

# HOLMES HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of the Holmes Museum of Anthropology

## DISCOVERING THE MAASAI

On January 10th, the museum partnered with Mark Arts for an “Art Together” program entitled: “*Discovering the Maasai*” It was an exciting morning of culture, creativity, and connection.

The experience began with Story Time at 10 a.m. in the gallery, featuring “*Discovering the Maasai People: A Child’s Journey to the Savanna*” by Ethan Braxton. At 10:30 a.m., participants were able to dive into a hands-on art project inspired by the vibrant beaded Maasai necklaces from the museum’s collection—learning about their craftsmanship and cultural significance along the way. The morning wrapped up at 11:30 a.m. with lively cultural performances by the Wichita African Union, celebrating African traditions while uplifting youth education and community outreach.



Graduate students, Kali Moon and Timmerie Henke, assisted in the Maasai program.



Members of the WAU, Loveness Mpanje, Dr. Daisy Kabagarama, Holmes Museum director, Rachelle Meinecke, Mark Arts education coordinator, Rachel McDaniel

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of Anthropology

## MUSEUM EXHIBITION CLASS

The museum is closed this semester to allow staff to prepare the collections for the move to our new space in Ablah Library. I had to come up with a different solution for the museum exhibition class since we will not be able to exhibit in our building. This year is America's 250<sup>th</sup> so in the spirit of the celebration, we are partnering with the Wichita - Sedgwick County Historical Museum, The Kansas African American Museum and the Mid-America All Indian Museum, on an exhibit entitled "*Service Beyond Barriers*". This exhibit explores the bravery and courage of minority men and women that served in the military, primarily African Americans, Native Americans and women.

The students will have an opportunity to conduct an oral history interview and present their project at the Senior Wednesday program on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 at the Sedgwick County Historical Museum. The exhibit will be displayed at the Sedgwick County Historical Museum and the **Exhibit Opening will be on April 24 from 5:00-7:00 pm at 204 S. Main.**



Students working on their exhibit plan at the WSCHM.



WWII Jacket, TKAAM



WWII Women's Army Corp coat, WSCHM



Code Talkers, MAAIM

"IT'S NOT A MUSEUM. IT'S NOT A PLACE OF ARTIFACTS; IT'S A PLACE OF IDEAS."

JEANIE KAHNKE



“A PEOPLE  
WITHOUT  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
THEIR PAST  
HISTORY, ORIGIN  
AND CULTURE ARE  
LIKE A TREE  
WITHOUT ROOTS”

MARCUS GARVEY



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction has started on the new museum space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Ablah Library. The space includes a spacious gallery, collections storage, work space, an office and two small research spaces, one of which will be a collections resource library. There will be an additional storage area located in the basement. The museum is closed this semester, so we can focus on preparing the museum collections, shelving and supplies for the move. The student staff members are working hard and we have a student volunteer who is helping with monthly social media posts. If you would like to follow us on social media for more construction updates and fun facts about our collections, you can follow our Facebook Page: Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology and on Instagram: @holmes\_museum.

This is an expensive endeavor and funds are limited. If you would like to donate towards our move, please contact: **Rachelle Meinecke** at [rachelle.meinecke@wichita.edu](mailto:rachelle.meinecke@wichita.edu) or call 316-978-7068.





## MEET THE STAFF

### **Rachelle Meinecke - Director**

Rachelle is the director of the Lowell Holmes Museum of Anthropology. She is the coordinator of the Museum Studies Certificate and teaches museum studies classes. She is also the curator of the Pizza Hut Museum and a self-proclaimed “museum nerd”.



### **Kali Moon - Graduate Assistant and Registrar**

Kali is a first-year graduate student in Anthropology with a focus in Museum Studies. She has always loved to travel and learn about other cultures and knew she wanted to go into archaeology from a young age, but realized her love for museum work in her undergrad. Kali loves reading, watching soccer, Dr. Pepper, and going home to her two cats!



### **Sadie Cunningham - Student Curator**

Sadie is a sophomore in anthropology and wants to specialize in underwater archaeology. She has a special interest in Greek and Roman history. Growing up, Sadie would watch history-based shows with her grandpa and dad - this sparked her love for the subject. She loves reading and baking and hopes to put it to use by recreating historic recipes. Sadie looks forward to what the future brings and can't wait to start working towards her goals!





## MUSEUM AND EDITORIAL TEAM

### MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Rachelle Meinecke

### GRADUATE ASSISTANT/MUSEUM REGISTRAR

Kali Moon

### CURATOR

Sadie Cunningham

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### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?

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## LOCATION

NEFF HALL (TEMPORARY)

## HOURS

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

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