



# BUFFALO STATE

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### Artsbridge- Buffalo State Blue Economy Program engages with the Burchfield Penney Art Center



*In the picture students of Riverside Academy and Mr. John Dorr*

Buffalo State's Blue Economy Program, led by Cecilia Pershyn, will collaborate – for a second time - with the Burchfield Penney Art Center in an educational experience called Artsbridge. Sophomores majoring in Travel and Tourism at Riverside Academy – Buffalo's Blue Economy High School are invited to participate. Twice a month, the students meet with leaders and curators at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. The students are introduced to the regionally inspired work of the visionary artist Charles E. Burchfield. Further, they learn how the Burchfield Penney Art Center impacts the Western New York tourism industry. To achieve the program's academic and career goals students study Burchfield's paintings, learn how the museum is managed, and the role played by the curators and the marketing team. Students also learn the ways in which the Burchfield Penney is a green and eco-friendly facility. Students are also coached by professional artists whereby learning to create their own expressions of nature through the medium of watercolor. By year's end, students will put into practice what they have learned, where they will create, manage, curate, and publicize an exhibition of their own work at Riverside Academy.

