



Ms. Kia'Rae Hanron



Ms. Kia'Rae Hanron, Windows to A Multicultural World K12 Arts Learning Adviser, is our host for the program. Ms. Hanron is a multidisciplinary and multi-media artist, educator, and activist in Burlington, VT. She was born and raised in Montpelier by her mother, Karen, who is a musician and visual artist.

Ms. Hanron's explorative, creative, and compassionate nature was encouraged and nurtured from a young age. She spent lots of time drawing and painting both in school and at home, and learned how art can help people make it through difficult times. In high school, she took art class year-round for all four years and spent most of her free time in the art room finding inspiration and mentorship from her art teacher, Barb.

After graduating from Montpelier High School in 2014, Ms. Hanron went on to study Studio Art and Psychology at the University of Vermont. After overcoming a series of personal, familial, and educational adversities, Ms. Hanron graduated from UVM in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Arts Education and a renewed passion for education.

She began working with the Clemmons Family Farm as a Collaborating/Teaching Artist in 2019. By the following year, she was engaged as a full-time employee as Clemmons Family Farm's K-12 Arts Learning Advisor. Ms. Hanron uses her training, skills, considerable talents, and her passion for the arts and education to help students, youth, educators, and parents practice empathy and gain strength, confidence, and resilience through creative expression.

Ms. Hanron will open the two storytelling sessions (one for the wee ones, and the other for the olders ones) by telling her own short story about discovering Kwanzaa. She will then introduce the Vermont storyteller in each session. Learn more about Ms. Hanron [here!](#)

