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National Board Certified Art Educator
The Art of Education University – Graduate Instructor
Retired Art Educator - Gwinnett County Georgia
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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

Motivational Speaking Engagements Custom Created 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:

Residencies: Henry County Georgia; Atlanta Public Schools; Fulton County Georgia; Cobb County Georgia; Glynn County, Georgia, Joliet Learning Center, Denver Colorado
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 contract
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

ArtsNOW, 2012-present

Work with teachers, schools and districts in the Southeast bringing arts integration to the forefront of education
Write Curriculum (23 arts integrated lessons)

Writer:

The Art of Education, June 2016 – July 2019

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

Arts & Activities, 2003 – June 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

Conference Presenter:

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:

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

Teach adult and children art classes

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

Teach Children's Art Camps

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

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

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

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 Rowanda 2013, 35 from Napal 2014, 40 from India 2015, 40 from Educador 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 \$75,000 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 the 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-present, 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

National AP Conference Presenter, Orlando, Florida – July 2019
National AP Conference Presenter, Washington DC – July 2017
Appointed to the Woodruff Arts Center Educator Conference Advisory Committee, November 2015- July 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, 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 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 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 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 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:

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 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-present
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:

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:

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

AHSAE 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