

# **MARY KATE MONTGOMERY**

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## **Education**

Henrico High School – Center for the Arts (Specialty Center, Grades 9-12) Class of 2014

Virginia Commonwealth University – Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with Communication Arts Major, Class of 2018 (Highest ranked public arts university in country)

University of Richmond – Teacher Licensure in Elementary Education, Class of December 2020

Liberty University – Masters in Teaching Elementary Education, Class of Spring 2024

## **Academic Achievements / Honors**

All “A and B” Honor Roll (9-12) , Cumulative GPA of 4.0449 through Grade 12 , Seven (7) Honors Classes and Five (5) AP Classes through Grade 12

## **Artistic Achievements / Honors**

2013-14 Regional Scholastic Art Award Winner – Gold Key for Portfolio and one painting; Silver Key for one drawing and one painting; Honorable Mention for two paintings. Gold Portfolio award is 1 of 8 awarded to more than 3,500 Virginia applicants.

Summer 2013 Virginia Regional Governors School for the Arts Participant at Radford University for one month

Scholastics Regional Silver Key for self-portrait (Grade 11)  
Artwork shown in two issues of Virginia Art Education  
Association publication (Fall 2012 and 2013) Selected for the  
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Art Show (Grades 9, 10, 11)  
Participant in the art show for the Lewis Ginter Gala (Grade 10)  
Featured in the Glen Allen Art Show (Grade 11) Two  
showcases each year with Henrico's Center for the Arts Gallery  
(Grades 9-12) Saxon Shoes "Toms Shoes Design" Contest Winner  
(Grade 10) Fashion Designer in the Henrico High School Fashion  
Show (Grade 9) Co-illustrator of "I Can Do This! A Diabetic Tale"  
book for young diabetics. Copyright by Blurb, 2011

Art displayed in independent show at Richmond Black Hand  
Coffee Company – 2018- 2019

Table and stipend recipient at Annual Richmond Zine Fest –  
2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Table at multiple Lamplighter Pop Up Markets – 2019, 2020

Table at Annual Richmond Indie Comic Expo (RICE) – 2019,  
2020, 2021, 2022

### **Artistic Enrichment**

Weekly art classes from professional artist and teacher since  
2004 Summer Intensive art classes / lessons from professional  
artist and teacher that included intensive sessions on Indian Art,  
Picasso, Impressionist, Classical Oil Painting, Collages,  
Watercolors, Pastels, India Ink, Pod Art, Pollack, and Matisse  
Assistant to Ginger Hawthorne, professional, local artist and  
teacher

National Art Honors Society Active Member 2012-2014

Art Club Member 2010-2014

### **Internship**

Nordstrom BP. Fashion Board Representative Program (2013-14)

## **Community Service – more than 25 hours a year since 2009**

Volunteer for CARE (Cats Adoption and Rescue) – responsible for cleaning and caring for animals available for adoption on a bi-weekly basis (2009-current)

Assistance with multiple Henrico County Schools local school carnivals and school activities

Assisted Henrico County Public School's teachers in classrooms and school preparation

## **Work Experience**

Lakewood Manor – Server and hostess in the cafeteria and personal care areas (June 2012 – October 2013)

Attic Consignments – Salesperson, merchandising, store design and social media work for consignment store specializing in jewelry, antiques, and home furnishings (December 2012 – current)

Indigo Avenue Consignments – Salesperson, social networking, store design and shift lead for women's' consignment clothing store (May 2014 – August 2015)

All Fired Up – Salesperson, kiln worker, birthday party leader, teacher, camp counselor, shift leader at pottery and glass studio (May 2015 – February 2016)

VCU Cabell Library Administrative Office – Receptionist (March 2016 – August 2018)

Young Rembrandts – Art teacher and camp leader for various groups after school and during the day at daycare centers and elementary schools (May 2016 – March 2020)

LeafSpring School at Three Chopt – Designed, organized, and taught a weeklong art camp experience for students – (Summer 2019)

Private nanny to neighborhood family with 2 children ages 10 months and 10 years (March 2020 – August 2020)

Chesterfield County Public Schools 12 week internship as student teacher at Spring Run Elementary – (Fall 2020)

Academy of Academic Excellence – Kindergarten teacher and Director of Creative Writing (February 2021 – June 2023)

Henrico County Public Schools – First Grade teacher at Colonial Trail Elementary School (June 2023 – current)