

THE WISDOM CORRIDOR PROJECT

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL







Overview

The Wisdom Corridor Project is unique because it invites students to physicalize ideas that are often only shared verbally. In society, we memorialize important people, places, and events. Still, the wisdom acquired from those items is rarely translated through memorialization without further consideration and study of the histories that inform such representation. By inviting students to create artifacts that promote and share the wisdom acquired from their teachers, the Wisdom Corridor Project transcends memorialization.

Our design is a portable six-foot-tall three-dimensional tree made on a CNC machine and mounted on a pedestal that will sit near a permanent installation of a wall-mounted French cleat system that will hold the current and future teacher portraits and wisdom statements. The tree is a metaphorical representation of how wisdom grows and enriches our lives and connects us to those who have shared their wisdom with us and with whom we will share that wisdom in the future. The tree will be placed in a transition zone in our fine arts wing and invite passers-by to share their wisdom on post-it notes that may be attached to the tree. The notes are impermanent and each year the tree will be de-noted to make way for new ones thus signaling the cyclical journey of nature, learning, and the sharing of wisdom. The old notes will be collected with a sampling to be framed and joining the teacher portraits on the French cleat wall. We look forward to installing our exhibit and expanding the sharing of wisdom with all of our stakeholders.







"I initially came to the Wisdom Corridor Project with some reluctance as it appeared to be a project more for elementary-aged children. However, I soon became curious about how we might adapt the project for a high school audience and turn it into an interactive exhibit where wisdom can be shared by anyone entering our school community. Accordingly, we designed a project that we believe will encourage all of our stakeholders to share their wisdom for years to come. The comments from participating teachers included expressions of gratitude for being invited to share their wisdom and curiosity about the final installation."

Mr. James Hausman III, STEAM Coordinator







Students

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We are in the process of setting up the Wisdom Corridor in our school. Stay tuned for some time! We are excited to bring the wisdom of our teachers to you and yours.



