special thank you to Hot Spot Jamaican Cuisine for helping us fuel our S.T.Artists' creativity!

Muralists enrolled in our pilot S.T.Artists Learn & Earn mural program were treated to meals from our community partner.

If you would like to make a cash or material donation or sponsor a

S.T.Artist's registration, please contact us at scholastictalent@gmail.com.

We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible!

> She spoke of each teacher, the things she learned and did (even in the drizzling rain) and even her excitement about the gala. She had us cracking up (in a good way)!

Before she went to bed she told me...'thank you. I can't wait to go tomorrow.'

Just wanted to share our gratitude."

## NIGHT TO REMEMBER >>>

Second Annual Summer Showcase & Gala Celebrating a summer well spent!

In August S.T.Arts hosted our second annual summer Showcase and Gala. It was a night to remember to celebrate a summer to remember!

Students and staff recognized for their efforts and their performances for our S.T.Artists' families community partners.



A FRESH S.T.ART >>> A Change of Scenery for S.T.Arts.

Big things happening in little Green Island!

S.T.Arts had a new host site for the summer in New York's smallest town by area, Green Island.

Located just outside the city, Victory Bible Church International's Albany branch hosted this year's Summer Experience. In no time, we felt right at home!

Led by art instructor, Arian "Spice" McGehee, students decorated the space with murals and donations from Lowe's equipped our kitchen and instructional space.



# THE CIRCLE OF LIFE >>>

Lessons From The Lion King

S.T.Artists visit Broadway production.

"Everything exists in a delicate balance. As king, you need to understand that balance and respect all creatures—from the crawling ant to the leaping antelope." Mufasa tells his young son, Simba, in the epic tale of *The Lion King*.



Through mesmerizing dancing and singing, the production showed our S.T.Artists that art can be used to remind us of powerful lessons like Mufasa's lesson to his young son.

### FEEDING YOUNG MINDS>>>

Healthy Food For Health Minds

Serving healthy meals and snacks is part of the STS mission.

All Scholastic programs serve participants healthy meals and snacks. This

summer was no different.

As a unique but an important part of our mission, we try to ensure that our programs remain accessible to all students in every way.

Hunger is a very real barrier to success for many students. Food insecurity—being unable to access or provide enough healthy food—is persistent and prevalent in the Capital Region and beyond.

Studies show that children who do not have enough healthy food to eat have difficulty concentrating leading to poor academic and social behavior.

So at Scholastic we will always provide healthy

food options as part of our programs. Healthy food nourishes healthy minds!

# PILOT PROGRAM TAKES OFF>>>

Teens Learn Large Scale Art

New Learn & Earn teen program is a success.

In the spring Scholastic piloted a new teen program, the S.T.A.R.Tists Learn & Earn Incubator.

Under the direction of art instructor Arian "Spice," McGehee, teen S.T.A.R.Tists learned how to produce large scale art and installed murals at our Green Island site. The teens even received stipends for their efforts!



The pilot program was so

successful that we will be implementing more Learn & Earn activities in the future! We are seeking ideas for future programs, so If you have a teen who is interested in a specific genre, please let us know. Also, please keep watching our website for which art skill we will teach next in our Learn & Earn series!



Thank you to our first cohort of Learn & Earn artists for making the program successful and making our new site feel like home!



Fall programs begin on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This year, S.T.Artventures will take place throughout the Capital Region including at The Albany Free School, our Green Island site, and more! Visit our website to register and learn more!





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