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### **Metal Casting Artist Visits Tri-County**

Tri-County High School Art students in grades 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12, had the opportunity to create metal castings with artist, Sara Hanson the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This residency gave students the opportunity to create metal castings of charms, amulets and sculptures. In the five-day residency, students learned how to sculpt in cuttle fish bone, creating a mold and prepare them for the metal pour. Students learned about the cast metal furnace and melting metal. They poured metal into their molds and then broke open their individual molds revealing their sculptures. They finalized their sculptures with a surface treatment or coloration and polished their castings. Students were amazed and excited to see how their sculptures were turned into metal.

Sara Hanson is a Minneapolis based sculptor, public artist and community collaborator that brings accessible opportunities to communities, public spaces and unexpected places. Her work has been exhibited locally at the Minnesota Museum of American Art, Walker Art Center, a TEDx Minneapolis event at the Cowles Center for the Arts, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and currently has installations at Lake Nokomis, Silverwood Park in St. Anthony, Midtown YWCA and several schools, businesses and organizations. In 2005, Hanson founded Broadcasting W.O.W. (workshop on wheels), a traveling sculpture foundry that creates community public art. She also mentors individuals with (dis)abilities in her studio.

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