

Faculty Spotlight Series:

5 questions with Dianne Mahaffee

1. What is your role at USC Lancaster, and how long have you worked here? I have been teaching at USCL since 2002. I can't believe it has been 16 years already! My role is to teach in the art department. Currently, I am teaching art education classes, pottery classes, and painting classes.

2. Where did you go to college, and what attracted you to the education field? I've always known that I wanted to be a teacher and an artist. I really looked up to all my teachers and had great respect for them. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. So, it was easy for me to know that the education field was meant for me. I got an associate degree from USCL. Then, a bachelor and masters degree from Winthrop University.

3. What is your favorite thing about USC Lancaster? My favorite things about USCL are the students, the faculty and staff, and the pride we all feel of having such an outstanding university right here in Lancaster, South Carolina.

4. What are your hobbies/interests? My hobbies and interests are many. Besides art, I like dancing such as ballroom, shag, and linedance. Also, I love to travel, read, sing, and swim. I enjoy playing ping pong and collecting skulls. Finally, I have a huge interest in classic cars.

5. What advice would you give current students or prospective students? My advice to current students would be to use their time wisely and avoid procrastination. Realize that in college, many times you have to get out of your comfort zone to get the job done. Be tough on yourself, and it will be worth it.



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