



Liliane Hemphill (MALS '09) receives the Smyrna School District 'Teacher of the Year' award on May 13, 2009 at the Smyrna Board of Education meeting at North Elementary.

“Exploring the various classes in the MALS program has truly fostered my growth as an art educator, and thankfully, in more ways than I had ever imagined! I was challenged to leave my comfort zone, experience diverse subject matter, attitudes, and perspectives, while simultaneously making deep connections with other disciplines, including the arts.

The MALS program compliments my philosophy of education and teaching. I firmly believe that education is an inclusive experience that requires the use of mind, body, and spirit. It is an area of inquiry and is constantly evolving with changes in the student population, technology, and society. Similar to teaching the arts, the MALS classes also, gives substance to the lives of students, perpetuates critical thinking, develops problem-solving strategies, and facilitates life-long learning skills, and a desire to never stop learning. What more could we want from our students, or, ourselves!”