

ANNOUNCEMENT

**MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN  
INTERACTIVE ART-MAKING EVENT AT  
THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM**

Wednesday, September 3, 2014: 7-10pm

NEW YORK, NY (August 28, 2014) – On September 3, 2014, incoming first year students at Macaulay Honors College will have the unique opportunity to experience the Brooklyn Museum as their own personal classroom. Macaulay’s “Night at the Museum” is the opening event of Macaulay’s Arts in New York honors seminar.

Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, in partnership with Smarthistory at Khan Academy, welcomes 540 students from the class of 2018 for a special encounter with art and conversation. That evening no other guests, except for Macaulay students, will have access to the museum’s expansive galleries and world-class collections. Once on site at 7 p.m., for the next three hours students will engage in an innovative assignment. While looking at works of art, they will use an audio recorder to document their own reactions and those of their classmates to what they see. At the same time, they will also take photos to capture the images of the art to which they are reacting. Over the semester, at media arts workshops, the students will edit their audio recordings and photos into an original edited video project. The projects will be shared in the classroom as a part of the Arts in New York honors seminar and students will have a new means to discuss and compare notes on how they integrated art and technology in an original way.

Using Smarthistory's unique conversational methodology, supported by Macaulay's Instructional Technology Fellows, students will look closely at the works of art, discussing what they think and notice, and make connections to their personal/emotional responses.

Technology is integrated into every aspect of the Macaulay curriculum

and student life. Breaking down the walls of the classroom and helping students engage with the vast resources of New York City and the world beyond is just one of the key goals of a Macaulay Honors College education. Macaulay “Night at the Museum” is one example of how this integrated mission is put into practice.

### **About Macaulay Honors College**

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation’s largest urban university and New York City itself. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full-tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning, research and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens and Staten Island). For more information, see [macaulay.cuny.edu](http://macaulay.cuny.edu)

### **About Smarthistory**

Smarthistory.org is a free, not-for-profit, multi-media web-book designed as a dynamic enhancement (or even substitute) for the traditional art history textbook. Dr. Beth Harris and Dr. Steven Zucker began Smarthistory in 2005. In 2011 Smarthistory joined forces with Khan Academy. For more information, contact: [beth@khanacademy.org](mailto:beth@khanacademy.org) and [steven@khanacademy.org](mailto:steven@khanacademy.org).

### **About Khan Academy**

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