CED 201 Career Planning

A group of 17 career planning students visited Shirley Fiterman Art Center on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 during class time. The purpose of the visit was to explore students’ art center visit experience and how the use of art objects supports the students’ learning in the subject matter content. Students needed to select one or two of their favorite digital images that the artist, Professor Marion Moise Lauterstein created for their ePortfolio showcase project. Students had to answer a series of questions while viewing their chosen artworks:

1) What do you notice in the work of art?
2) What questions occur to you about the work of art?
3) What are you curious about?
4) What connections can you make between this work of art and your career planning/job search?

During the visit, students showed their excitement and joy while meandering around the 106 works in the exhibition. Students all expressed their interest and aspiration for another museum trip.

Please see the collection of students’ reflective writing on their chosen artwork.

Thank you, Professor Lauterstein.
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Background Music: Piano Hollow Night; TeknoAXE.com
“This picture represents my believe that with an education and hard work comes great success.” by W.S.
Colored Spiral Jetty

Student’s Reflection

“The shape that represents my personality. My shape is a glowing spiral, because certain events in my life develop a repetitive pattern like the circles of the spiral. Clearly I am broadening my knowledge and experience similar to the shape that becomes wider. I believe that my life is as brightly glowing as the shape I designed.” by K.P.

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“I treasure encounter. I have experienced amazing encounters over the years that have influenced me tremendously and, as a result, my life being enriched and changed my life forever. New York City is filled with some of most fascinating people from all over the world: thus, it is a winning place for an encounter. I love to connect and communicate with people, so I can experience more encounters.” by Y.M.
Crossroads

Student’s Reflection

“I chose Crossroads as my favorite art, because it represents my belief of successful life. I believe that doing right thing at right time and right place will lead to success of life. This art resembles with many bright lights as success and coming from a center of point which represents at a right time and place.” by C.N.
Odd Frog

Student’s Reflection

“The picture I enjoyed looking at the most was Odd Frog, because of the colors that the author is using. I had even chosen the same colors for my ePortfolio, green and yellow colors displayed together are close to my heart. Furthermore I like water and I enjoy swimming. I should emphasis that there is not much in that picture that represents water except of the blue color. I believe that colors can tell a lot about our personality. Colors can show our mood and may give many characteristics about us. Therefore yellow is the color of sunshine. It's associated with joy, happiness, intellect, and energy. Green is the color of nature. It symbolizes growth, harmony, freshness, and fertility. Additionally green has strong emotional correspondence with safety. Furthermore, dark green is also commonly associated with money. I personally can relate most of this statements to myself. I believe that I'm happy, calm and I stay away from fights and danger.” by K.P.
“I always believe that art is different imagination in different eyes. It is a reflection of our own creative spirits. In this artwork, there are many different shapes of circles in it. Those circles are overlapping on each other and filled in with many different colors. When I looked deep inside, I find it as there are so many different groups of people at different places and doing different things. I also have imagined as there are many families, they go to work, school, church, entertainment. They meet their colleague, classmates, relatives and friends. All those people, they have theirs own circle and interact with each other. The artist use many color to represent the diversity of the community. I felt in this way because America is an immigration country. Especially in New York City, a very diverse culture, people came here from all over the world.” by X.R.
Student’s Reflection

“The image Connection was simple, but held so much meaning. Since art is subjective I understand that the underlying meaning that I view can vary from someone else. I believe that one of the initial reasons that this image caught my eye and why I related it to career planning is the symmetrical images. The shapes are all symmetrical on all sides. This represents that I’ve identified with being exact, balanced, and concise. Being that one of my personality types is in fact clerical I can see how this relates. Also the colors grabbed my attention. Something about the simplicity allowed me to connect with the picture. The focal point of the piece is ‘CONNECTION’. The word is not connected which allows me to ask questions. I believe that having a connection to your career should be priority number one. Even before starting your career, you should ask yourself do you connect with it? When you do connect with your job then becomes a career. I see a career as a passion, a job that you have a personal connection with. I really enjoyed this event and I was feature in the News article.” by S.D.
Nature’s Reflection

Student’s Reflection

“I love the image which has a name of nature’s reflection. It describes two butterflies who flying in the dark night. As the direction of their home is not easy to identify, these two butterflies may face decisions: overcoming difficulty to survive or passively getting lost? Sometimes I have this kind of confusion feeling about my future. There is the reason why I am interested about this image.” by S.W.
Colorful Journey

Student’s Reflection

“This picture represents my goal in the next five to six years to become a Forensic Accountant who can help small business. I believe my analyzing skill and making business decisions is a great asset to any business. I have envisioned a career path ahead of me in forensic accounting. I would like the chance with an experience accountant who is already ahead of me in his/her career to help with their expertise in my career path. What I have in mind at this point is: To continue working hard with my studies, seek out the right individual or firm to team up with, and to take and pass the CPA exam.” by R.C.

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“I choose this image to show my connection with people, culture, commitment to my community, Support for Families and more. As you can see this image shows a connection no matter where you come from because togetherness is what matters. Over the past years throughout the hot summer day I would go to the elderly neighbors and assist them with their needs such as getting their groceries, cooking and bringing them a hot meal, doing laundry and run other errands that they would need to be taken care of. It is a joy to see the smile on their face when arrive at their doors and it is also my utmost pleasure to serve my elders especially in my community. Saying connected is also a good source of Networking for employment, friendship and also love. With Diversity and Inclusion.” By R.C.
Student’s Reflection

“In mathematics, a spiral is a curve which emanates from a central point, getting progressively farther away as it revolves around the point. I feel very connected to this spiral image. For me it represents meditation and the expansion from the inner to the outer, the expansion of inner peace and bliss to our experiences in the world outside. The spiral can also represent the increasing skillfulness that is learned through a spiraling process of gaining understanding and awareness at higher and higher levels of complexity. As we gain the knowledge and skills we need to remember to use our power wisely.” by I.B.
“I choose my image which has a name of "In Flight". I like this image because I think it describes that the bird had trouble to get its destination by flying in the dark night. But when the bird overcame after all its difficulties and see the moon then the bird felt happy because the bird can see properly and can get its destination by easily. It related to my personal life that sometimes I fell in some difficulties and don’t know what to do. But when I try hard to overcome from these difficulties and finally I succeed then I feel really happy and want to fly in the sky like this bird. Also it related to my career plan because I think I need to find out my direction about my future that what I want to do and what I have to do to find out a good job. To do that I need to fly like this bird to overcome with my all problems and find my destination in future. So then I can stay happy and feel better and fly freely in my whole life like this bird.” by S.A.
“This picture is called “Can Can Dancers” by Professor Lauterstein, but it looks like fire to me; the fire that is burning in me to fulfill my career potential. The different colors represent my versatility in working or playing with all types of people. I am an Accounting major at Borough of Manhattan Community College. I have always wanted to go further in my studies of Accounting and Business Management after high school, but that did not happen. When I left high school, I got distracted with other things in my life. Work and partying got in the way, and I was not focused on going back to school, even though I was a good student in high school. I was not motivated to get back into school life. Now, I am here to pursue my dream.” by W.S.
“This painting by professor Lauterstein is a reflection of my career path. I choose this painting as one of my likes rather than dislikes because it simply tells the story of my life. From my perspective once I start working towards achieving my goals, there will be a lot of rocky hills, muddy paths and turns ahead of me. Although this painting seems to me as if it keeps on circulating my starting point until it finally decides to change direction, unfortunately I can not see what is ahead of me but I can see the next step as I take a step ahead of my journey towards success.” by R.R.
Symbolism

Student’s Reflection

“This painting really attracts my attention because I think these symbols represent different stages and different periods in our lives. “Period” is shaped like a circle; each story will have a satisfactory ending that’s why everyone has been working hard. Life is a “Comma”, we always find the exit after we had trek. It reminds me that I will continually make every effort to realize my dream come true until the end of life. Life is a “Semicolon”, a stage followed by another stage, Infants, children, youth, middle-aged, and old age; different periods corresponding to the things we have to do with increasing age, we gain more knowledge and become more mature. Life is a “Colon”, wish to speak but stop on a second thought might bring a lifelong regret. Moreover, a little colon reminds us that we should be careful when we are speaking, those irresponsible balderdashes are most abhorrent and despised. Some people think “Exclamation point” like water-drop. That shape means everything starts from bits and pieces then you may have brilliant career later on. “Question mark” means an unknown answer; life is a question mark, and everyone keeps looking for the answer to the question. Is your future is a question mark? Treasure our lives and we are the masters of our own destiny.” by W.Z.
Questions

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Student’s Reflection

“Professor Lauterstein’s admirable painting attracts me. This painting makes me feel very curious because knowing that there is an answer for everything, it makes me want to think about what I need answers to. The reason why I like this painting is because it is related to life in general. This is something I ask myself on an everyday basis, who, what, where, when, why?” by R.R.
“I chose the image entitled "Community." It was actually a classmate of mine who pointed out the image to me stating that it looked very similar to the symbol I created in class. Because of that very reason is why I decided to choose it. Now, of course the image doesn't stand for community to me. Although, I can see how one would it entitle it such. It's a bunch of long, elongated circles jumbled up together, which in a sense can represent a community because a community is basically a bunch of people in one place. However, for me it signifies the making up of me. It supports my self-understanding. It signifies all my different interests, personalities, goals, ideas and thoughts...all jumbled up into one. It signifies the complexity of being me, Ms. Nnenna Bambaataa.” by N.B.
Student’s Reflection

“The image that represents me is the lock door with the keyhole. There are many ways in which I can unlock that door. I would need to prepare myself with the necessary skills that would unlock the door of opportunities for me. These assets would come by way of continuing education and work experience.

When I unlock that door, I am sure that I can find people that are willing to train, encourage, and to give me a chance to prove myself and to exhibit my skills in the work place. I know that the skills learned in college will be to my advantage for future promotions. The door with the keyhole at the art exhibit helps me to visualize my creativity, problem solving, learning new technologies and see the results of going through various steps to achieve my hope of advancement to make me want to work much harder to attain that goal.

A Keyhole is the adventure of unlocking professional opportunities and career advancement. I am always willing to venture into the unknown.” by C.C.
Professor Lauterstein, Thank You!