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It's Official, Malik's a StAR (Stroke and Aphasia Recovery)



Malik, proudly displaying the art he created at the summer aphasia art camp.

June is Aphasia Awareness Month, and Malik did his part by traveling with

camp. The camp focused on music, theatre, and visual art as catalysts for neurorecovery. This annual program is organized and sponsored by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Stroke and Aphasia Recovery (StAR) Program. Summer 2022 was particularly unique in that it was the first time the StAR Program partnered with the university's J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts. It is a partnership of great significance to Silk Road Rising as we are collaborating with both schools on developing a project called *The Art of Aphasia*, centering Malik's stroke and aphasia journey.



“The [summer arts portion of the StAR Program] is for stroke survivors, people with primary progressive aphasia and people who have any type of communication challenge called aphasia” said Dr. Melinda Corwin (pictured on the left), Professor and Assistant Director, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences.



Aphasia is an invisible, but very real, disability that affects language skills but not intelligence. To learn more about various types of aphasia, [click here](#).



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“Typically, aphasia involves damage on the left side of the brain, which is our language center for spoken and written words,” Corwin said. “When we use the arts as a form of therapy, we’re tapping into the right side of the

side of the brain. We use visual arts and performing arts such as choir and theater, and we find that it really helps to promote language and communication.”



“Our collaboration with the StAR Program Summer Arts camp this year is a first for the Talkington College and it represents a large step forward in the way the arts are perceived as clinically useful tools in treating and approaching the needs of people with aphasia,” said Dr. Kelsie Jackson (pictured to the left), Project Manager for Grants, Research and Innovation, Talkington College.



“Overcoming a stroke or a diagnosis or any type of degenerative disease is amazingly challenging,” Dr. Corwin said. “These individuals have taught us a great deal about resilience and perseverance. We learn from them every day. We’re excited about the arts and how the arts can help to promote socialization, communication and overall recovery.”



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