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Vision Statement

My vision for the Arts and Communication Department is rooted in the belief that the arts profoundly impact our students as they engage with the world around them. I envision, collaboration between faculty and students, producing work that is not only significant but also meaningful. As part of this vision, I am committed to creating class settings that are vibrant, stimulating, welcoming and encourage students to explore their creativity and refine their skills as both artists and designers. Also, fundamental to my teaching strategy is motivating students to engage in critical thinking, approach their work with curiosity, enthusiasm, and discover their unique artistic voices.

In the future I would like to incorporate several key elements such as guest speakers, client work, group work and design thinking activities and industry standard software. Guest Speakers are important. It would be beneficial to invite industry experts and successful artists to share their experiences and insights, providing students with real-world perspectives and valuable networking opportunities. Also, I would like to create more opportunities for students to work on real-world projects. Dealing with a real customer is a crucial hands-on experience for our students. It will allow them to apply what they've learned in class in a practical setting and understand the dynamics of client relationships. In the creative fields of art and design our students will encounter teamwork. To better prepare them, I would like to encourage collaborative projects where students can engage in design thinking processes. These activities are indispensable for developing problem-solving skills and fostering a healthy team-oriented

mindset. Finally, as I reflect on the future of art and design and their everchanging nature, I feel that integrating more industry-standard software into our curriculum, will ensure our students' proficiency with the tools currently used by professionals, making them more competitive in the job market and increasing confidence in their skills. By weaving these elements into our program, I aim to not only enhance our students' educational experience but also better prepare them with their future careers in art and design. This vision aligns with the broader goals here at SUNY Orange which are to provide exceptional relevant education that equips students for the demands and opportunities of the evolving creative industry.