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2024 Distinguished Fellow of the National Art Education Association
2021 National Emeritus Art Educator of the Year
2017 Southeastern Secondary Art Educator of the Year
2016 Georgia Secondary Art Educator of the Year
2012 National NAHS Sponsor of the Year
2009 Georgia Art Educator of the Year
2006 Georgia Teacher of the Year Finalist
2006 National Marion Quin Dix Leadership Recipient
2005 National Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2005 Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year
2000 Southeastern Elementary Art Educator of the Year
1999 Georgia Elementary Art Educator of the Year

Education:

Ph.D coursework, University of Georgia, ABD 2015
Ed.S, University of Georgia, August 2004
M.A.Ed, University of Georgia, May 1999
Art Certification, Moore College of Art and Design, May 1992
B.A, University of South Carolina, May 1989

National Board Certification, Early / Middle Childhood Art
AP Institute Certification

Educational Consulting:

WESTpectations Educational Consulting, 2017-present (<https://WESTpectations.com>)

Motivational Speaking Engagements Creating Custom Programs for School Districts, Schools, Universities and Associations
Professional Development through Project Based Learning for Teachers and Students

Keynote Addresses

Artist in Residency Programs through the Georgia Council for the Arts, Bringing Literacy and Art Together!

Hands-on Consulting for anyone interested in Advancing Education for our children and teachers

STEAM and PBL Learning Programs bringing Innovative Teaching to Schools and Districts

Contracts:

ArtsNOW Visual Art Consultant – Grants throughout South Carolina and Georgia, 2012-present

Manor ISD, Austin, TX, August 2025

Bastrop ISD, Austin, TX August 2025

O'Fallen Illinois, October 2024

Killeen ISD, Austin, Texas, August 2024

Ridgewood NJ School District, 2023-2024 school year

Beaufort County School District, 2023
Fulton County School District, 2023, annually since 2017
Moore College of Art and Design Summer Presenter, 2023
Georgia Gwinnett College Arts Integration Consultant and Educator, 2022-2023
McAllen Texas Teacher Workshop Presenter, 2022
Pendergast School District, Phoenix, AZ, June 2022
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, June 2022
Art of Education University Commencement Speaker, July 2021
Moore College of Art and Design Alumni Conference, July 2021
Richmond County Summer School Program, July 2021
Georgia Teacher of the Year Virtual Banquet, speaker, July 2021
Columbus County, Georgia, Peach State Summit, July 2021
Berkeley County North Carolina, Art Educators, February 2020
Wisconsin, NASCO Teacher Celebration Day – Keynote Speaker, Workshop Presenter, August 2019
Columbus County School District, Georgia, July 2019
Cobb County School District, Georgia, July 2019
Arkansas Department of Education, June 2019
Columbia County School District, July 2019
Henry County, New Hope Elementary School 2nd Grade, Art and Literacy Grant, Spring 2019
Richland County School District, February 2019
Henry County, New Hope Elementary School 3rd Grade, Art and Literacy Grant, Fall 2018
Berkley County School District, August 2018
Beaufort County School District, August 2018
Mount Pisgah School, 2018-2019
Fulton County Georgia, 2017-2018 contract, 2018-2019 contract, 2019-2020 contract
Winton-Salem Teachers, November 2017
Pate's Creek Elementary, Eliminopee and the Alphabet Tree Collaborative Mural, May 2017

Residencies: Spartanburg School District; Allendale Schools; Greenville Schools; Georgetown Schools; Beaufort County School District; Charlotte-Mecklenberg School District; Pendergast School District; Phoenix, Arizona; Richmond County, Georgia; Columbia County, Georgia; Henry County Georgia; Atlanta Public Schools; Fulton County Georgia; Cobb County Georgia; Glynn County, Georgia, Joliet Learning Center, Denver Colorado; Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina

ArtsNOW, 2012-present

Visual Art Consultant: Work with teachers, schools and districts in the Southeast bringing arts integration to the forefront of education; Write Curriculum (43 arts integrated lessons)

Writer:

School Arts Magazine, 1996 - present

Published 12 articles for K-12 art educators

The Art of Education, 2016 – 2019

Write 3 articles a month for their on-line magazine – 75 articles (<https://theartofeducation.edu/author/debiwesttheartofed-com/>)

Arts & Activities, 2003 – 2019

Published 58 articles for K-12 art educators, including 5 theme-based year-long series (<https://artsandactivities.com/tag/debi-west/>)

The Art of Education:

Graduate Instructor, teaching graduate level on-line studio courses to educators, May 2018- present

AOEU Faculty Member of the Year, 2024-2025

Conference Presenter:

Winter 2022, Op Art Lesson, after pass

Summer 2020, Co-Present, “Making Meaningful Connections Through Service-Learning Art Projects”

Winter 2020, “Summer Art Camp as an Educational Teaching Tool”

Summer 2019, “CONNECT: Bringing Disciplines Together through Art”

Winter 2019, “Assigning and Assessing Visual Journals”

Presenter, School District of Palm Beach, August 2018

Summer 2018, “Art with Purpose: Service-Learning Projects for all Grades”, people’s choice award

Winter 2018, “10 Portraiture Lessons for all Grades”

Summer 2017, “Summative Assessments Through Bookmaking”, people’s choice award, performer award

Teaching and Related Experience:

Sea Pines Montessori Academy, Hilton Head, SC – August 2023 – May 2025

Teach part time preK-6th grade visual theme-based art curriculum, “History of Art through the Eyes of our Future” 2024

A.R.T Club Sponsor – Student created Coloring Book of Peace – raised \$500 for Asheville Hurricane victims and Student created Art History Time Machine

Teach part time preK-6th grade visual theme-based art curriculum, ‘eARTh...it’s got ART” 2023

Art League of Hilton Head, Hilton Head, SC, 2018-present

Teach monthly adult and children art classes

Board Member, 2018-2024

Art Center of Coastal Carolina, Hilton Head, SC, 2018-present

Teach Children’s Art Camps

Coordinator of Summer Teacher Arts Integrated Art Camp, July 2024 and July 2025

Coordinator of the Summer Teacher Professional Learning Conference, August 2023

Coordinator of the Summer Teacher Professional Learning Conference, August 2022

TAP (Traveling ArtReach Program) Coordinator; write integrated visual art lessons for grades 1-5, train local volunteers, coordinate programs in Beaufort and Jasper Counties impacting over 2800 students from February 2019 to present

North Gwinnett High School, Suwanee, Georgia, 2007-2017

Department Chair of the Fine Arts and Visual Art Department, 2007-2017

Responsible for planning and instruction of high school visual art lessons for 190+ students daily

2017 Yearbook Dedication Featured Teacher

Designed STEAM-based freshman CONNECT course with Bio and LA, 2012-2017

Teach and create curriculum for AP 2D Design and Drawing Portfolio, fall 2009-2017

Teach and create curriculum for 2-D / 3-D introductory art classes for students, 9-12 grade, 2007-2017

Teach and create curriculum for Drawing and Painting (I and II) classes for students, 10-12 grade, 2007-2017

Member of the Bulldog Team, Teacher Leader Group, 2007-2017

NGHS Teacher of the Year selection committee member, 2007-2017

Nominated Teacher of the Year, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016

Co-Sponsor the NGHS Art Club, 2007-2009

Co-sponsor the NGHS National Art Honor Society, 2007-2017

Coordinate the NGHS Governor’s Honors Visual Arts student interviews, 18 students selected, 2007-2017

4th Annual Poetry Palooza with NEHS, NSHS and NAHS – Sock and Ode Installation – October 2016

Poetry Palooza – National Arts in Education Week NAHS – NEHS Collaborative Chalk Activity – September 2015

Atlanta High School Art Exhibit Award, Best Art Department, spring 2014

Dream @ 50 Video for Katz Productions, Spring 2011

Supervised 11 student teachers, winter, 2009, spring, 2009, fall 2009, spring 2010, fall 2010, spring 2011, spring 2014, fall 2014 – 2 teachers (Kennesaw, GA State, UGA, North GA College)

Fine Art “American Education Breakfast” co-coordinator, involving over 1000 Fine Art Students to perform for 500+ county and state VIPS, fall 2010 - 2017

Received a \$3000 grant to have a site sculptor work with advanced art students and special education students to design and build an on-site sculpture and outdoor classroom, spring 2010

Woodruff Arts Salutes Honoree, 2009

11 Alive News Class Act Teacher Recipients for our Visual Art Team, 2008

Received a GAEA Art Advocacy Grant for \$2500 to have a student created billboard erected on Peachtree Industrial in Buford, September-December 2007

Drawing & Painting class participated in the International Memory Project, “art”dopting orphans and painting their portraits, 40 from Honduras fall 2007; 50 from Ecuador fall 2008; 30 from Honduras fall 2009; 25 from Peru 2010; 25 from Peru 2011; 30 from Honduras 2012; 30 from Rwanda 2013, 35 from Nepal 2014, 40 from India 2015, 40 from Ecuador 2016, 40 from Bolivia, 2017

Created art portraits for children at Noyes Home in St. Joseph, MO, 2010

Created art portraits for children at the Kings Daughter School in Nashville, TN, 2010

National Art Honor Society, co-sponsor, 2007-2017

Students work monthly with the Next Stop “special population” members, 2012-2017

132 students inducted into our chapter, 1167, September 2016

121 students inducted into our chapter, 1167, September 2015

115 students inducted into our chapter, 1167, September 2014
112 students inducted into our chapter, 1167, September 2013
109 students inducted into our chapter, September 2012
Suwanee Day parade, Best of Show - 2016
Suwanee Day parade, 2nd place, "Best of Show", 2014
Suwanee Day parade, 1st place, "Most Creative", 2013
Suwanee Day parade, 1st place "Best Use of Theme in Float", 2012
93 students inducted into our chapter, September 2011
Suwanee Day parade, 1st place "Best of Show", 2011
88 students inducted into our chapter, September 2010
61 students inducted into our chapter, September 2009
Suwanee Day parade, 1st place Suwanee Day Parade, 2009
Suwanee Day face painting booth, Taste of Suwanee, Laurel Park Fall Festival, community murals, community portrait paintings for the holidays, Football Game Face Painting, Relay for Life activities, Haiti House activities, over 500 community service hours per year, 2008-2017
55 students inducted into our chapter, September 2008
32 students inducted into our chapter, October 2007-2008
Students teach art lessons at a local special education school, community mural at Buice Center, Taste of Suwanee, and Buford Jazz Fest, 2007-2010

Empty Bowls Community Service Activities:

10 students created clay vessels to auction at the Level Creek Empty Bowls Event, spring, 2009
2 students implemented the Level Creek Empty Bowls Mural, "Caring in the Community", fall 2007

Istanbul Center Awards (Atlantic Institute):

Atlantic Institute State Awards, "Compassion In Action", top 3 in the state, 2017
Atlantic Institute State Awards, "10 Days, 10 Weeks, 10 Month, 10 Years, What Will You Accomplish", top 4 in the state, 2016
Istanbul Center Awards, "Kindness Without Borders", top 6 in the state, 2015
Istanbul Center, "Connecting Digital Media Across Cultures", top 3 in the state, 2014
Istanbul Center, "The Human Footprint on the Environment Today" 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th and 10th place winners in GA, 2013
Istanbul Center, "1 Billion Hungry in the World: What's Your Role", 5th place winner in GA and the Southeast, 2012
Istanbul Center, "Empathy: Walking in Another's Shoes" art and essay contest, out of 2500 submission, 1st place in state and Southeast, 2011.
Istanbul Center, "Who's Your Neighbor" art and essay contest, out of 2200 submissions, 4th in the state, 2010.
Istanbul Center "Alliance of Civilizations" art and essay contest, out of 1100 submissions, 2nd place state winner and 4 state honorable mentions. (2nd place winner and I traveled to Turkey for 12 days as US Ambassadors, summer, 2009)

PTA Reflections Awards:

2 students selected as County winners, November 2016
2 State Winners – Visual Art, Sophomore, Junior, November 2015
2 students selected as County winners, November 2014
State Winner in Photography, 2014
Student art made into the state poster, 2014
3 students selected as the County winners, November 2013
3 students selected as the County Visual Arts winners in the County, November 2012
2 students selected as the County winners in Visual Arts, October 2011
4 students selected as the County winners in Visual Arts, October 2010
4 students selected as the NGHS Reflections winners in Visual Arts, September 2009.
3 students selected as the County Reflections winners in 10th, 11th and 12th grade Visual Art, October 2008.
2 students selected as the NGHS Reflections winners in Visual Art, September 2007.
1 student selected as the county Reflections winner in 9th grade Visual Art, October 2007.

Scholastic Awards:

4 National Gold/Silver Key recipients, March 2017
128 total NGHS regional gold, silver and honorable mention awards, January 2017
7 National Gold/Silver Key recipients, March 2016
128 total NGHS regional gold, silver and honorable mention awards, February 2016
26 total NGHS students received regional gold, silver and honorable mention keys, January 2015

52 total NGHS students received regional gold, silver and honorable mentions, January 2014
78 total NGHS students received regional gold, silver keys and honorable mentions, January 2013
3 National Silver Key recipients, 2013
52 total NGHS students received regional gold, silver keys and honorable mentions, November 2011
3 students selected for gold key awards, 7 silver and 14 honorable mentions, Regional Scholastic Awards, November 2010
1 National Gold Key recipient, 2011
4 students selected for silver key awards and 6 honorable mentions, Regional Scholastic Awards, November 2009
1 student selected for silver key and 2 honorable mentions, Regional Scholastic Awards, November 2008.
3 students selected for silver key awards and 5 honorable mentions, Regional Scholastic Awards, October 2007

SCAD International Art Competition:

1 student finalist Junior Fashion, 2013
1 student finalist 2D Art, 2011

GA Drawing Competition Awards:

1 student selected as Honorable Mention for International SCAD Challenge, December 2010
2 students selected for the SCAD Georgia Drawing Competition, November 2009
1 student selected for the SCAD Georgia Drawing Competition, November 2008
2 students selected for the SCAD Georgia Drawing Competition, December 2007

Capitol Art Exhibit:

6 students represented NGHS, February 2016 – one student selected to “Paint on Site”
6 students represented NGHS, February 2015
2 students selected for GAEA CAE, winter 2014
2 students selected for GAEA CAE, winter 2013
2 students selected for GAEA CAE, winter 2012
YAM Honorary Art Educator and Speaker at CAE Reception, February 2011
2 students selected for GAEA CAE, winter, 2011
2 students selected for GAEA CAE, winter, 2010
2 students selected for the GAEA Capitol Art Exhibit, winter, 2009
National Art Honor Society Students worked this event for community hours, winter 2008- 2012
2 students selected for the GAEA Capitol Art Exhibit, winter, 2008.

Art with a Purpose Activities:

Relay for Life ART Auction – 2008-2017, raised over \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society
Worked with Rainbow Village, a local Homeless Shelter making art with their students to a large “Homes of the HeART” mural for the Gala Auction, raising \$18,600, October 2015
Working with the FUN Club, Art Auction and Mentoring, 2016-2017
Working at the Next Stop, 4 times a semester, 2012 – 2017
3 community art exhibits bringing in money for Croy’s Cause and Relay for Life, 2012- 2017
4 community art exhibits bringing in money for Croy’s Cause, Relay for Life and the Good Shepherd School in Haiti, 2011 - 2012
60 students created art for “Mini Exhibit”, local community events at Peace, Love and Pottery and Smitten Boutique, raising money for Croy’s Cause and Haiti, 2009-2010
70 students created art for the “Mini Exhibit” for Croy’s Cause, NUCDF, spring, 2009
70 Students exhibited at Smitten Boutique in Suwanee for NUCDF, spring, 2009
Draw / Paint students held an exhibit at Chocolate Café, donating 50% of their proceeds to the National Urea Cycle Disorder Foundation, fall, 2008
Advanced Drawing & Painting students held an exhibit at the local coffee house, Firenze, donating 20% of their proceeds to the National Urea Cycle Disorder Foundation, winter, 2008
2 students selected for the GAEA Metro Exhibit at the High Museum, spring, 2008

Youth Art Month Events:

Student art selected to represent GA in the National YAM Flag Competition, 2015
3 students selected to exhibit their art in the National YAM Museum, spring 2015
Mayor of Suwanee proclaims March as Youth Art Month, 2010-2017
Student art selected to represent GA in the National YAM Flag Competition, 2012
Recipient of the state YAM Honorary Art Educator, 2011
3 Student artists selected for inclusion in the State eARTh flag for the 2011 GAEA YAM Flag, winter, 2011

Student art selected as the State Tree for the 2010 GAEA YAM Flag, winter, 2010.

Student art selected to represent Georgia in the National Youth Art Month flag competition, winter, 2007

Relay for Life Activities:

Relay for Life 10th Annual ART Auction, April 2017

Relay for Life 9th Annual ART Auction, March 2016

Relay for Life 8th Annual ART Auction, April 2015

Relay for Life 7th Annual ART Auction, 580 pieces exhibited, March 2014

Student created video (<http://animoto.com/play/zzJvLJeY1uSs5YJ5voTXvA>), spring 2014

Relay for Life 6th Annual ART Auction, 522 pieces exhibited, \$7200 raised, March 2013, raised \$122,000 for the school team

Student created video (<http://animoto.com/play/GbHW1pfMu23IGUg4PBU91Q>), spring 2013

Relay for Life Art Captain: 28 student members, 3rd Annual Art Auction raising \$3200 for Relay, set design which received 3rd in the county award; together, we raised \$51,000 for the school team, spring, 2010

Relay for Life co-captain: 45 art student members, 2nd Annual Art Auction, raising \$5200 for Relay and raising over \$40,000 for the school team, spring 2009

Relay for Life co-chair, 98 art student members, 1st Annual Art Auction, raising \$4600 for Relay and raising \$26,000 for the school, spring 2008

Received the GCPS "Spirit of Growth" award for our Relay for Life efforts, spring, 2008

Tapestry Exhibit – Gwinnett County Student Art Exhibit Activities:

Exhibited 90 students, spring 2017

Exhibited 92 students, spring 2015

Exhibited 80 students, spring 2014

Exhibited 78 students, spring 2013

Exhibited 82 students, spring 2012

Exhibited 90 students, spring 2011

Exhibited 80 students, spring 2010

Exhibited 120 students, spring, 2009

Exhibited 110 students, spring, 2008

Host of the GCPSTV program, "Art Stage: Tapestry", spring 2005-2009

Level Creek Elementary School, Suwanee, Georgia, 2004-2007, Art Educator

Responsible for planning and instruction of elementary visual art lessons for 1300 K-5 students weekly

Charter Staff Member, opened new facility and began the art department, August 2004-2007

Wrote and implemented year-long, theme-based curriculum, "Visualizing Virtue Through the Elements of Art", 2006-2007

Specials Area Grade Chair Leader, 2005-2007

Scheduling Committee Member, 2005-2007

Supervised student teacher from GA State, fall 2006 and spring 2007

Implemented the "Empty Bowls" community service dinner event with the student body, raising over \$2500 for the North Gwinnett co-op, fall 2006

GCPSTV FOCUS showcase TV segment, "Empty Bowls at Level Creek", 2007

2 Newspaper articles regarding Empty Bowls Dinner, 2006

Wrote and implemented year-long, theme-based curriculum, "eARTh...it's got ART", 2005-2006

Supervised 2 student teachers from GA. State, fall 2005, spring 2006

Wrote and implemented year-long, theme-based curriculum, "Alpha Art...the ABC's of Art", 2004-2005

Initiated the C.R.E.A.T.E Club, fall 2004-2007

Selected as the first Teacher of the Year, fall 2004

Selected as the Gwinnett County Elementary Teacher of the Year, 2005

Selected as the Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year, 2005

Selected as a top 10 finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year, 2006

Speaker at over 30 events as GCPS Teacher of the Year, 2005

8 Newspaper articles regarding the art department and TOTY, 2005

Committee Member for the Gwinnett County X-FAT Staffing Team, 2005

Tapestry Exhibit Activities:

TV Host for ArtStage, GCPSTV show regarding the Tapestry Exhibit, 2005 - 2007

47 students selected for county Tapestry Exhibit, March 2007

58 students selected for county Tapestry Exhibit, March 2006

46 students selected for the county Tapestry Exhibit, April 2005

CREATE Club made 500 clay "impression" pins for the state PTA conference, 2005

28 students selected to be a part of the Hartsfield Airport Exhibit, largest student exhibit in state, 2005

2 students selected to represent Gwinnett County in the Federal Reserve Bank Exhibit, fall 2004

Youth Art Month Activities:

2 students selected as the State Youth Art Month Flag design winners, fall 2004

Invite 5 community artists per year, 2003-2007

1 student selected to represent our congressional district in the State Superintendent Youth Exhibit, 2005

Presented "Proportionate Portraits" to 110 staff members, fall 2004

Created a permanent tile mural wall depicting the staff and students of our charter year, 2004-2005

Sunshine Committee Representative, initiated the "Rays of Sunshine" board and the "Lucky Leopards" to boost staff morale, 2004-2006

Relay for Life committee member, initiated student T-shirt design and theme, 2005-2007

2 student's art works selected to represent our school in the state Capital Art Exhibit, February 2005, 2006 and 2007

Rock Springs Elementary School, Lawrenceville Georgia, 1999-2004, Art Educator

Charter Staff Member, opened new facility and co-chaired the art department, 1999-2004

Responsible for planning and instruction of elementary art lessons for 600 K-5 art students weekly

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification, EC/YA Art, fall 2003

2 students selected as part of the Glencoe/SRA "Art Connections" textbook, 1st grade, 2nd edition, 2003

Keynote educator for GCPS news segment regarding "Character Education Through the A.R.T.S", 2003

Supervised 4 student teachers from UGA and Georgia State, 2000-2003

Numerous Student Teachers and preservice teachers from UGA and Georgia State visit each year to observe the art room, 1999-2004

Recipient of the "Local Administrator's Association" Graduate School Scholarship, one of three selected in the county, 2003

2 student artworks selected for Georgia's state Youth Art Month flag and poster, "The Many Faces of Art", March 2003

Keynote arts advocate for GCPS news segment regarding TAPESTRY student exhibit, March, 2002

Participating educator in the Gwinnett County TAPESTRY student exhibit, 1999-2004

10 students selected to be a part of the Hartsfield Airport Exhibit, largest student exhibit in state, 2001, and again for summer exhibit, 2004

5 students selected to be exhibited in the Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Children's Center for the Arts, 2001-2003

2 student artworks selected to be on the Astrovision Screen in New York City, Times Square, representing elementary art in Georgia during the NAEA convention, April 2001

Nominated and selected as a participant in the Teachers As Leaders Program, graduated May 2001

Elected to serve on the TAL Board of Trustees, 2001-2005

2 Kindergarten student's art selected to represent Georgia on our state Youth Art Month flag, March 2001

Organized the permanent exhibit of the "Great Wall of Art", a tile mural wall with over 1300 student and staff created tiles from our charter year, 1999-2000

Created an art curriculum titled, "Art Detectives...Through Time", 2003-2004

Created an art curriculum titled, "Visualizing Virtue through the A.R.T.S", 2002-2003

Created an art curriculum titled, "Museum Mania, A Study of Our Nation's Largest Art Museums", 2001-2002

Created an art curriculum titled, "The History of Art, Through the Eyes of our Future", 2000-2001

Created an art curriculum titled, "Art through the Alphabet, ABC", 1999-2000

Worked with students to create a Lipton Tea Tree for Publix, 1st place in the state, 2000

2 students annually selected to be a part of the Capital Art Exhibit, 1999-2004

Relay for Life Committee Member, 2000-2002

PTA Member, 1999-2004

Featured in 5 newspaper articles, 1999-2004

3 students selected from the county as winners and honorable mentions in Gwinnett's Homeless Poster Contest, 2001

Sugar Hill Elementary, Buford, Georgia, 1993-1998, Art Educator

Responsible for planning and instruction of 1000+ K-5 elementary art classes, 1993-1998

Created art curriculum titled, "The History of Art...Through our Youth", 1993-1994

Directed and wrote Modern Art play with 200 5th grade students, 1994

Incorporated within the 5th grade art curriculum an Art Store project enabling students to sell their art work via the PTA, 1997-1998

Participated in the county's "Arts Connect" program as a pilot school, 1997-1998

Designed an interdisciplinary unit of study with 5th grade students, creating an endangered species mural in which posters were printed and sold with proceeds going to the Whole World Wildlife Fund, 1997

Supervised 3 student teachers from University of Georgia and Georgia State University, 1995-1997

Yearbook Committee SHES, 1995-1998

Created Booster Club to build staff morale through LSPI committee, 1997-1998

Sugar Hill's Clean and Beautiful Committee member, initiated student decorated ceiling tiles and trash cans depicting the history of art, 1998
Gwinnett County Fine Arts Textbook Adoption Committee, 1998
Participated in Crayola Dream Makers Exhibit, University of Georgia, 1998
Teacher of the Year finalist and runner up, 1997
Student artist selected as our state Youth Art Month logo design winner, "Art Can Make a World of Difference", March 1997
Featured in 18 newspaper articles, 1993-1998
Listed as #22 in "100 Reasons to be Proud of Gwinnett County Schools" brochure, 1996
Built and created an "ART VROOM", a time machine which transports students through art history via the art of reading, 1994

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

High Museum of Art Presenter, Summer PD, 2015-2023
National AP Conference Presenter, Orlando, Florida – July 2019
National AP Conference Presenter, Washington DC – July 2017
Art League of Hilton Head, Board Member, 2018-2024
Appointed to the Woodruff Arts Center Educator Conference Advisory Committee, 2015
Appointed to Governor's Arts in Learning Task Force, June 2014 – June 2015
ArtsNOW – Visual Art Consultant, 2012-present
ArtWorks! Gwinnett Board Member – 2010-2016
Georgia STEM Forum Presenter – October 2016
National AP Conference Presenter – Anaheim, CA - July 2016
Harvard Project Zero Presenter – July 2011
GA DOE Visual Art GPS Advisory Committee Member, 2009-2012

Arts and Activities Contributing Editor, 2009-2019

Yearlong, Secondary Intro 3 Art curricula writers, 10 article series, September 2018 – May 2019
Yearlong, Advance AP curricula writer, (September 2017 cover), September 2017-May 2018
Yearlong, Secondary Art II curricula writer, 10 article series, (2 covers, March and April 2017) August 2016-May 2017
Yearlong, Secondary Intro 2D Art curricula writer, 10 article series, August 2015 – May 2016
Yearlong, theme-based elementary curricula series, (10 articles), "eARTh...it's got ART", 2007
Yearlong, theme-based elementary curricula series, (10 articles), "Alpha Art...ABC's of Art"; 2006

Writer and Presenter for the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, 2002-present

Wrote the Cross-Country Secondary Curriculum for the High, spring 2017

Tennessee Arts Academy Faculty Member, Summer 2009 and Summer 2014

NAEA National Leadership Conference Presenter, Kansas City, KS, summer 2007

"Art Advocacy...Walking the Talk"

Writer and Presenter for the MOCAGA 5-week Teacher Workshop, fall, 2006

"Across the Disciplines: Permanent Collection of the MOCAGA"

Georgia Preschool Conference Presenter, 2002-2004

Artist in Residence, Stonewall-Tell Elementary School, Arts Connect Legacy Mural, 1999

Art Education Representative for Sanford Art Products, present interdisciplinary lessons to teachers across Georgia, 1998-2008

Art Education Expert for Sanford sponsored television spot, "Parenting and Beyond", summer 2001
Published author of 11 articles and lessons for Sanford publications and national flyers

Art Education Representative for Square 1 Art, coordinate school fund-raisers, 1999-2001

Owner of the Crystal Collage Children's Art Studio and Gallery, an after school, Saturday and summer art program for children, 1998-present

Art Educator in several Gwinnett County Community School programs, Berkmar High School/South Gwinnett HS, 1993-1996

Began an art program at De La Salle in Towne, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; adjudicated school for inner city teenage boys, summer 1992

Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, New Jersey, PreK Art Camp Teacher - 1991-1992

Sunday School Teacher, 1989-1997

Mother of two AMAZING children, Croy and Carson!

Membership in Professional Organizations:

National Art Education Association, 1994-present

NAEA Retired Art Educator's Alliance Interest Group President, 2024-present

Distinguished Fellow Inductee, Class of 2024

NAEA Retired Art Educator's Interest Group President Elect, 2022-2024

NAEA National Emeritus Art Educator, 2021

NAEA Southeastern Secondary Art Educator, 2017

NAEA Elected NAEA Southeastern Vice President, 2012-2016

NAEA Monthly Mentor, March 2017

NAEA Southeastern Regional Secondary Division Director, 2011-2012

NAEA Advocacy Committee Member (Southeastern Chair), 2008-2012

NAEA Advocacy Panelist Expert, Baltimore, MD, 2010

NAEA Social Justice Panelist Member, Baltimore, MD, 2010

NAEA Monthly Mentor, January 2010

NAEA Secondary Leadership Team, 2009-present

NAEA Summer Leadership Conference Presenter, Kansas City, 2007

NAEA Elementary Panel Expert, Special Needs Students and the Arts, New York, 2007

NAEA Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award Recipient, 2006

NAEA Delegate, 2002-2005

NAEA Southeastern Summer Leadership Conference Coordinator, Santa Fe, NM, summer 2014

NAEA Southeastern Leadership Retreat Coordinator, Atlanta, GA, summer 2005

NAEA National Elementary Art Educator of the Year Award, 2005

Appointed NAEA Interim Vice President-Elect, 2003-2004

NAEA Southeastern Leadership Retreat Attendee, Interim Vice President-Elect, Memphis, TN, summer 2003

Nominated National Elementary Art Educator, 2001

NAEA Southeastern Regional Elementary Division Director, 1999-2003

NAEA Elementary Division Development Committee Member, 1999-present

NAEA Southeastern Elementary Art Educator of the Year, 2000

Special Needs Issues Committee Participant, 2000-2003

Instructional Task Force Committee Participant, 1998-1999

Claire Flanagan National Grand Youth Art Month Award Recipient, 1997, 1998

National Youth Art Month Award of Excellence Recipient, 1999

Presenter at National Art Conferences:

New York NY 2027

RAEA Business Meeting

RAEA Awards Ceremony

Proposals Submitted

Artisan Market

Chicago, IL 2026

RAEA Board Meeting

RAEA Awards Ceremony

Co-Presenter: Mentoring Matters

Co-Presenter: Bridging Generations Speed Dating Style – Part II

Co-Presenter: Distinguished Fellow Forum: "Surviving and Thriving in Art Education"

Co-Presenter: Distinguished Fellow Forum "Teaching Against the Stream"

Artisan Market

Louisville, KY 2025

Co-Presenter: Successful and Engaging Lesson Ideas for Every Art Educator: AP and Beyond

Co-Presenter: Bridging Generations Speed Dating Style: Conversations Between Early Art Educators and Retired Art Educators

RAEA President-Elect

Artisan Market

Minneapolis, MN 2024

Co-Presenter: An Arts Integration Celebration; Literacy, Numeracy and More

Co-Presenter: Mentoring Matters! Rediscovering the Joy of Teaching Art – Part II! Video Recorded

Co-Presenter: New NAEA Member's Book: Authentic Secondary Art Assessment – Snapshots from Art Teacher Practice

RAEA President-Elect

San Antonio, TX 2023

Co-Presenter: The Art of Caring Through Intro to AP Art: SEL, Character Education and Community Tips

Co-Presenter: Mentoring Matters! Rediscovering the Joy of Teaching Through the Arts!

Co-Presenter: Creativity Across the Curriculum through Easy Arts Integration

New York, NY 2022

Co-Presenter: AP and Beyond: S.H.A.R.E for Success!

Co-Presenter: Retired and Resonating – Panel Discussion

NAEA Virtual Conference – 2021

Co-Presenter – AP Art Strategies and Beyond

Presenter – Retired Art Educators Forum – National Emeritus Art Educator of the Year

Co-Presenter – The Art of Caring II: Service-Learning Activities from Oregon to Colorado to Georgia

Minneapolis, MN, 2020 – CANCELLED Due to COVID

Guest Presenter, Secondary Pre-Conference “Visual Journals”

Co-Presenter – The Art of Caring II: Service-Learning Activities from Oregon to Colorado to Georgia

Co-Presenter – A Deeper Look at the AP Art from the National AP Conference

Co-Presenter - Creativity Across the Curriculum: A Simplified Approach to Arts Integration

Co-Presenter – Pottery, Portraits and Printmaking, Oh MY! Successful Teaching Strategies in the High School Art Room

Boston, MA, 2019

Co-Presenter – The Art of Caring: Arts-Based Service-Learning Activities from Oregon to Colorado to Georgia

Co-Presenter – Humanizing the Online Classroom: Breaking Down Virtual Walls in Dynamic and Meaningful Ways

Co-Presenter – AP Studio Art: Everything You Need to Know from A to Z

Co-Presenter – 2 NAHS Chapters + the High Museum of Art = Collaborative Creative Learning for All!

Co-Presenter - #togetherweARTbetter: Collaborating, Networking and Strengthening Art Education via Social Media

Seattle, WA, 2018

Co-Presenter – Keys to Creating Successful Submissions: The Art of Submitting Art

Co-Presenter – Get Published! Panel discussion with Arts & Activities Contributing Editors

Co-Presenter – Secondary Division Award Winners

New York, NY 2017

Co-Presenter – From AP to Intro Art

Panelist – Piloting the MCA's

Chicago, IL 2016

Delegates Assembly Presenter, Southeastern Vice President

Southeastern Leadership Workshop Presenter

Southeastern Awards Ceremony Presenter and Organizer

Co-Presenter - YAM – Building Successful Leaders – Who Knew?

New Orleans, LA 2015

Delegates Assembly Presenter, Southeastern Vice President

Southeastern Leadership Workshop Presenter

Southeastern Awards Ceremony Presenter and Organizer

Co-Presenter - The Power of the Prompt II

San Diego, CA 2014

Delegates Assembly Southeastern Vice President-Elect

Panelist: “The Power of the Prompt”

Southeastern VP Responsibilities; “Conversations with Colleagues: NAHS”; “Southeastern Awards Presentation” coordinator

Fort Worth, TX, 2013

Delegates Assembly Southeastern Vice President-Elect

Co-Presenter - Art is the Answer: What Are the Questions

Co-Presenter - NAEA Secondary Art Educator of the Year and NAHS Sponsor of the Year – Best Practices

Facilitator: Conversations with Colleagues: NAHS

Facilitator: Southeastern Awards Presentation

Presenter- C3 – Creative Compelling Curricula for the Intro to AP Creator

New York, NY, 2012

Co-Presenter: "Mixed Media Mania Round Table Presenter"

Co-Presenter: "Creating a Legacy of Understanding: The Istanbul Center of Atlanta's Art and Essay Contest";

Presenter: "Get Published—Through the NAEA's IRG, It's as Simple as ABC!"

Presenter: "Mixed Media Meets the "ART of ANATOMY" (and Other Great Lesson Ideas)"

Seattle, WA, 2011

Co-Presenter: "A Creative Collaboration...Through Site Sculpture"

Secondary Roundtable Presenter "Visual Journals as Assessment Tools"

Baltimore, MD, 2010

Presenter: "C3: Creating and Caring in the Community"

Panelist: "Social Justice Panel"

Panelist: "Advocacy Panel"

Presenter: "Visual Journey of the Visual Journal"

Minneapolis, MN, 2009

Presenter: "Walking the Talk.... Advocacy at it's Best"

Leadership Series; Presenter: "Connecting Collage to Canvas...A Study of Self!"

New Orleans, LA 2008

Delegates Assembly Member

Presenter: "Do-able Displays"

Presenter: "Advocacy 101" Leadership Series

New York, NY 2007

Presenter: "eARTh...it's got ART!"

Presenter and Panelist: "Art + Autism = Creative Teaching Solutions"

Chicago, IL, 2006

Delegates Assembly Member

Presenter: "Alpha Art...the ABC's of Art"

Southeastern Region program creator for Awards Ceremony (student created)

Boston, MA, 2005

Delegates Assembly Member

Facilitator: "Kaleidoscope of Learning, Part IV"

Presenter: "Art Detectives...Through Time"

Presenter: "A Passion for Art, CPR"

Elementary Luncheon Keynote Speaker – National Elementary Art Educator of the Year

Responsible for the Elementary Luncheon student created brochure covers

Denver, CO, 2004

Delegates Assembly Member

Presenter and Facilitator: "Kaleidoscope of Learning, Part III"

Presenter: "A South African Art Adventure...A Sanford Safari"

Minneapolis, MN, 2003

Delegates Assembly Member

Presenter and Facilitator: "Kaleidoscope...Colorful Ways of Teaching, Part II"

Presenter: "Museum Mania...An Art VROOM Experience"

Co-Presenter: "C.R.E.A.T.E...Mentoring in elementary art"

Elementary Division Luncheon committee

Miami, Florida, 2002

Presenter and Facilitator: "Kaleidoscope...Colorful Ways of Teaching Elementary Art"

Southeastern Region program creator for Awards Ceremony (student created)

Elementary Division Luncheon Coordinator

New York City, New York, 2001

Presenter: "Colorifically...It's Art History"

Presenter: "Rhythm-ongs, A Brain Based Approach to Teaching Art History"

Presenter: "Youth Art Month Activities"

Elementary Division Luncheon program covers (student designed), display boards, contributing lesson plan developer and entrance sign creator

Los Angeles, California, 2000

Presenter: "Environmental Murals...Across the Curriculum Board"

Presenter: "YAM...How to Make a Deliciously Successful YAM Sandwich...in your State"

Presenter: "Art Through the Alphabet...ABC"

Presenter: "The History of Art Through the Eyes of our Future"

Elementary Division Luncheon table displays (student created “Mona Mesa’s”), submitted lessons for the National packet “Art Through the Alphabet”

Washington, DC, 1999

Presented: “Youth Art Month as an Advocacy Tool”

Team East Panel Participant

Elementary Division Luncheon, submitted lessons and visual displays “20th Century Birdhouses”

Chicago, Illinois, 1998

Presenter: “Funding and In-kind Services for Youth Art Month Events”

Elementary Division Luncheon, submitted lessons and visual displays; “Endangered Species; Collaborative Celebration”

Georgia Art Education Association 1993-present

GAEA Retired Art Educator Division Coordinator, 2021-present

Created the RAEA Monthly Mentor Minutes, 2025 -present

Georgia Art Education Association Distinguished Service Inside the Profession, 2026

GAEA Conference Co-Chair, Spring 2022

Georgia Art Education Association Emeritus Art Educator of the Year, 2020

Georgia Secondary Art Educator of the Year, 2017

Georgia Art Education Association Business Rep, 2015-2016

Georgia Art Education Association Conference Consultant, Fall 2016

Georgia Art Education Association Business Rep, 2010-2011

Georgia Art Educator of the Year, 2009

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference Co-Chair, 2008

Georgia Art Education Association Past President, 2005-2007 (Awards and Nominations Chair)

Georgia Art Education Association State Legislative Liaison, 2005-2007

Georgia Art Education Association Interim Business Representative, 2005-2006

Georgia Art Education Association President, 2003-2005

Implemented the monthly electronic newsletter, “Art Happenings”, sent to over 400 art educators.

Georgia Art Education Association Executive Board Member, 2000-present

Elected Georgia Art Education Association President-Elect, 2001

(A 6-year term, which includes the Presidency and Past Presidency positions)

Georgia Art Education Association Board Member 1996-present

Georgia Art Education Association Conference Chair, Fall 2000

(Received \$7500 in grant monies to host Miriam Schapiro as our keynote speaker; initiated state SDU credit for conference attendees; developed division box-luncheons, “thinking outside of the box”)

Leadership Task Force Committee Member, Spring 2000.

Initiated and facilitated CREATE Awards Showcase, 2002-2004

Georgia Elementary Art Educator of the Year, 1999

Georgia Youth Art Month State Coordinator, 1999-2001

Georgia Youth Art Month Chairperson, 1996-1999

Capitol Art Exhibit Committee, 1997-present

Legislative Liaison assistant, 1999-2001

Presenter at Regional Art Conferences:

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, August, GA, October 2026

RAEA Table

Proposals submitted

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Young Harris, GA, October 2025

RAEA Table – Weaving Together our Mentoring Stories

Presenter: “Art Detectives Through Time: The History of Art Through the Eyes of our Future” - accepted

Co-Presenter: “Successful and Engaging Lessons for Every Art Teacher – AP and Beyond” - accepted

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Atlanta, GA October 2024

Co-Presenter: An Arts Integration Celebration; Literacy, Numeracy and More

Co-Presenter: Mentoring Matters: Speed Dating Style

RAEA Division Meeting

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Columbus, GA November 2023

Co-Presenter: The Art of Caring through Intro to AP Art

Coordinator of Artome Open Studio NAHS Scholarship Workshop

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Piedmont College, October 2022

Co-Presenter: "AP Art Ideas"
Helen Fleming Stone Auction Coordinator
NAHS Open Studio Coordinator
Georgia Art Education Association Conference Co-Chair, Tybee Island, March 2022
Georgia Art Education Association Virtual Conference, 2021
Georgia Art Education Association Virtual Conference, 2020
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Young Harris, October 2019
Co-Presenter: "ABC's of Secondary Art"
Co-Presenter: "Four Fab Mini Art Labs"
Featured Speaker at the Elementary Division Luncheon and Awards Ceremony
Artisan in the Artist Market
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Brenau, October 2016
Co-Presenter: "Connecting Through STEAM: A View of Elementary and Secondary Successes"
Co-Presenter: "Serving Up Some Fun in Terms of Creating a Successful ART Team"
Co-Presenter: "2 School + 2 NAHS Chapters = Creative Learning for ALL!"
Artisan in the Artist Market
Coordinator of the "Artome/Blick OPEN Studio Creative Experience" and Art Auction work by members
Exhibitor in the Juried Member's Exhibit, October 2016
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference Juried Member's Exhibit, October 2015
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Macon, October 2014
Presenter: "Intro to AP Art: Creating Compelling Curricula"
Coordinator for Advocacy Slam
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Valdosta, October 2012
Presenter: C3: "Creative Compelling Curricula for the Intro to AP Creator"
"CREATE Luncheon Speaker" for NAHS Sponsor of the Year; Student work donated for the NAHS Auction
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Marietta, November 2011
Presenter: "Art of Anatomy (and other GREAT Lesson Ideas); Student work submitted for the NAHS Auction
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Callaway Gardens, October 2010
Presenter: "Art with Purpose"
Co-Presenter: "Collaborative Creations in Site Sculpture"
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Brasstown Ball, November 2009
Presenter: "Croy's Cause: Art with a Purpose"
Co-Presenter: "Istanbul Center Art and Essay Competition"
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Athens, November 2008
Conference Co-Chair
Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, St. Simon's, April 2008
Presenter: "International Memory Project"
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Augusta, October 2007
Presenter: "Narrative Necklaces"
Coordinate the Awards Ceremony with interactive group activities and a slate of over 50 state award nominees
Coordinate the slate of nominees running for GAEA offices.
Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, St. Simon's, April 2007
Presenter: "Creative Collaborations"
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Valdosta, November 2006
Presenter: "eARTh...it's got ART"
Facilitate the Awards Banquet, Art Stars; announcer, brochures and table decorations.
Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, St. Simon's, April 2006
Presenter: "Art Exhibit Excitement...The How-To's"
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Lake Lanier Island, October 2005
Co-Presenter: "Leadership #101"
Presenter: "Alpha Art...the ABC's of ART"
Presenter: "Shake, Rattle and Roll...with Clay that is!"
Facilitate the Saturday Night 30 Year Celebration
Speaker at the CREATE Luncheon, "CPR...the Art of Teaching!"
Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, St. Simon's, April 2005
Presenter: "CPR...A Passion for Art"
Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Savannah, November 2004
Presenter: "Document Your Doings"
Presenter: "Art Detectives...Through Time"

Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, St. Simon's Island, April 2004

Presenter: "Narrative Necklaces"

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Athens, October 2003

Facilitator: "CREATE Awards Ceremony"

Co-Presenter: "Creating with Character...Education"

Co-Presenter: "I Can See Clearly Now...Transparency Art Methods"

Elementary Division Luncheon Speaker, "Opening a Community Art Studio"

Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, Jekyll Island, April 2003

Presenter: "The South African ART Adventure"

Co-Presenter: "Flowers Are Red, or Are They: Building Children's Self-Esteem through the Arts"

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Atlanta, November 2002

Facilitator: "CREATE Awards Ceremony"

Presenter: "The South African Art Adventure...A Sanford Safari"

Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, Jekyll Island, April 2002

Presenter: "Miro Fun...Making and Singing About ART"

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Augusta, October 2001

Co-Presenter: "Rhythm-ongs, Brain Based Learning, Art History"

Presenter: "What ART Means to Me Paper Quilt"

Elementary Division Luncheon Speaker, "Let's Face It, You Gotta Have Art"

Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, Jekyll Island, 2001

Presenter: "Colorifically...It's Art History with Sanford"

Georgia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Lake Lanier, 2000

Conference Coordinator: planned the largest GAEA Conference to date with over 400 art educators in attendance, obtained \$7500 in grant monies securing 2 keynote speakers, a juried member's exhibit, 5 meal events and SDU credits offered, member created posters, student created logo, "Expressions 2000"!

Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, Jekyll Island, 2000

Presenter: "Rhythm-ongs...Teaching Aid for the Elementary Art Educator"

Georgia Art Education Association Conference, Savannah, 1999

Speaker at Youth Art Month Breakfast, hosted Youth Art Month awards and slide presentation

Presenter: "Eliminopee and the Alphabet Tree...A Book about Visual Imagery"

Presenter: "Sanford...Mona MESA's"

Georgia Art Education Association Conference, Columbus, 1998

Hosted Youth Art Month Booth

Co-Presenter: "A YAM JAM...Come Learn All You Can"

Georgia Art Education Association Spring Conference, Jekyll Island, 1998

Presenter: "Clay Rattles"

Georgia Art Education Association Conference, Kennesaw, 1997

Hosted Youth Art Month Booth

Georgia Art Education Association Conference, Macon, 1996

Hosted Youth Art Month Booth

Presenter: "The History of Art at the Elementary Level"

Georgia Art Education Association Conference Participant, Unicoi, 1995

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES and ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Beaufort High School NAHS Induction Speaker, Spring 2026

Beaufort County General Session Speaker – Arts Integration, August 2023

Kansas Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2022

Arkansas Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2021

NASCO Teacher Celebration Day, summer 2019

North Carolina Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2018

Lamarque Elementary School, Sarasota, FL – Consultant – December 2017

Pate's Creek Elementary School, Henry County, GA – Visiting Artist – May 2017

Wisconsin Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2017

Co-Presenter: "STEAM the West's Way"

South Carolina Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2017

Presenter: "The ABC's of Art Education"

Colorado Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2015

Presenter: "Summative Assessment Book Making Unit"

Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA, Symposium Keynote, November 2015

Distinguished Alumni Recipient

Illinois Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2014

Kentucky Art Education Association, Keynote Speaker, fall 2012

Nebraska / Iowa Art Education Association Joint Conference, Keynote Speaker, fall 2012

Virginia Art Education Association Fall Conference, Featured Speaker, Norfolk, VA, fall 2010

Advocacy Panelist and Breakfast Speaker; sponsored by Square 1 Art

Tennessee Arts Academy, Nashville, TN, Faculty Member, summer 2009

Presenter: "Thematic Art Adventures"

North Carolina Art Education Association Super Session Speaker, Wilmington, NC, fall 2007

Presenter: "Creative Collaborations", Presenter: "CPR: Resuscitating a Love of Learning in the Arts"

Southwest GA RESA art specialist presenter, Pelham, GA

Presenter: "Foundations to a Successful Art Program", winter, 2014; "Art with a Purpose", winter, 2010; "Narrative Necklaces...and Beyond", fall 2008; Presenter, "eARTh...it's got ART", fall, 2007

Creative Education Conference, presenter, "Gotta Hand it to our Artists", Staunton, VA, fall, 2008

Tennessee Art Education Association Fall Conference Keynote Speaker, Arrowmont, fall 2006

Art Educator's of New Jersey Fall Conference Featured Speaker, October 2006

Houston County Art Educators, "Museum Mania...Making Mona's", 2004

University of Georgia students, biannually, 1998-2017

Georgia State University students, biannually, 1999-2017

Douglas County Art Educators, "Museum Mania...Making Magic", 2004

Rockdale County Educators, "Museum Mania", 2003

Rockdale County Art Educators, "Sanford...Art History in the Making", 1999

Fayette County Educators, "Interdisciplinary Learning Through the Arts", 1999

Forsyth County Art Educators, "Sanford...Drawing with Dali and DaVinci", 1999

Douglas County Art Educators, "Sanford...Environmental Mural", 1998

Forsyth County Art Educators, "Sanford...Renaissance ARCH your back Angels", 1998 and 1999

Gwinnett County Art Educators, 1998,1999, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2014 with Nasco Guest

Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society Member, 1996-2016

Panel Member Editor for *Educational Horizons* summer edition 2001 "Student Articles"

Recipient of the Janyce Yoshizawa Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award, 2000

Guest Editor and article writer for *Educational Horizons* summer edition 2000 "The ARTS Connections"

Presenter at Pi Lambda Theta Biennial Leadership Conference, July 1999

"Teaching the Whole Curriculum Through the Arts"

Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society Vice President Region VIII, 1999-2001.

Participant of Pi Lambda Theta Video 2000, Top Educators in the nation

Gwinnett County 2005 Teacher of the Year Responsibilities:

Georgia Teacher of the Year Association Lifetime Member – 2008-present

Georgia 2008 Teacher of the Year Selection Committee Member, winter, 2007 and 2008

Achieving Excellence TV series panelist with state superintendent, "The Integration of the Arts", May 2006

State Superintendent Advisory Committee Member, 2005-2006

Inspirational Speech at the 2006 Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year Celebration, November 2005

Level II and Level III 2006 TOTY Panel Judge and Reader, fall 2005

Grand Marshall for the Suwanee Days Parade, September 2005

Parade Float Judge for Suwanee Days Parade, September 2005

Wrote the Introduction for the GCPS "Highlighting Excellence" Brochure, spring, 2005

Writer for AJC Gwinnett Extra on Education Tidbits, 2005

TV Host for ArtStage, GCTV show regarding the Tapestry Exhibit, spring 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Spoke at over 30 Kiwanis, Fraternity and Local Business Breakfast and Lunches, 2005-present.

Member of the X-FAT Staffing Committee in Gwinnett County, spring, 2005

Featured in 2 Magazine Articles, 2005

Featured in 8 newspaper articles, 2004 -2006

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Write Arts Integrated curriculum for the state of GA, GADOE, spring 2022

Write National Curriculum for Kids R Kids International – Summer 2022, Summer 2019, Summer 2018

Georgia Visual Arts Standards Writing Team – Drawing, Painting, Printmaking – fall 2016

Featured on the GCPSTV for the Tapestry segment, spring 2016

Woodruff Arts Educator Conference Presenter, summer 2014-present

GCPS Secondary E-Class Curriculum Writer – Intro Art 2D and 3D – summer, 2014

GCPS Teacher Connection Video Representative for Secondary High School Visual Art, 2013

4 lessons and video segments created: Art History Learning Stools, Pinspiration Portraits, Visualizing Vocabulary, Bookmaking as a Summative Assessment Tool

GCPS “Focus on Schools” Video Teacher, spring, 2009 (Emmy Award Winning Video)

Juror, Barefoot in the Park, Arts Festival, Duluth, GA, spring 2008

Juror, Forsyth County Arts Festival, Cumming, GA, spring 2008

TV Host for ArtStage, GCPSTV show regarding the Tapestry Exhibit, spring 2005-2010

TV Host for Youth Art Month commercial, GCPSTV, spring, 2008

PBS Education committee member, worked on implementing instruction for the “Arts in Every Classroom” video series, July 2004

Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, 2002-2007

Board of Directors

Teachers As Leaders, Class of 2001

Elected to Board of Trustees, 2001-2005

Professional Association of Georgia Educators, 1999-2017

Reflections Judge, 1999-present, Grayson Elementary, North Gwinnett High School, Rock Springs Elementary, North Gwinnett Middle School, Level Creek Elementary

National Art Honor Society Judge, 1999, 2002-2005

Governor’s Honors Judge, 1999, 2002-2004

Atlanta Junior League, 1994-2000

Breakfast with Santa Hostess, Arts and Crafts Committee; Habitat for Humanity

Gwinnett Reading Council, 1997-2002; 2004-2007

Georgia Citizen for the Arts, 1998-2003

Board of Directors, 2001-2003

High Museum of Art, 1996-present

Kappa Delta Sorority, University of South Carolina, 1986, Secretary of Pledge Class, Art Coordinator

Moore College of Art and Design Alumnae Association

University of South Carolina Alumna Association

University of Georgia Alumna Association

Additional Leadership Roles and Accomplishments:

Board Member, Art League of Hilton Head, 2017-2023

Member of the ALHH Education Committee, appointed 2018; Member of the Development Committee, appointed 2017

Fine Arts Co-Department Chair, North Gwinnett High School, 2007-2017

Visual Art Department Chair and Visual Art Teacher, North Gwinnett High School, 2007-2017

ArtWorks! Gwinnett Fusion Awards – Art Educator of the Year 2013

Marquette Who’s Who Among American Women, spring 2008, fall 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015

NAEA Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award Recipient, 2006

Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, spring, 2005 and winter, 2006, spring 2009, 2014

NAEA National Elementary Art Educator of the Year, 2005

Georgia Teacher of the Year Top 10 Finalist, winter 2005

Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year, fall 2004

Gwinnett County Elementary Teacher of the Year, fall 2004

National Board Certified Teacher, November 2003

Selected as a Teachers As Leaders participant, Gwinnett County, 2000-2001

Elected to Board of Trustees of Teachers As Leaders, 2001-2006

NBPTS Pilot Program Participant for Elementary Art Portfolio, 2000

GAEA Task Force Committee Member, Spring 2000

GAEA Leadership Meeting Participant, 1999

People Magazine Milk Mustache Atlanta Winner, 1999 (Theme: Georgia Art Educator’s Drink Milk)

Featured in 48 newspaper articles, 1994-present

Teacher of the Year Runner Up, Sugar Hill Elementary School, 1997-1998

Odyssey of the Minds Judge, 1997-1998

Odyssey of the Minds Coach, State Runner Up, 1996

Odyssey of the Minds Coach, Regional Winners, 1995

Sally Mae First Year Teaching Award Nominee and Finalist, 1994

Began an Art Program at De La Salle in Towne, Philadelphia, summer 1992

Publications and Exhibits:

“Layers of Life” – Collage / Mixed Media works, One Woman Exhibit, Island Red Center, Hilton Head, SC, summer 2025
“Live Brightly” Mixed Media Works, Public Kitchen and Wine Bar, December 2022
“Spread Joy” One woman exhibit, Island Rec Center, Hilton Head, SC, Fall 2022
“Trust the Journey: Mixed Media of Life” solo art exhibit, Art League of Hilton Head, Summer 2022
Wrote 15 arts integrated lessons for the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina TAP program – 2018-2020
75 Articles with the Art of Education University – online articles mentoring art educators
“Recycled Memories” – One Woman Art Exhibit, Hilton Head Library, December / January 2019
Art League of Hilton Head, monthly visual art exhibitor, 2018 - present
Arts and Activities, Secondary Intro 3D Curricula Series, 2018-2019
The Art of Education – Writer – publish 3 on-line monthly articles, June 2017 – June 2019
Arts and Activities, Secondary Advanced AP Yearlong Curricula Series, 2017-2018
Art League of Hilton Head – exhibiting artist, January 2018
Arts and Activities, Secondary Art II Yearlong Curricula Series, 2016-2017
GAEA Member’s Exhibit – Brenau University – 3 works accepted into juried show, October 2016
Arts and Activities, Secondary Intro Art Yearlong Curricula Series, 2015-2016
Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA, work accepted into the Alumna Exhibit, June 2016
GAEA Member’s Exhibit – Columbus, GA – 2 works accepted into juried show, October 2015
Art of the Affair – Art Selected for Auction to help fund the Jerusalem House, spring 2015-present
International Journal of Education and the Arts, “An Art-spiration-Elliot Eisner”, winter 2014
Arts and Activities, Figure Study Fridays, April 2014
North Gwinnett Arts League Exhibit, 2011 – present
Atlanta Art Institute Teacher Appreciation Juried Show, 2007-present
Arts and Activities contributing editor, fall 2009-present
School Arts Magazine, “Pecha Kucha” article, winter, 2011
School Arts Magazine, Teacher / Student Feature, April, 2010
Arts and Activities, Tried and True Tips contributing author, 2010 - present
Emphasis Art, 9th Edition, contributing author, winter 2008
Arts and Activities yearlong contributing author, Theme-Based “Alpha Art...ABC’s of ART” lessons, complete with web-based lessons and extensions, 2009-2010 school year.
Arts and Activities yearlong contributing author, Theme-Based “eARTh...it’s got ART” lessons, complete with web-based lessons and extensions, 2007-2008 school year.
Art Connections, contributing author, fall 2006
Skutt Kiln National Magazine Ad, featured in over 5 publications for 6-month duration, 2005-2006.
Arts and Activities Magazine, published article, “If We Build It They Will Come - A Renaissance Installation”, January 2006
High Museum of Art Lesson Plan writer and presenter, summer 2004, “Mondrian” and “Signac” to correlate with the Van Gogh to Mondrian: Modern Art from the Kroller Muller Museum exhibit during fall 2004.
High Museum of Art Lesson Plan writer and presenter, summer 2003, “Verrochio...Art Restored” to correlate with the exhibition of “David, Restored”.
High Museum of Art Lesson Plan writer and presenter, summer 2002, “All Aboard...Monet’s Imaginary Trains” to correlate with the Musee D’Orsay exhibit.
Morris Museum of Art, edited 10 lesson plans to correlate with their permanent collection, summer 2002
Presenter, Morris Museum of Art, “Telling Tales: Narrative in Southern Art, summer 2002.
Created art work for the Moore College of Art and Design Alumna Deck of Cards, designed the 4 of diamonds, October 2002.
Art and Activities Magazine, published article, “Youth Art Month...Piecing It Together with a 27’ x 7’ Tile Mural Wall, created by 1200 students”, March 2003
Teacher Feature, Egyptian Masks and Illuminated Manuscripts lessons published for Sanford’s Art Education Newsletter, Summer 2001
National Art Education Association Electronic Gallery exhibitor, New York City, 2001
GAEA Collage, President “Art Happenings” Column, Spring 2004, 2005 Fall 2004.
GAEA Collage, President-Elect Column, Spring 2002, 2003, Fall 2002, 2003
GAEA Collage, Student Reporter Articles, Spring 2001, Fall 2001 and Spring 2005.
GAEA Governor’s Juried Exhibit participant, 1998-2002
GAEA Juried Member’s Exhibit participant, 1999-present
Pi Lambda Theta Horizons Publication Summer 2000, Guest Editor, published “An Arts Education: A Necessary Component to Building the Whole Child”

National Art Education Association Electronic Gallery exhibitor, Juror's Choice, Los Angeles, CA, 2000
Co-authored, "Rhythm-ongs...a brain-based approach for teaching art", 2000
Authored "Eliminopee and the Alphabet Tree...A Book on Visual Imagery", 2000
Sanford "Time for Lessons" Brochure, Mona Mesa's, Spring 2000
Davis Publications, "Computer Art" by Deborah Greh, contributing author, 1999
Sanford "School Tools" Brochure, created 6 lesson plans and visuals, Fall 1999
Teacher Feature, Negative/Positive lesson published for Sanford's Art Education Newsletter, Fall 1999
School Arts Magazine: Endangered Species Unit
Schools Arts Magazine Clip Card: 20th Century Birdhouses
Featured in "100 Reasons to be Proud of Gwinnett County Schools" #22
"Baby and Hands" limited edition piece created for Sugar Hill Elementary School
Exhibit student artwork across the state of Georgia, 1994-present
Represented at the following galleries: "Atelier" and "J.Reid Gallery", Buford, Georgia, "Matilda's", Alpharetta, Georgia
Moore College of Art and Design Alumnae Quilt 1997
Capitol Gallery Art Exhibit, Office of the Governor, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
Moultrie Art Center Traveling Exhibit, 1999
Sugar Hill Elementary Quilt 1996
Joel's Local Art Exhibit, Lawrenceville, Georgia, June 1997
Moore College of Art and Design Alumnae Art Quilt Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA
Tapestry Art Exhibit Teacher Exhibit, Gwinnett County, 1996, 1997

Awards:

Georgia Art Education Association Distinguished Service Inside the Profession, 2026
Art of Education University, Faculty Member of the Year, 2024-2025
NAEA Distinguished Fellows Inductee, Class of 2024
National Emeritus Art Educator of the Year, 2021
Georgia Emeritus Art Educator of the Year, 2020
National Southeastern Secondary Art Educator of the Year, 2017
Helen Fleming Stone Distinguished Service Honoree (first ever) – GAEA / NAHS Conference, 2017
Georgia Secondary Art Educator of the Year, 2016
Moore College of Art and Design Distinguished Alumni Recipient, June 2016
AHSAA Award Recipient: Best Art Department, winter 2014
ArtWorks! Gwinnett Fusion Award Recipient – Art Educator of the Year 2013
National NAHS Sponsor of the Year 2012
State Youth Art Month Honorary Art Educator of the Year, 2011
Woodruff Arts Leadership Honoree, 2009
Georgia Art Educator of the Year 2009
11Alive "Class Act" Teacher Award with NGHS Visual Art Team, winter 2008
NAEA Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award Recipient, 2006
Nominated Disney Teacher of the Year 2003, 2004 and 2006; selected as Disney Top 100 semi-finalist, 2006
Who's Who Among America's Teachers Recipient, spring, 2005, winter, 2006
NAEA National Elementary Art Educator of the Year 2005
Georgia Teacher of the Year Top 10 Finalist, winter 2005
Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year, fall 2004
Gwinnett County Elementary Teacher of the Year, fall 2004
Level Creek Elementary School, 1st Teacher of the Year, 2004
Atlanta Journal Constitution's Honor Teacher Awardee, Elementary Zone Honoree 2001, Gwinnett County
Georgia Youth Art Month Award of Excellence, 2000 and 2001
NAEA Southeastern Elementary Art Educator of the Year, 2000
Pi Lambda Theta Janyce Yoshiwaza Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award, 2000
National Youth Art Month Award of Excellence, 1999
Georgia Elementary Art Educator of the Year 1999
Clare Flanagan National Grand Youth Art Month Award, 1997 and 1998
Sallie Mae First Year Teacher Nominee and Finalist, 1995