



President's Message

I THINK WE WILL ALL AGREE THAT THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN ONE FULL OF QUESTION MARKS AND UNKNOWN. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE BEEN FACED WITH ALL SORTS OF CHALLENGES I DID NOT EXPECT BUT I LOVE THAT OUR TAEA FAMILY IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HAND. YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND EACH OTHER IS EVIDENT FROM THE WAY YOU PULL TOGETHER TO HELP ONE ANOTHER FIGURE OUT ONLINE TEACHING TO THE OUTPOURING OF IDEAS FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND

CONFERENCES TO THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT OFFERED ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM. I LOVE THAT ART TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS SO ENCOURAGING OF ONE ANOTHER. IN THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, THAT LOVE AND RESPECT IS OUR CORNERSTONE FOR GETTING THROUGH THIS TRYING TIME.

EVEN WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS WE FACE, THE TAEA EXECUTIVE BOARD CONTINUES TO WORK HARD FOR OUR MEMBERS. IN LIGHT OF HAVING TO CANCEL OUR DALLAS AREA CONFERENCE, THE BOARD APPROVED HOSTING A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE AND WITH THOSE DISCUSSIONS DECIDED THAT THIS WOULD BE A WONDERFUL OFFERING FOR YEARS TO COME.

OUR FIRST EVER VIRTUAL CONFERENCE IS GEARING UP TO BE A REAL TREAT FOR OUR MEMBERS. TECHNOLOGY DIVISION CHAIR, DR. KARI MURPHY HAS ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF HARD WORKERS WHO WILL TAKE THE LEAD ON THE ORGANIZATION BEHIND THIS GREAT CONFERENCE. WITH THE EXPERT GUIDANCE OF KRIS ANDREWS FROM THE CENTER OF EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT IN FINE ARTS (CEDFA), OUR CONFERENCE WILL BE USING THE LEARNWORLDS.COM PLATFORM. BECAUSE THIS IS OUR FIRST VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, I WON'T KNOW EXACTLY ALL THE DETAILS UNTIL CLOSER TO THE EVENT BUT I CAN SHARE A FEW.

WE HAVE TWO VERY AWESOME KEYNOTE SPEAKERS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21. BART MIXON WILL TELL US HIS ARTISTIC JOURNEY TO BECOMING A WELL KNOWN MAKE-UP ARTIST WHO HAS WORKED ON PROJECTS LIKE STEPHEN KING'S IT. TRICIA FUGLESTAD WILL TALK ABOUT HER LESSON ON AUGMENTED REALITY. SHE WILL ALSO HAVE A WORKSHOP FOR US THAT IS SURE TO GET TEACHERS MOTIVATED TO LEARN MORE. PLEASE CHECK OUT THEIR SHORT VIDEOS ON THE [TAEA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PAGE](#).

FOR MORE ABOUT THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, I HUMBLLY INVITE YOU TO WATCH MY SHORT VIDEO. I HOPE THE EXCITEMENT FOR THIS PROJECT SHINES THROUGH AND PROMPTS YOU TO COME JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT. YOU CAN CHECK OUT MY VIDEO [HERE](#). ALL IN ALL, WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, TAEA REMAINS STRONG.

WARM REGARDS,
JAMI BEVANS
TAEA PRESIDENT



SARA CHAPMAN
TAEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STAY CONNECTED

I am proud to be an art educator today and I hope you are too! We teach the content that students love, and they come to school to make art with you and of course, see their friends. Please remember this always.

The pandemic has unwound us, disconnected our “usuals”, and displaced many of our daily functions with fear, confusion, loneliness, and aggravation. We, as art educators are doers, we create and help others solve problems, we give them care and strength to make creative choices and get through the next crisis so what happens when we aren't there for the students? I do not think we know the answer to this, but we do know one thing and that is students depend on our connections to them. So, please do not disconnect!

You are their connection to a safe and caring world. You allow them to bring their heart and brain to school and to explore them in a safe environment. You listen to them, encourage them, celebrate their successes and cry with them, so tell me how can we take that away. If we give up, then the students have no one that cares about what is in their heart or what happens to them each day..... No one will be there for them. I implore you, please keep to the journey because if we take ourselves away from being their “art teacher” because the job is too hard or frustrating or scary, then what happens to the students?

You are an art educator and that truly means something. You are in a unique group of teachers that connects everyone to everything. How can our students create art without you and those connections? Art teachers are the core of all that is good for children ages birth to at least 40 or maybe 90!

I hope you will [BE BOLD, BE STRONG, BE THE HERO](#) that you are and hang in there! Not everyone can be as great as you are! We need you right now, the students need you even more! You are their hero!

TAEA AND THE STATE DIRECTORS OF VASE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW ADDITION TO THE STATE VASE TEAM

SARAH PAGONA HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW STATE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE VASE EVENT, AND IS ALREADY WORKING WITH THE OTHER STATE VASE DIRECTORS TO LAUNCH VIRTUAL VASE FOR 2021.

SARAH CURRENTLY TEACHES HIGH SCHOOL ART IN NORTHSIDE ISD, SAN ANTONIO. SHE IS ALSO SERVING AS THE TAEA HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION CHAIR UNTIL NOVEMBER. WELCOME, SARAH, TO THE STATE DIRECTORS OF VASE TEAM!





CHRISTINE GRAFE
TAEA YAM VP

TASA/TASB TURNAROUND



2020 has become the year of shifting gears, changing directions, and adapting to new normals, and our annual exhibit at the TASA/TASB conference was no exception! TASA/TASB stands for the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards, and for many years we've been blessed with space to exhibit student artwork from across our great state. This has been a great opportunity for us to advocate for our programs and to visit with administrators and school board members, many of whom tell us that the art exhibit is one of their favorite parts of the conference. As with so many other events since March, the decision was made to convert to a virtual platform this year, but rather than cancel our exhibit, the planners graciously agreed to incorporate student artwork throughout the virtual event. This forced us to make some last minute changes to our registration and submission processes, but as per usual our membership rose to the challenge, and we currently have over 60 districts registered. I am happy to announce that we will also be



incorporating the artwork into our own virtual conference, continuing the tradition of showcasing the talents of our amazing student artists!



TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) TASK FORCE

TAEA has formed an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force to collaborate on providing ongoing information for art educators to use as a resource. The EDI Task Force will be working diligently to strengthen our stance on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, while also providing opportunities for growth as leaders, strengthen curriculum, and offer purposeful suggestions for our Strategic Plan Forward.

Coming soon!! There will be a list of resources pertaining to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion that will be accessible under the resources tab on the TAEA website. Keep an eye out for great information to support you in your lesson planning and your professional growth.

The members of the EDI Task Force are:



Pam Arnold



Gretchen Bell



Tim Lowke



Isaac Thomas



RJ Christensen



Sakura Stephens



Angela Coffey



Ambra Hernandez



Elizabeth Strobel

NAEA Western Region Awards 2020



2020 brought a world of changes to everything, including Art Education in Texas, the US, and the entire world. When we all went home for Spring Break and didn't come back, we faced learning a new way of teaching, and also the cancellation of many events we take for granted each year that benefit ourselves and our students. TAEA made the decision to cancel Junior VASE and TEAM events, summer workshops, and move to a virtual Fall Conference. NAEA quickly made the tough call to cancel their Annual Conference, planned for late March, in the interest of everyone involved.

One NAEA bright spot appeared through the difficult 2020 spring; Bob Reeker of NAEA's Western Division packaged up the Western Region Awards and sent them out to recipients so that they could still be recognized for their achievements. NAEA Western Region Award Winners from TAEA are:

NATALIE SVACINA: WESTERN REGION MUSEUM EDUCATION ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

MICHAELANN KELLEY: WESTERN REGION SUPERVISION/ADMINISTRATION ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

DR. JOANA HYATT: WESTERN REGION HIGHER EDUCATION ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

LILLY ALLISON: RISING STARS SECONDARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

CHRIS COOPER: TEXAS ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



NATALIE SVACINA



MICHAELANN KELLEY



DR. JOANA HYATT



LILLY ALLISON



CHRIS COOPER

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NAEA AWARDS WINNERS, AND MANY THANKS TO NAEA FOR HELPING TO RECOGNIZE TEXAS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FIELD.



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LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS ATTEND NAEA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM



Out of necessity, most all scheduled meetings and conferences have had to switch to an online platform. NAEA 2020 Leadership Conference was no exception. The two and a half day conference was held entirely via ZOOM with 127 attendees present.

As president of TAEA, I am required to attend and my first reaction upon hearing it would be virtual was a rather drawn-out groan. I am old school and the computer is not my favorite venue for a meeting where I'm used to hugging old friends and hobnobbing with new friends. However, I was pleasantly surprised by how much I actually enjoyed the time spent on ZOOM and the many new ideas I gained from the experience.

Typically, we also take our Leadership Scholars to this conference. All four of them attended and I was excited about their enthusiasm for the virtual event. Please take a moment to meet our four Leadership Scholars and what they found most valuable from their time at the NAEA 2020 Leadership Conference.

AMBRA HERNANDEZ NORTHSIDE ISD



"I am so excited to be a TAEA Leadership Scholar. I started marking my calendar for all the wonderful events that were on the horizon: Leadership retreat in Bandera, Texas, and the National Leadership Conference in Park City Utah. Then, the COVID-19 pandemic reared its ugly head and flipped the education world upside down and we are still dealing with it with no immediate end in sight.

"NLC was still on, just virtually and all I could think about was two-and-a-half long full days of sitting in front of a computer trying to keep my 5-year-old son occupied. Turned out that It was pretty amazing, I learned alot about how the rest of the country was adapting to our new normal amidst COVID-19. There were wonderful guest speakers discussing equality, diversity and inclusion to hands-on workshops from Blick and Adobe. I really was looking forward to going to Utah and spending time with other art education leaders, but my experience still was enriching, even from the comfort of my home studio."

ANGELA COFFEY ALDINE ISD



Attending the NAEA Leadership Conference was something I looked forward to the moment I became a leadership scholar! I was excited to connect with other art educators and really deepen my understanding of what leadership looks like in the visual arts realm! Although it was extremely unexpected, attending the conference via zoom did give me the opportunity to connect with other great leaders in art education! We were able to still brainstorm ideas for the upcoming school year and really look at what it means to have a curriculum that incorporates equity, diversity, and inclusion! Although we are in the midst of a pandemic and education is having to shift to better meet the needs of educators and students, I know this will give me the opportunity as a leader to really make a difference!

SAKURA STEPHENS AUSTIN ISD



Since moving to Texas in 2017, I have felt incredibly supported by the Art Education community and have had numerous opportunities to grow and exchange ideas with a diverse group. Being selected as a TAEA Leadership Scholar has been an honor and I feel privileged to be surrounded by other outstanding art educators and mentors as I continue on my journey in the field of Art Education.

The NAEA Leadership Conference is one of the opportunities provided by the Leadership Scholar program, and is a testament to how driven art educators are to move forward and progress in the way that we connect with people. Relevant topics such as addressing cultural appropriation in the curriculum, and incorporating technology into a virtual teaching environment were discussed as a resource for keeping educators current. I also enjoyed hearing about how other states are running their organizations and advocating for the arts. I feel encouraged to see nationwide involvement in this field and look forward to being a part of much more!

ELIZABETH STROBEL AMARILLO ISD

“During a time when things are not the norm, being a leadership scholar is more important than ever. This is a time for lending help and providing ideas to move us through these unprecedented times. I am extremely grateful to be a part of the TAEA Leadership Scholar program in order to grow the skills I need to inspire others in the field of art education.

Through attending the NAEA Leadership Conference, I was able to connect with a community of educators in order to learn, as well as be inspired in the field of Art Education. This conference encouraged me to use new technology platforms, such as Adobe Spark. Spark will provide avenues for students to express their creativity through technology and the arts. This conference also increased my focus as an educator to be more aware of how I can positively impact the field through Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. I take away a positive perspective and need to help others by being an advocate on the TAEA EDI Task Force. I look forward to growing my leadership skills in ways that I can positively impact my local community through Art Education.”



“GREAT THINGS ARE DONE
BY A SERIES OF SMALL THINGS
BROUGHT TOGETHER.”

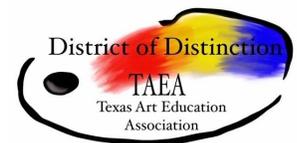
-VINCENT VAN GOGH

DISTRICTS OF DISTINCTION

Over 1,000 districts state-wide were eligible to apply for the Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Award. Only 43 districts met the high standard and will receive the outstanding honor indicating they are in the top 4 percent of districts in the state. The TAEA Administration and Supervision Division a sponsor, recognizes districts with outstanding leadership in promoting the arts in their district and community. We want districts that are actively participating members in TAEA and beyond TAEA sponsored events. This year's recipients exemplify a visual arts district of distinction.

Congratulations and I commend you on your work advocating and promoting the visual arts in your district and community as well as providing continued creative learning and instruction during a year of many unforeseen challenges.

Stacia Gower
Administration and Supervision Chair



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Texas Art Education Foundation

Dear Colleagues,

In my thirty-two years as a member of the Texas Art Education Association, I have seen it grow from a small group of members to more than 4,000 art educators who work to grow their practice and support of art education through our professional activities including conference, VASE, Youth Art Month, Leadership Institutes, workshops and more.

The Association continues to grow in part because we offer a welcoming environment and quality professional activities for all art educators. Due to our growth, the Texas Art Education Foundation was established in 2014 to serve as the philanthropic arm of TAEA and provide support for a variety of art education programs. We continue to promote, invest and award grants and scholarships to further the mission of the Association and its programs. In order to continue and grow our Association's 100 year+ history of giving back to membership and pre-service teachers, we need your support now.

You can help us spark the creative teaching practices and lives by supporting members with a gift to the Texas Art Education Foundation. Every dollar you donate today will directly support exceptional art education grant activity and research, scholarships across our Texas art education community. Thank you for being a valued part of our family.

Warm regards,



Tim Lowke
Chairman / Texas Art Education Foundation
Past President & Distinguished Fellow / Texas Art Education Association

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2020 TAEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



NANCY ARGUETA

"I am so thankful and honored to be given this opportunity so that I may continue my dream of becoming an art educator. I can't wait until the day comes where I am an art educator, and I will be able to inspire future students to do what they love by being an example of that."



MISTY BLUE

"I will be using this award to further my education at Texas Woman's University by majoring in art education and minoring in sociology. I have always loved art since I was very little and now the dream is finally coming to life."



EMMA BUENTELLO-ALDANA

"With your help, I will be on my way to becoming an elementary art teacher. I truly appreciate the support of TAEA and the confidence you have placed in my success."

"I believe in the importance of earning a college degree. The scholarship award will only push me further towards my Art degree and my dreams of one day having a successful career as an Art teacher."



HAVEN FARNEY



SUMMER KAYLOR

"I am in my last two semesters at Texas State University, preparing for my Senior Thesis Show. This scholarship will help me to offset living expenses during this time and assist in paying for my PPR and Art Certification Exams."

"I would like to thank the Board of Trustees of the Texas Art Education Foundation for awarding me the CJL Fund Pre-Service Art Education Scholarship. I am excited to start my Art degree and education classes at Texas Tech University. Thank you again assisting me in my art and art education endeavors."

Awarded both the Memorial Scholarship and the CJL Fund Pre-Service Art Education Scholarship



ERIN BUCHANAN

RECIPIENT, KELIS WARDSWORTH NOT PICTURED



DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT OR KNOW A PRE-SERVICE COLLEGE STUDENT WHO IS PURSUING STUDIES IN ART EDUCATION? WE MAY HAVE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEM! CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (TAEA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED AND PROMOTED BY THE TEXAS ART EDUCATION FOUNDATION. ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 1, 2021 AND ARE ONLY ACCEPTED ONLINE.

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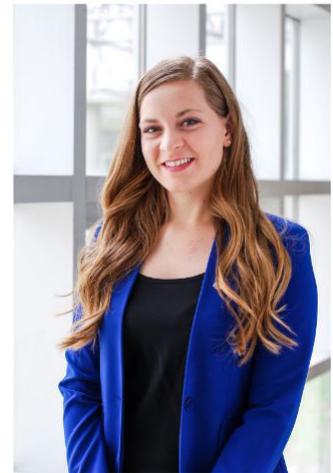
2020 TAEA GRANT RECIPIENTS



Loni Meyers

"Thank you so much for the generous contribution to fund grants in Texas. Thanks to your support, I will be able to facilitate a hands on and engaging STEAM focused lesson in the art room. Students will create art through art bots built by themselves. We will put that "A" in STEM!"

"Through this grant, my students and fellow staff members at Eisenhower High School in Aldine ISD will cultivate a strong personal and emotional connection to the community around them with their service in creating a work of art. This work of art will represent a recovering animal in foster care at the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and once the animal is adopted by their loving family, the work of art our students and staff create will go home with that family. This is an initiative to not only bring awareness and education for the correct treatment of animals, but it will also show how much of an impact the art our students and staff create has with an increase in the amount of adoptions at the HSPCA. I could not be more thankful for this opportunity and because of your choice, I know we will all make a lasting impact on the lives of the students, staff, animals, and adopting families involved!"



Hailey Gross

"This training will allow me the knowledge and expertise in weaving techniques to then share with students and other district visual arts staff. The techniques taught will help to incorporate more fiber projects into our curriculum on every level K-5. Weaving practices learned in this grant will be incorporated directly into collaborative Floor Loom projects and individual weaving projects on pressboard looms that were separately funded by another grant project of mine. Thank you again for ensuring art educators can continue to grow in their practices to further expand the minds, lives, and experiences of their students."



Sara Allen



“Thank you for making it possible to teach AP Art History at my high school. Knowledge of art history can enrich students with personal growth and possibilities for their future careers. We have an opportunity to help students place themselves into a large context for the rest of the world and history. A class like AP Art History will provide them with new opportunities to explore.”

Todd Camplin

“The knowledge gained at UCLA’s 4th annual conference on Creativity & The Arts in Healing will advance my research and studio practice for the benefit of my students, community, and self. I will return with arts-based tools for building connections, enhancing mindfulness, reducing stress, and managing the impact of trauma, both in the classroom and on an introspective level. These tools will enrich art education and teaching artists by providing a strong foundation for social-emotional intelligence through the arts.”



Elizabeth Porter



“Thank you TAEA for the grant that will help with the completion of a large format mural that will be created and installed by myself, a former student, and a group of 10 of my ceramic and art education students. This award will allow us to further the education of our MSU Texas students with a practical project that gives them a real life art making experience.”

Steve Hilton

DO YOU HAVE A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OR RESEARCH YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE? ARE YOU A TAEA MEMBER? THEN APPLY FOR A FOUNDATION GRANT! ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 1, 2021 USING THE LINK TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION BELOW.

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SUMMER WORKSHOPS 2020

REGION 16 HOSTS SUMMER ART WORKSHOP

ADRIENNE HURTT, TAEA REGIONAL REP, PARTNERED WITH THE AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART TO OFFER A "PASTEL WORKSHOP" FOR REGION 16 ART EDUCATORS IN JULY 2020. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AND THERE WERE SO MANY NEW PASTEL TECHNIQUES LEARNED TO TAKE BACK TO THE ART ROOM FOR THE 2020-21 YEAR.



REGION 17 HOSTS SUMMER ART WORKSHOP

PARTICIPANTS WORKED WITH A VARIETY OF MATERIALS TO CREATE MOSAICS IN THE MORNING AND WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES IN THE AFTERNOON. BEAUTIFUL ARTWORKS WERE CREATED BY ALL. REGION 17 MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED "CAREERS IN ART" CURRICULUM AND HOW TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THIS AREA. ART TEACHERS SHARED WAYS TO TEACH ART ON-LINE AS WELL.





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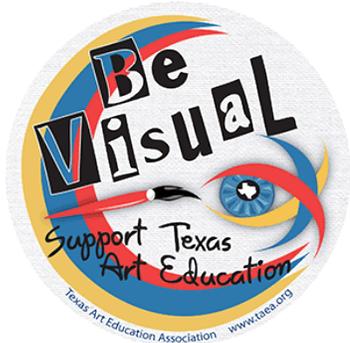


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