

The Stories We Carry: 2025 Art & Design Senior Show

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The 2025 Art & Design Senior Show, *The Stories We Carry*, is the culmination of not just a year's work but the cultivation of skills, scholarship, and processes throughout the students' four years at Alma College. Exploring themes of nostalgia, family history, playfulness, environment, and more, each senior brings forth individual yet universal experiences which shape their stories.

This year's group of seniors touched on a wide range of life experiences that inform their work, different from one another's yet connected through a sense of community in the department. It is a celebration of dedication to craft and individuality connected to the larger contemporary art and design worlds. With media ranging from traditional to digital and conventional to unconventional, each artist and designer encourage viewers to challenge current perceptions of art and design.

Find the story which resonates deeply within you and consider the role of these overlapping fields in your life. The world is surrounded by art—as you learn about each student's stories, consider your own in the larger cultural context.

The show will begin with a brief speech, introducing the students and the format of the presentation. It follows a poster presentation style so that each student will be able to engage in one-on-one or more personal conversations with viewers, who are free to walk the gallery during the session.

Students will discuss their concepts, creative processes, challenges, materials, research, inspirations, and more. Audience members are highly encouraged to ask questions to their curiosity's content.

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