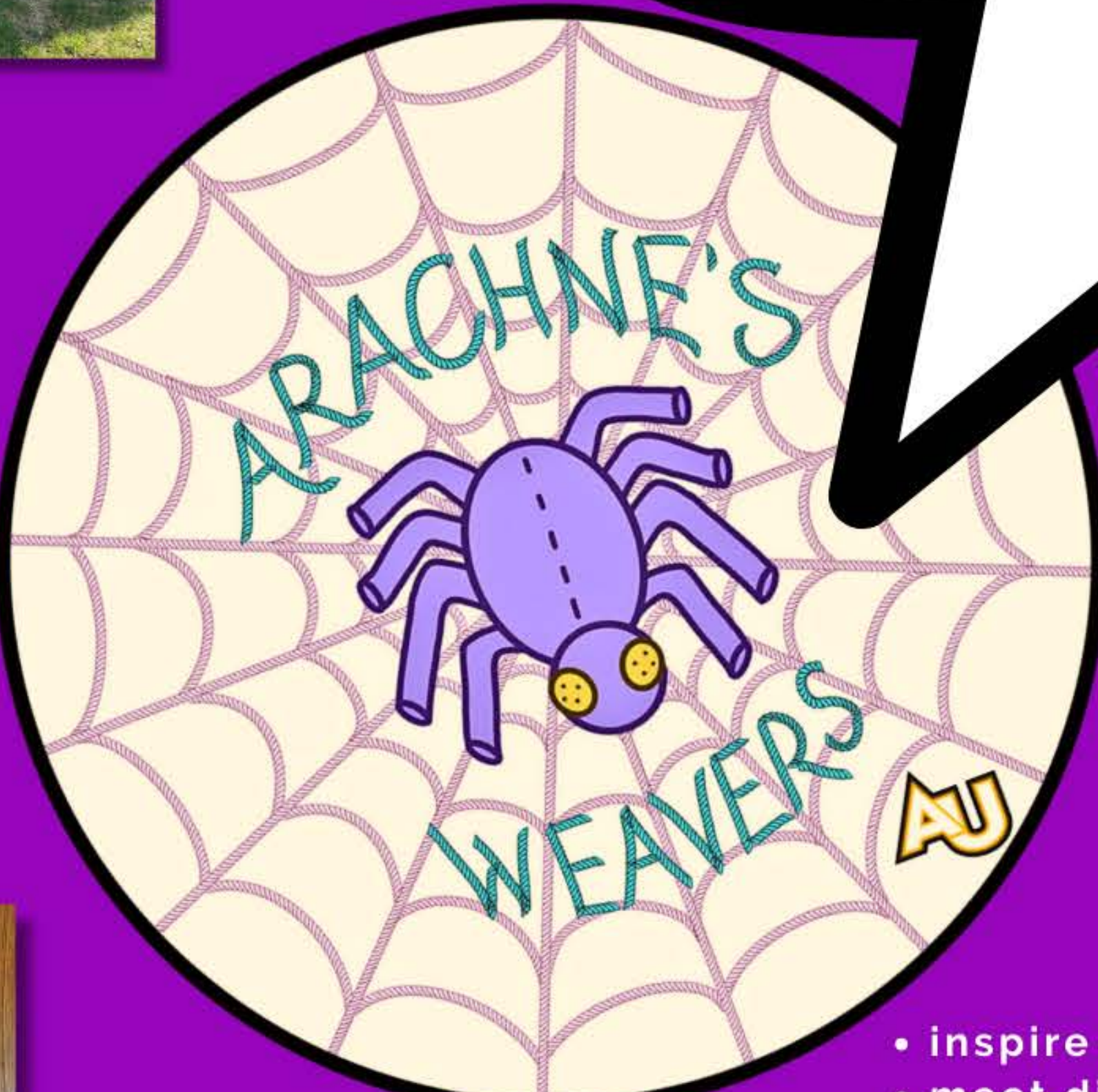


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## Maximizing Your College Experience! Take-aways from Adelphi University's Artivism Club and Arachne's Weavers Club



Creating or joining a campus club is crucial because it fosters a sense of belonging and opens opportunities to pursue interests that might not be fully explored in regular classes and everyday life. Because of campus clubs, I was able to experience various cultural art techniques that otherwise I would not come across in my academic courses. Adelphi University's **Arachne's Weavers Club**, a fiber arts club, offers a creative outlet and a space where students, regardless of skill level, can share their love for fiber arts where they can relax, express themselves, and collaborate with others who share the same passion. It's not just about the craft itself, but the supportive community it creates where we can uplift and assist each other. It also allows students to take ownership of their learning experience, help others with the knowledge they have, and create a vibrant community where diverse perspectives can flourish, ultimately enriching the overall campus culture and creating new connections that could last a lifetime.

On the surface, **Arachne's Weavers** is a fiber arts club, but our mission goes deeper. It is about making fiber arts accessible to those who may not have had the chance to dabble in them prior. As founder and president, this resonates with me because I grew up with a seamstress in the house and became as proficient as I am today by swiping needles and teaching myself how to sew & crochet in elementary school. I often saw how inaccessible materials could be to others. The beauty of passing down/sharing these generational skills grew from practicality into something deeply human and connective.

Wallie Moid, Club Founder and President

Joining campus clubs was probably the best decision I made when first entered Adelphi University. It's how I made my closest friends, built community, and explored my interests.

The social experience of being at a university is crucial, especially as an out-of-state student who lives on campus. I wouldn't have been satisfied with just the people I met in my classes. It also allows me to express myself in a way that I can't through class assignments.

The **Artivism Club** is about enacting social change through art, and expressing our voices about topics we're passionate about through a creative medium. As an e-board member, I hope to encourage people to become more active members of society who are willing and able to share their perspectives in order to enrich conversations and policy.

River Gorman, Club President

- inspire social change: sustainability and the preservation of traditional arts
- meet different people from all walks of life while creating memories together
- promote slow fashion and ethical practices in the fiber arts community
- encouraging students to make their own garments, understand the craftsmanship behind textile work, and appreciate the value of handmade goods by challenging fast fashion norms
- give back to the community, by donating hats, scarves, and other pieces to those in need, while fundraising for various charities
- create a space where diverse voices in fiber arts are celebrated, amplifying underrepresented perspectives through our projects and collaborations
- exchange techniques with our peers: Tatreez, a traditional Palestinian cross-stitching technique, Temari, a Japanese handball made with gorgeous geometric embroidery spanning across its surface, for example
- problem solving: working around mishaps, encouraging collaboration and forming a community



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it is what lifts most successful people above the crowd.  
Bob Proctor