Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

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Executive Board

President-elect – Linh Nguyen

Vision Statement

I am honored and humbled to be recommended for the position of TAEA President-elect. As a current member, I have seen and felt the impact of TAEA in the lives of thousands of educators across the state. There is no greater experience than having your peers and colleagues share in the same vision and mission of promoting the visual arts. It is invaluable. If chosen as President-elect, I seek to embody the beliefs and standards as set forth by the Texas Art Education Association. I will continue to promote the importance of art education to positively influence the lives of teachers and students, and provide them a platform to advocate, celebrate and motivate. We will empower our teachers to have the knowledge and voice to ensure that equity exists in resources, support systems and inclusivity across the state. As an organization, we will continue to develop and grow leaders to ensure that we maintain a high level of achievement and integrity with the intent to sustain our vision and mission for many years to come.

Education

Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, M.ED; The University of Texas at Arlington May 2011 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts); The University of Texas at Arlington May 1995
Secondary Art, Grades 6-12 August 1996 – Present

Professional Experience

Assistant Director of Fine Arts, Visual Arts – Arlington Independent School District July 2019 – Present
Interim Fine Arts Director January 2018 – June 2018
Visual Arts Coordinator – Arlington Independent School District August 2006 – June 2019
Fine Arts Chairperson - Arlington High School August 2002 – August 2006
Art Teacher, Grades 9-12, Arlington High School August 1996 – December 2006

Recognition and Community Involvement

City of Arlington MLK Board of Directors August 2006 – Present
MLK Advancing the Dream Education Award January 2017
Arlington Arts League Linda Cordova Memorial Award April 2015

Professional Associations

National Art Education Association August 2017 – Present
Texas Art Education Association October 2006 – Present
Arlington Art Education Association August 1996 – Present

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Executive Board

Secretary - Jenny Lucas

Vision Statement

If elected to the role of Secretary for TAEA, I would focus on diligence and clarity. The recent House and Senate bills concerning fine arts elective credits in Texas public schools have reinforced the incredible value of TAEA and its collective voice. In serving as Secretary, I would do my best to ensure the integrity of that voice by keeping accurate and detailed records. I would put forth my best efforts to support the Executive Board, Executive Council, and Council-at-Large as they work creatively and collaboratively for our members and undertake to strengthen our advocacy efforts so that school, community, and government leaders come to see that art must be vitally connected to a student's education for it to be whole.

Education

Doctor of Education Aug 2014-Dec 2020 Curriculum and Instruction, University of Houston, Houston, TX
Master of Education Jan 2008-Dec 2012 Education Administration, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX Master of Arts June 1995-May 1996 Teaching, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
Bachelor of Arts Aug 1991-May 1995 English, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX Studio Art (minor)

Professional Experience

SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP Facilitator of Visual Art July 2016 – present Conroe Independent School District Visual Arts Department Chair Aug 2014 – May 2018 Woodlands High School
TEACHING EXPERIENCE AP Art/Art History Teacher Aug 2014 – present The Woodlands High School
Art Teacher Aug 2005 – June 2014 Woodlands High School—9th Grade Campus
Art Teacher Aug 2004 – June 2005 McCullough High School

Recognition and Community Involvement

Professional Development UX Designer/Facilitator Dec 2020 – present, Human Restoration Project Museum of Fine Arts Teacher Fellow Sept 2018 – present, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Community Art Division Chairperson Texas Art Education Association Nov 2017 – present, The Woodlands High School Art Trust Sponsor and Board Member Aug 2014 – present

Professional Associations

National Guild for Community Arts Education, 2020 – present
National Art Education Association, 2014 – present
Texas Art Education Association, 2004 – present

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Executive Board

Treasurer – Lisa Saenz-Saldivar

Vision Statement

As TAEA Treasurer, I will strive to provide exceptional records of the TAEA budget. I will ensure transparency through open communication with the Executive Committee and Council-At-Large, up to date TAEA treasurer notebook, that all TAEA debts are paid, and the budget balances out.

Education

The University of Texas Pan American Edinburg, TX - Graduate Principalship 2009
Master of Education – Gifted Education 2009
Undergraduate Bachelor of Fine Arts 1999

Professional Experience

McAllen Independent School District - 2001-present
Fine Arts Department Visual Arts Coach & Lead Art Teacher2014-present
Region 1 VASE Director
Lamar Academy Teacher; IB / Options Visual Arts 2009-2014
Gonzalez Elementary Teacher; 4th GT, 2nd GT, 1st GT, Elementary Art 2002-2009
Navarro Elementary Teacher; Kindergarten 2001-2002
La Joya Independent School District - 1999-2001 - Kika de La Garza Elementary Teacher; Kindergarten 1999-2001

Recognition and Community Involvement

Texas Art Education Association Treasurer 2019-present - Texas Art Education Association State Conference Co-Chair 2018 - Texas Art Education Association Blue Ribbon Board Member 2018-2020 - Region I Visual Arts Scholastic Event 2014-present - McAllen Arts Council member 2014-present
Lamar Academy IB Nu Class Sponsor 2011-2014 - MISD Mid-Management Round Table for Aspiring Assistant Principals 2010 - International Museum of Arts and Science Advisory Board Member 2009-2012

Professional Associations

National Art Education Association (NAEA) Member 2006-present
Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Member 2006-present

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Executive Board

Treasurer - Sarah Hartman

Vision Statement

In the role of Treasurer, I believe that I would be an asset to the board and the position due to my bookkeeping skills as well as my presentation skills. I would like to still serve my region in helping the incoming regional representative with professional developments and membership growth. I truly believe in TAEA's mission and in Art Education and would love the opportunity to serve in a larger capacity.

Education

Master of Art Education
Texas Tech University, TX. 2015
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Sculpture
University of Houston, TX. 2008
Associate of Arts
Tomball College, TX. 2003

Professional Experience

Cy-Fair High School –Art Teacher - CFISD (08/10 – current)
Tom Peacock Nissan Service – Service Advisor - (1/09 – 07/10)
Petco – Operations Manager - (9/06 –1/09)
Kirkland Productions – Agent - (4/06 - 12/06)
Wolf Camera – Photo Lab Manager - (6/2001 – 5/06)

Recognition and Community Involvement

TAEA Region 4 Representative

Professional Associations

TAEA Member since 2010
NCECA Member since 2015

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Executive Board

Vice President-elect Membership – Myron Stennett

Vision Statement

I look at the position of VP Membership with the Texas Art Education Association as an extension of the work I do in Richardson ISD as Director of VAPK12 for the past 11 years. Membership focuses on serving the art educator across Texas with a network of support that extends to the classroom with quality opportunities that directly develop student learning in the arts. My vision is to support TAEA in the creation and promotion of membership campaigns that upholds the benefits of membership and participation in TAEA with school districts, Division and Regional meetings and activities. For the past 31 years, I have been a member of TAEA & NAEA! I have supported TAEA by presenting at annual conferences, volunteered during annual conferences, Co-Chairs 3 Annual Conferences in the Dallas Area, participated in the TAEA Elementary Textbook Review Committee, and developed & organized several Area III Mini-Conferences in the DFW Area. Importantly, I will support and serve to develop quality art educators that will in turn support student learning and creativity in the arts.

Education

2000 – 2001 Richardson ISD
Certificate, Leadership Development Academy
May 2000 - University of North Texas Certificate, Mid-Management Administrator
December 1995 - University of North Texas M .A. Art Education
May 1990 - University of North Texas B.F.A., Art Education
December 1986 - University of North Texas B.A., Visual Arts

Professional Experience

July 14, 2010 to Present - Director of Visual Arts PK – 12 Richardson I.S.D.
August 1996 to 2010 - Art Teacher - RISD Academy
August 1990 to June 1996 - Art Teacher - J. Frank Dobie Elementary/RISD Academy

Recognition and Community Involvement

Richardson Arts Alliance President & Chairman of the Board
Richardson Art Teacher Society (RATS)

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association (TAEA)
National Art Education Association (NAEA)

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Executive Board

Vice President-elect Youth Art Month – Angela Coffey

Vision Statement

To make Youth Art Month a cohesive celebratory event by highlighting and advocating for fine arts students and educators in Texas!

Education

University of St. Thomas 2020-present - Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Texas Teachers 2007-2008 - Accelerated Teacher Certification Program (Texas Teachers)
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 2002-2006 - Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Professional Experience

Greenspoint Elementary (2019-present) Houston, TX Aldine ISD 1st-4th Art Teacher
Mahaffey Elementary (2018-2019) Tomball, TX Klein ISD K-5th Art Teacher
Greenspoint Elementary (2016-2018) Houston, TX Aldine ISD 1st-4th Art Teacher
Stovall Academy (2014-2016) Houston, TX Aldine ISD Writing Skills Specialist/Leadership Team Member
Diane Winborn Elementary (2012-2014) Katy, TX Katy ISD 4th Grade Language Arts Teacher
Jones Elementary (2008-2012) Houston, TX Aldine ISD 4th Grade Language Arts Teacher

Recognition and Community Involvement

2014-2016 Leadership Team Member Aldine ISD
2016-2017 Extra Miler Award recipient Aldine ISD
2016-2017 Teacher of the Year Finalist
2016-2018 Cooperative Teacher for student teachers
2017-2018 Web Series Co-Host for TACO (Teaching Art Collaboratively Online)
2019-2020- Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators- Campus Teacher of the Year
2020-2021 Ancillary Team Leader
2017-present Web Series Host for Daily Dose of Coffey “Art Tips While You Sip”
2021 CEDFA Virtual Summit Presenter and CADRE member

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association
National Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Executive Council

High School Division Chair-elect - Leah McWhorter

Vision Statement

As chair I would like to lead my fellow teachers to success by building relationships, providing support, and helping advocate for the arts we love so much.

Education

TExES EC-12 Art - TExES PPR
Bachelor of Art in Art Education / Texas State University – San Marcos, TX 2006-2010
BA in Studio Art - Photography / Texas State University – San Marcos, TX 2006-2010

Professional Experience

2018 – CURRENT - Klein Collin High School Klein ISD – Spring, TX Art Teacher
2012 – 2018 - Haude Elementary Klein ISD – Spring, TX. Art Teacher
2010 – 2012 - Splendora High School Splendora ISD – Splendora, TX Art Teacher /Cheer Sponsor
2010 - Canyon Middle School Comal ISD – New Braunfels, TX. Student Teaching – 6th – 8th
2009 - Hoffmann Lane Elementary Comal ISD – New Braunfels, TX Student Teaching – K-5th
2009 - Judson High School Judson ISD – Converse, TX. Student Internship – Drawing Art II/ III/ IV
2008 - DeZavala Elementary / San Marcos ISD – San Marcos, TX Student Internship – 2nd – 4th

Recognition and Community Involvement

Region 4N Director – 2021-Current
State V.A.S.E. Workshop Coordinator – 2021 – Current
Art Lounge Chair – 2019 Conference
V.A.S.E. Qualifier 4W, 4E, 4S - 2019
V.A.S.E. Gallery Foremen – 2018-2019
V.A.S.E. Juror Region 6 – 2018-2019
V.A.S.E. Day Worker – Forms - 2017
Conference Presenter Assistant – 2011

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

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Executive Council

High School Division Chair-elect - Ryan Rimmer

Vision Statement

As the potential TAEA High School Division Chair - Elect, it would be my desire and obligation to represent TAEA in this position to the best of my ability. I would like to continue to build on the work and efforts I have contributed over the past 4 years as the Region 10 Representative.

I would like to continue to work with others in promoting and supporting art education at the High School level, working with others on VASE and other TAEA events, and I would be honored to represent TAEA as the High School Division Chair - Elect.

Education

1999 BFA – Graphic Design, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
2003 Graduate course work – Education, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri

Professional Experience

2014 – 2021	HS Art - AP 2D Design, & AP 3D Design	Independence High School, Frisco, TX
2010 – 2014	K-5th Grade Art	Isbell Elementary, Frisco, TX
2009 – 2010	Substitute [w. Long Term Art Sub]	Frisco ISD, Frisco, TX

Recognition and Community Involvement

2019	*Arts In The Square 2019*, Frisco Square, Frisco, TX
2018	*Arts In The Square 2018*, Frisco Square, Frisco, TX
2017	*The Kanye Collection*, The Museum Of Fake Art Square, Los Angeles, CA
2017	*Art In The Atrium 14*, George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, Frisco, TX
2017	*Arts In The Square 2017*, Frisco Square, Frisco, TX
2016	*Art In the Atrium 13*, George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, Frisco, TX
2016	*Kanye Loves Kanye*, Downtown Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2016	*Arts In The Square 2016*, Frisco Square, Frisco, TX
2016	*Solo Exhibition*, Bricks & Minifigs, Plano, TX
2015	*Arts In The Square 2015*, Frisco Square, Frisco, TX
2014	*Art In the Atrium 9*, George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, Frisco, TX
2014	*Arts In The Square 2014*, Frisco Square, Frisco, TX

Professional Associations

- TAEA
- NAEA
- Visual Arts Guild Frisco
- Texas Visual Arts Association
- VASE Volunteer
- Region 10N Mini-Conference Presenter
- Frisco ISD PD Presenter
- Frisco ISD Curriculum Writer

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Executive Council

Middle/Junior High Division Chair-elect - Robbyne Teel

Vision Statement

Art is a way for all students to be able to express themselves and find their own voice. I believe that all students should have the opportunity to be able to learn about art and be exposed to different techniques and medias to help promote their growth in the Arts.

Education

E. ED, University of Texas of the Permian Basin 2003 – 2006
Bachelor of Arts, University of Texas of the Permian Basin 1998 – 2002

Professional Experience

Teacher, Midland Independent School District, Midland Tx 2013-Present
Assistant Principal, Midland Independent School District, Midland Tx 2012-2013
Teacher, Midland Independent School District, Midland, TX 2003-2012
Student Worker, University of Texas of the Permian Basin 2000- 2002

Recognition and Community Involvement

Assist in campus activities to help expand the student's achievements, promote attendance and responsible actions on campus.
Workshop coordinator for the VASE and Junior VASE events for the Midland/Odessa area.
Area I representative for four years
Region 18 Jr Vase Director for four years
Teaching Art Grades k-6, in both a traditional school year at a Fine Arts Magnet.
Helping students achieve a higher level of self-confidence with their work in classes.
Work with students from the Behavior Adjustment Class and in Life Skills.
Preparing with student help a minimum of 12 Art shows at our school along with many community projects.

Professional Associations

Current member Texas Classroom Teacher Association and School Representative
Current member Texas Art Educators Association
Current member National Art Educators Association

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Executive Council

Elementary School Division Chair-elect - Keahi Brown

Vision Statement

My vision for TAEA elementary division is to be a support system for Texas elementary art teachers as we continue to navigate the pandemic by creating a virtual community.

I'd also like to continue to offer a great variety of conference sessions - navigating technology by creating digital lessons, diversity in the arts focusing on underrepresented communities, and exploring contemporary art & artists. TEAM has been personally difficult for me & my district colleagues and I'd like to explore how we can make it more accessible for all elementary art teachers. Essentially, I'd like to streamline the fantastic qualities of TAEA to make it easier to navigate, participate in, and learn from our incredible teachers.

Education

May 1994	Graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN Major in Studio Art with concentration in Ceramics, Concentration in Education
Fall 1994	Student Teaching Humboldt Secondary School Drawing 7-12, St. Paul, MN Four Winds Native American Magnet School K-8, Minneapolis, MN

Professional Experience

August 1995 - May 1997 Elementary Art K-5 Sierra Vista Public Schools, Sierra Vista, AZ
January 1998 - May 1999 3-5 Homeroom Teacher & PK-5 Art Children's Academy of Arizona Charter School PK-5, Tucson, AZ
Summer 1998 Taught Art at Summer Camp for kids with disabilities Third St. Kids, Tucson, AZ
August 1999 - May 2002 Elementary Art K-5, Southwest ISD, San Antonio, TX
August 2002 - May 2007 Elementary Art K-5, Outdoor Academy Director Kendall, Boerne ISD,
August 2007 - May 2008 Elementary Art K-5 Norman Elementary School, Austin ISD, Austin, TX
August 2008 – present Elementary Art K-5 Village Elementary School, Pickett Elementary, McCoy Elementary, Carver Elementary, Frost Elementary, Georgetown ISD, Georgetown, TX

Recognition and Community Involvement

2011 - present Capitol Area Boy Scouts of America Den Leader, Assistant Troop Leader, Assistant Crew Leader, Merit Badge Counselor, Pack 711, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Pflugerville, TX

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Executive Council

Administration/Supervision Division Chair-elect Amanda Byers

Vision Statement

I believe that educators are tour guides and that all students should have the opportunity to absorb everything the world has to offer from the comfort of the classroom (or their home). I believe that background knowledge is the glue that holds the learning together. Educators can level the playing field for all students and provide opportunities for success by using an arts education platform in order to build a framework of background knowledge. By using art as the foundation, educators have a unique opportunity to guide students in making connections, to foster critical thinking skills and to encourage collaboration while guiding them through the artistic process.

Education

B.S. – The University of Texas at Austin
M.Ed. – The University of St. Thomas

Professional Experience

Galena Park ISD 1998-2001 2nd Grade Bilingual Teacher, Art Teacher, Dyslexia Specialist
Redd School 2002-2010 Curriculum Coordinator, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Teacher, Art Car Sponsor, Accreditation Specialist
Spring ISD 2010-present 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Art Teacher, Virtual High School Art Teacher, Parent Engagement Liaison, Visual Art Coordinator

Recognition and Community Involvement

Wells Middle School, Teacher of the Year 2015
Finalist - District Teacher of the Year for Spring ISD 2015
Spring ISD Employee Recognition Award 2018
Nominated – TAEA Administrator/Supervisor of the Year 2020

Professional Associations

Member - Houston Area Art Supervisors (HAAS)
Member - Texas Art Education Association
Member - National Art Education Association
Harris County Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Program Advisory Council

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Executive Council

Administration/Supervision Division Chair-elect - Laura Grundler

Vision Statement

As Supervision and Administration Chair-Elect, I would continue to keep the TAEA mission statement at the forefront of my leadership. In my work as an arts leader and arts advocate, I understand what it takes to connect a community. Working to continue the previous chairs' vision of connecting supervisors/administrators to build a community of support, sharing, and advocacy amongst the supervisors from across the state is essential. As is working to connect supervisors to higher education to build partnerships for developing, recruiting, and retaining art teachers with 21st-century skills. The divisions would collaborate to review and promote hiring practices that consider equity, diversity, and inclusion in order to secure art teachers that reflect the students and communities they serve. Lastly, it is important to continue to build arts advocacy, especially at our state level, as we have recently seen the gravity of staying in tune with proposed house and senate bills during this legislative season. The work the supervision and administration division has done to establish and promote districts of distinction is fundamental to our state advocacy and must be continued. The supervision and administration division is on a wonderful trajectory and the work that has been done will continue to move forward in a collaborative and meaningful way connecting divisions and members of TAEA.

Education

NAEA School for Art Leaders Co-Hort 2018
University of North Texas – MA Educational Administration – 2007
Western State Colorado University – BA Art and Education – 1999

Professional Experience

K12 VISUAL ARTS COORDINATOR – Plano ISD - July 2014 to present
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL -Carpenter Middle School July 2011-July 2014 – Plano East Senior High School – July 2008 – July 2011 – Shepton High School July 2007 – July 2008
ART EDUCATOR – Willliams High School Plano ISD August 2002-June 2007 – Reyburn Intermediate Clovis USD August 2000 – June 2002

Recognition and Community Involvement

Co-Creator #K12ARTCHAT & THE CREATIVITY DEPARTMENT 20 14 – present
TAEA Lone Star Award for Arts Advocacy – 2017
NAEA AET Art Ed Outstanding Community Award - 2017
ECET2 Gates Foundation – 2015

Professional Associations

National Art Education Association
Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Executive Council

Higher Education Division Chair-elect - Kathy Brown

Vision Statement

My vision for the higher education division of TAEA is based in inquiry and framed by four questions; (a) How can higher education art educators continue to share pedagogical best practices and experiences in order to strengthen art teacher education throughout the state? (b) How can we increase/facilitate/honor conversations and connections between K-12 and higher education to increase applications of theory-into-practice? (c) What is our role as educational researchers in shaping the future of art education in Texas? (d) How can we continue to foreground diverse voices and perspectives through our outreach, research and collaborations?

Education

Ph.D. 2018 University of Houston Curriculum and Instruction Area: Art Education Dissertation: Watercolor in Context: Exploring Social Justice Issues Through Art Grad. Cert.
2017 University of Houston Museum Education M.A.
2009 Eastern Michigan University Area: Art Education B.A
1996 Wilberforce University, B.A. Major: Visual Art

Professional Experience

2019- Assistant Professor of Art Education, University of North Texas, Denton, TX
2018-2019 Visiting Assistant Professor of Art Education, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
2017-2018 Teaching Fellow, University of Houston, Houston, TX
2017 Director of Education [Museum Education Internship], Art Collection at Tougaloo College, Miss.
2015-2017 Teaching Assistant, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Recognition and Community Involvement

2020 Conference Session Moderator. Texas Art Education Association Annual [Virtual] Conference.
2018,2019 Reviewer. Book of Selected Readings of the International Visual Literacy Association.
2017 Session Chair. Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association
2018 Committee Member. Denton Black Film Festival, Denton, TX

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association
National Art Education Association
American Educational Research Association

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Executive Council

Higher Education Division Chair-elect - Luis Corpus

Vision Statement

My vision as Chair-Elect for Higher Education would be to support the recruitment initiatives and professional development opportunities as envisioned by the current Chair-Elect, and future Chair, Liliana Cabrera. I would also seek to propagate all current recruitment initiatives via Texas Art Schools Association, an organization comprised of Texas Art faculty from two-year, four-year public and private higher education institutions. As we make a return to the classroom, we should also retain virtual connectivity as a method to bolster participation in the annual Higher Education Professional Development Retreat. I would propose that we move towards live events as safety permits, while simultaneously creating a platform for virtual attendance. I have been a member of TAEA since 2011, having taught at Texas high schools from 2009-2017. As a teacher in public education, my intent was to promote student success. I continue do the same within my current capacity, understanding that we exist to build the scaffolding for the future generations of art educators.

Education

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. M.A., Studio Art, 2009.
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. B.F.A., Studio Art, 2007.
Del Mar College. A.A., Studio Art, 2005.

Professional Experience

Art Faculty, Full-Time, South Texas College, 2017-Present.
Art Faculty, Adjunct, South Texas College, 2011-2017.
Art Teacher, Juarez-Lincoln High School, La Joya ISD, 2010-2017.
Art Teacher, PSJA High School, PSJA ISD, 2009-2010.

Recognition and Community Involvement

Guest Artist, I Stand With Immigrants Artist Retreat, Miami, FL. 2019
Agente de Cambio. Festival International de Poesía Latino Americana, McAllen, TX. 2018.
Keynote Speaker. Ascender Noche de Familia, Rio Grande City, TX. 2018.
Purchase Award. 50th Annual National Drawing & Small Sculpture Show, Corpus Christi, TX. 2016

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association, Member, 2011.
Texas Art Schools Association, Member, 2018.

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Executive Council

Museum Division Chair-elect - Noel Bella Merriam-Gourley

Vision Statement

Museums play an essential role in supporting art education for students and educators in many ways, from the development of critical thinking skills and empathy to essential first-hand experiences with works of art from diverse cultures and time periods that enhance our shared understanding of humanity. The transformative power of art in museums provides unique and invaluable opportunities for student-centered dialogue, exploration of new perspectives, and exchanges that foster deeper understanding of diversity, equity, access, and inclusion in art education. We have faced rapid changes in how we provide resources for educators and students in the last year, and there are opportunities to take the best of the digital and virtual experiences museums have developed and integrate these into our practice going forward. My vision is to strengthen existing networks for museums and art educators in Texas in order to support culturally responsive art education, social justice, and growth in accessibility and inclusion for all students, art educators, and museums.

Education

- Master of Business Administration in Management, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas. Delta Mu Delta Honor Society.
- Master of Fine Arts in Painting/Drawing, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Minor: Art History

Professional Experience

2020 – present AT&T Director of Education, Diversity, and Inclusion, San Antonio Museum of Art.
2019 – present Museum Commissioner, National Art Education Association (NAEA) Commission for Equity, Diversity Now and Inclusion. Graduate, NAEA School for Art Leaders (2019-20)
2017 – present AT&T Director of Education, San Antonio Museum of Art.
2017 – present Education Advisory Committee, Smithsonian Latino Center, Washington, DC.

Recognition and Community Involvement

National Art Education Association Award: Western Region Museum Education Art Educator of the Year, 2021.
2001 Merriam-Gourley, Noël Bella. The Arts Dynamic, A Survey of Arts Education in San Antonio Area Schools for the 1999-2000 School Year, co-authored with Denise Casanova.

Professional Associations

National Art Education Association
Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Executive Council

Retired Division Chair-elect - Debbie Nicholas

Vision Statement

My vision as an art educator is to encourage my students to explore the world through art. As a retired art educator, I will conduct myself with a positive attitude as a motivated leader in my field to encourage the current educators.

Education

- Texas A&M – Texarkana & Henderson State University - Masters Degree
- Attended Texarkana College and Southern Arkansas University - Bachelors Degree.

Professional Experience

- Retired – May 2020 with 37 years teaching experience
- Taught in Gillett, Arkansas, then Palestine and Wheatley Arkansas teaching both art and math
- Taught art for 14 years at Linden-Kildare Junior High
- At Texas High I taught AP Art History, AP Studio Art, Sculpture, Painting, Drawing, and Art I during my 19-year tenure
- In 2010 I begin teaching Art Appreciation at Texas A&M in Texarkana online and still teach that course at Texarkana College.

Recognition and Community Involvement

- Opened an Art Gallery/Makerspace in downtown Texarkana called Arts on Broad located in The 1894 Gallery which I help operate.
- I sell art created by local and regional artists and have a classroom and studio space.

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Executive Council

Private School Division Chair-elect - Lisa Urban

Vision Statement

Private school teachers are underrepresented in TAEA. I wish to help change that as the TAEA Private School Chair-elect. I will work to bridge the gap between private and public school teachers through open communication, sharing of resources and holding events to encourage participation.

Education

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS December 2013 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Painting and Drawing

Professional Experience

St. Joseph Catholic School, Bryan, TX - August 2016 – present - Elementary and Secondary Art Teacher
KOR School, College Station, TX - August 2015 - May 2016 - Fine Arts Friday Teacher
The Arts Council of Brazos Valley, College Station, TX - January 2015 - August 2016 - Staff Arts Educator

Recognition and Community Involvement

- 2020 recipient of the "Advancing our Mission" grant from the Diocese of Austin, for project "Moulding Young Minds in the Art room".
- Various awards for personal artwork exhibited in shows throughout my community.
- George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, "Spotlight on Arts Educators" Artwork exhibited and presentation given - 2019, 2020, 2021
- George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum annual "Art and Essay Competition" Judge – 2018
- Region 6 TAEA Mini-Conference, The Woodlands • Presenter - "Fiber Arts for All Ages"

Professional Associations

Brazos Valley Art Educators Association • Member - 2018-2019
Texas Art Education Association – Member – 2018 – present

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Executive Council

Student Division Chair-elect - Chloe Morrell

Vision Statement

My vision for the Student Division Chair-elect is to be an advocate for research and encourage students to present their explorations at conferences. TAEA is a key supporter of art education, providing resources to both students and educators. Students presenting their research allows for understanding and critical feedback for the future expansion and quality of their talents. I will provide direction and available resources to fellow students seeking support and promote ways to advance their careers as educators and advocates for the arts.

Education

- Stephen F. Austin State University 2020-Current Nacogdoches, TX - Masters in Art Education
- Sam Houston State University 2015-2020 Huntsville, TX - Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

Professional Experience

- 2020-Current - Graduate Assistant Stephen F. Austin State University Nacogdoches, TX Ceramic Studio
- 2018-2020 - Sam Houston State University Academic Success Center Huntsville, TX Student Assistant
- Summer 2018, 2019, & 2020 - Kiddie Kampus North Dartmouth, MA Teacher's Assistant Summer
- 2018 - Camp Cho-Yeh Livingston, TX Camp Counselor

Recognition and Community Involvement

Mural via Zoom (Community Based Art) Mentored a student from the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) via Zoom for a mural about intercultural harmony

Co-creator of Art Program for Boys and Girls Club Currently co-creating, along with my professor, an art program for future Boys and Girls Club art teachers; instructing middle and high school in a variety of art projects

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 2 - Alejandra Pena

Vision Statement

My mission as Region 2 Representative is to continue to advocate for art education and help teachers grow as artist, mentors and educators. I am dedicated to introducing programs in our region such as Youth Art Month (YAM), Texas Elementary Art Meet (TEAM) and help grow VASE and Junior VASE participation. I am currently working with several artists and organizations to offer professional development opportunities to promote growth in art education practices, and support for Visual Art educators. What I love most about TAEA is: TAEA gives its members the opportunity to build a professional network of colleague who share the same passion for art education. As we learn from each other we become stronger advocates for our art students and programs in our schools.

Education

- Bachelor of Art - August 2009 Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX
- Associates Degree in Science - May 2005 San Diego City College, San Diego CA
- Graduate, Crosby High School - May 1995

Professional Experience

Art Teacher ▪ Gregory-Portland High School, Gregory-Portland ISD June 2018-Present ▪ Rockport High School, Aransas County ISD August 2017-June 2018
Student Teaching, Fieldwork & Observations ▪ Hasting High School, Alief ISD March-May 2009 ▪ O'Donnell Middle School, Alief ISD January- March2009
Summer Art Teacher ▪ Crosby Community Center June 2009-2017
Boy Scout of America ▪ Committee Chair, Troop 1411 September 2014- 2016 ▪ Wolf Den Leader, Pack 264, Crosby, TX August 2012- September 2014

Recognition and Community Involvement

District 36 Congressional Art Competition, Art Chairman 2016-2017
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Committee Member May 2017 present
Region 2 Representative & VASE Director 2018-present
Region 2 Junior VASE Director 2018-2019
Rockport Center for The Arts Art Festival Member 2017-present

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association Member 2010- present
National Art Education Association Member 2014- present
Crosby Lions International Club Member August 2013- June 2018

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 3 - Jamie Sainz

Vision Statement

As an artist and educator, I care deeply about the value of an education in the arts. My philosophy of teaching is anchored by a personal goal to be a lifelong learner, consistently improving, and evolving my pedagogy through student mentor ship, acting as a guide while also being a listener, and leading as a role model in and out of the classroom. I do this by mentoring their abilities in craft and process and guiding them throughout the identification and pursuit of their motivations as artists. As Region 3 Representative I will continue to support this philosophy as a guide to membership.

Education

- Certified in Art (K-12
- Bachelor of Fine Arts Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666
  BFA in Graphic Design.

Professional Experience

Art Teacher, Memorial High School • August 2008 to August 2010
Art Teacher, Victoria East High School • August 2010 to Currently Employed

Recognition and Community Involvement

2020 Friendliest Teacher Award • Nominated by and voted for by students.
District of Distinction by TAEA • 2020 • 2019

Professional Associations

DonorsChoose.org Teacher Advocate For Victoria East High School • 2010 - Current
Texas Art Education Association TAEA Member • 2008 – Currently
Active Representative for Region 3 • March 2018 – Currently
Active National Art Education Association • Member 2013 - 2020

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 4 - Jessica Green

Vision Statement

A driving force behind my purpose as an art educator is helping students find their voice within their art. A student's skills and knowledge are just the beginning of their journey. It's through community interactions, critiques, and self-reflections that student's start to understand the path they want to take. Much like the purpose I seek in the classroom, within TAEA, I hope to bring opportunities to other art educators to find their voice, to find ways to bring all that we have to offer to our students where connections are made and young artists are inspired. I believe through successful networks and mentorships in TAEA, teachers can find a place that feels safe to express themselves and ask the questions that will help them on their path.

Education

- 1999-2003 Texas State University - San Marcos, TX Bachelors of Fine Arts - Studio Art specializing in Printmaking

Professional Experience

2011- Present Cypress Lakes High School Visual Arts Teacher
2017-Present Fine Arts Department Chair
2016-Present Art Team Leader
2016-Present CFISD Visual Arts Core Council

Recognition and Community Involvement

2013-2019 Via Colori Chalk Mural Festival
2012-2016 East End Studio Gallery Dia de los Muertos Exhibit
2011-2015 Lawndale Art Center Annual Dia de los Muertos Exhibit

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 4 - Kiersten Rucker

Vision Statement

Through teacher-centered mini conferences, communication and encouragement, I hope to help the educators of Region 4 remember that they can inspire excitement within themselves and let it spread throughout their classrooms. Sometimes we forget that we should also have that time for ourselves in "the laboratory" to explore, create and grow. I want these educator experiences to be accessible in our professional development opportunities and conferences. We know the importance of student-centered teaching, but we should also know the importance of nurturing ourselves to help us remember why we want to share Art making with others.

Education

- University of Houston, Houston, TX - B.A. ART
- Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX - B.A. Radio and Television

Professional Experience

Art Teacher, Schindewolf intermediate, KLEIN ISD
August 2016 – June 2019
Art Teacher, Bernshausen elementary, KLEIN ISD
August 2013 – June 2016
Group leader and art camp instructor, Clayton Youth Enrichment Services
August 2009 - August 2011

Recognition and Community Involvement

March 2019 – Led Elementary and Intermediate PLC *(Focus: Ceramic Glaze Techniques)*
February 2019 – VASE Tabulations Foreman (*Region 4 North and 4 South)*
November 2018 and 2019 – Presenter, TAEA Conference
April 2018 – Co-Director, Junio rVASE *(Region 4 East)*

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 5 - Kelsey Thibodeaux

Vision Statement

I want to create a community of educators who are inspiring and passionate about art education. I want to give our educators the tools they need in order to be successful and feel supported by their community.

Education

- 2012-2015 Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas Bachelor of Science in Art Education
- Certification- Art EC-12
- Summer 2014 Santa Reparata International School of Art, Florence, Italy Advanced Drawing and Watercolor
- 2018-2019 Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas Masters in Educational Administration Certification- Principal

Professional Experience

2015-2017 Guess Elementary School Beaumont ISD K-5th Art
2017-Present Groves Middle School Port Neches Groves ISD 6th and 7th Grade Art
June 2020 PNGISD- Curriculum Facilitator Port Neches Groves ISD Administrative facilitator for the summer curriculum project

Recognition and Community Involvement

Wayne A. Reaud "Excellence in Education" recipient 2020
TAEA Middle School Art Teacher of the Year Nominee 2019
Don Gay Memorial Scholarship Recipient 2019
Groves Middle School Teacher of the Year 2019
Port Neches Groves "Spotlight on Excellence" December 2018
Port Neches Groves Educational Foundation "Margie Barnes" Grant Award 2018
Beaumont Public Schools Foundation Grant Award 2017

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association
Parent Teacher Association
Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 6 - Lisa Miller

Vision Statement

As I seek re-election for TAEA Region 6 Representative I am concerned about the state of art education in Texas. One of the strengths of TAEA is our ability to rally the troops in support of our teachers and students. As Region 6 Representative I have attempted to communicate with our members via social media at our on-line Fall Conference and will continue to reach out to our members so they know they are not alone in their efforts. I will organize gatherings that will benefit our members and advocate, communicate and facilitate for the teachers in Region 6.

Education

- University of Texas Austin – BFA Studio Art – 1980
- McLennan Community College – Teacher Certification

Professional Experience

Art Teacher – Bremond ISD – 1999 – 2019
Primary and Secondary
Professional Artist – 1993 - present

Recognition and Community Involvement

2007 – George Bush Library and Museum Outstanding Educator
2012 – 2015 – TAEA Middle School Division Chair
2012 – 2019 – Region 6 Junior VASE Director
Sponsor – Bremond Middle School Art Club
Sponsor – Breemond High School Art Club
National Art Honor Society

Professional Associations

Brazos Valley Art Education Association
Texas Art Education Association
National Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 7 - Wayne Gaddis

Vision Statement

Through my work as Region 7 Qualifications Forman and as an Art Teacher for Pine Tree ISD, I have observed a need to foster a greater community among the teachers in the region. I plan to continue building up our VASE participation to help showcase the student artist of our region and help keep the region informed and connected to strengthen our programs.

Education

- **Stephen F. Austin State University** - Bachelors of Fine Arts with an emphasis in Art Metals/Jewelry Design **-** August 2010 - May 2013
- **Kilgore Junior College** - Associates of Arts/Certificate in Photography **-** August 2007 - May 2010

Professional Experience

Pine Tree High School, Pine Tree ISD - Fine Arts/CTE Teacher - August 2016 - present
Region 7 VASE Qualifications Forman - Spring 2020 - Present
Pine Tree Middle School, Pine Tree ISD - 6th Grade Art Teacher - August 2014 - July 2016
Sam Houston Middle School, Marshall ISD - 5th-6th Grade Art Teacher - August 2013 - July 2014

Recognition and Community Involvement

Feature Article in Voyage Dallas Magazine

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 8 - Carrie Slay

Vision Statement

My vision as an art educator is to empower my students with the skills to explore art and solve problems creatively. As an art educator, I strive to grow and evolve both as an artist and teacher. I want to motivate my fellow art educators to create an art learning community.

Education

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- Bachelor of Fine Arts Ceramics/Photography
- Graduated in May 2009

Professional Experience

Redwater High School, Redwater TX **August 2019 – Present**
Art Teacher

Texas Middle School, Texarkana TX **August 2011 – August 2019**
Art Teacher

Texas High School, Texarkana TX **September 2009 – August 2011**
Art Teacher

Recognition and Community Involvement

- "Living with Dyslexia"
- TXKISD Literacy Conference August 2018
- Dyslexia Awareness night At Waggoner Creek October 2018
- TAEA Conference November 2019

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 10 - Leanne Rainey

Vision Statement

As the potential Region 10 Regional Representative, it would be my pleasure and obligation to represent TAEA and the members of Region 10 to the best of my ability. I would like to continue expanding on the work and efforts of the previous Region 10 Representative, as well as the work of TAEA. I would love to continue collaborative efforts with others in promoting and supporting art education at all levels throughout Region 10, while working with those who promote, manage and perform the duties of VASE and other TAEA events. It would be an honor to represent TAEA as the Region 10 Regional Representative.

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, University of North Texas, December 2011 Interdisciplinary Art & Design Studies, College of Visual Arts

Professional Experience

Art Educator 2017- Present Art I, Art II, Art III Vandeventer Middle School, Frisco ISD
Special Educator 2016- 2017 6th Grade Resource Math Vandeventer Middle School, Frisco ISD
Long Term Special Education Substitute 2015- 2016 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Inclusion Scoggins Middle School, Frisco ISD

Recognition and Community Involvement

- Art Club Sponsor, 100+ members, collaborate with NJHS to foster a special peer mentoring "Art Club Volunteer" program.
- Chaperone global travel with students and families to extend art education beyond the classroom.
- Avid artist, art collector and advocate for the Fine Arts.
- Team Hoyt Texas Pusher for all-ability rider athletes.
- Distance runner & active volunteer in the running community.

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 11 - Dallas Williams

Vision Statement

I have been a member of TAEA for over 17 years. In that time, I have used every opportunity available to me to grow my artistic knowledge and connections within the artistic community. I have served as a VASE director for 11 years. I truly believe in the mission of VASE and TAEA. I have worked hard to bring the message of originality, creative voice and encouragement not only to my students but to the community of teachers that I work with. Educating others has been my most rewarding achievement and helping find new and innovative ways to accomplish goals is what I feel art education is all about. As your region 11 representative, I plan to keep working with our teachers and students to empower creative unity.

Education

- **Washougal High School** Washougal, WA General Studies June 1989
- **Clark College** Vancouver, WA Associates in Arts and Science Dec. 1991
- **Western Washington University** Bellingham, WA Bachelors in Art Education Jan. 1996
  Minor in Psychology
- K-12 Art – Lifetime teacher certification – Texas

Professional Experience

July 2007-present **Art Teacher 9-12** **Timberview High School** Mansfield ISD Mansfield, TX
2009 – present **Region 11S VASE Director** **TAEA**
2019 – present **Region 11 Representative** **TAEA**
Aug. 98 – July 2007 **Art Teacher 9-12** **Nimitz High School** Irving ISD Irving, TX

Recognition and Community Involvement

Mansfield Commission for the arts – volunteer/member
Recently started showing, selling my own art and teaching art in a community gallery.

Professional Associations

- Texas Art Education Association - Member since 2001 – conference Presenter, attended leadership training. Blue Ribbon Committee – 2014-2017
- ARTIUM/Mansfield Artist Association – Vice President

Council at Large

Region 12 - Shawn Knuckles

Vision Statement

My vision for Region 12 would be meeting with all the teachers in the region. I would like to be able to find out how they are and what problems they face in teaching art students in Texas. I would like to have regular meetings and summer workshops. I personally feel like I need to step up and lead my region in the next few years. I have been fighting for years to get increased funding for supplies for my art classes. I have been presenting at our yearly conference and would like other leaders in the region to step up with me to present also. Because if you don't….then who will? We as a whole stand stronger together.

Education

- Master's in Art Education, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 2013
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, Belton, Texas
  Texas All level teaching certificate in Art.

Professional Experience

- Two years teaching Art 1 at C.C. Winn High School in Eagle Pass, Texas
  2006-2008
- Six years teaching 7- 8 Advanced at Tennyson Middle School in Waco, Texas 2008- present

Recognition and Community Involvement

- **Climate Change Contest 2021 4th Place Waco. TX**
- **Climate Change Contest 2020 Best in Show, Waco TX**
- The Art Forum, Waco, Texas, September 2014
- The Masters Show at Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas August 2013
- Waco's Own Art Show of Art Teachers of Waco Summer 2012
- Day of the Dead show, Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas December 2010
- Waco Cultural Arts Festival August 2009

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 13 - Amber Forgey

Vision Statement

As Region 13 representative, it will be my goal to provide engaging and relevant hands-on professional development options within the Austin area. My vision also includes reaching out to teachers all over Austin to encourage membership in TAEA and participation in the different opportunities that TAEA provides for our students. My goals also include organizing some social gatherings in Austin in hopes of creating a small community feel amongst all of the art teachers from all over Austin and the surrounding areas.

Education

- Texas State University, All level Art Education Certification, 2002
- Kansas City Art Institute, Bachelor of Fine Arts, 2000

Professional Experience

2019-present Vertical Team Lead, Lake Travis ISD
2005-present Art 1, Advanced Painting, AP Art Instructor, Lake Travis High School, Lake Travis ISD
2002-2005 Art Instructor, Byrd Middle School, Duncanville ISD

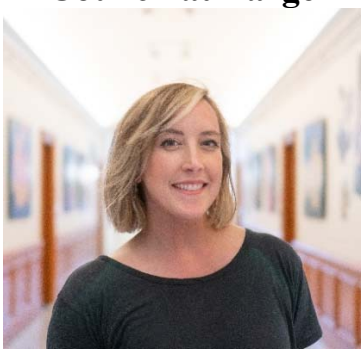
Recognition and Community Involvement

2021 TAEA Conference Co-chair Round Rock
TAEA Region 13 Regional Representative
2007 Group Show, Austin Art Garage, TX
2000 BFA Exhibit, H&R Block Art Space, Kansas City
2000 Illustration Class of 2000 exhibit, rented gallery space in The Bottoms, Kansas City
1998 Group Show, Tomfooleries Restaurant & Bar, Kansas City

Professional Associations
Texas Art Education Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large



Region 14 - Brady Sloane

Vision Statement

As a working artist with a museum education and curatorial background, I love to incorporate real life practice into my work as an art educator. When creating lessons and programs, I question; How can I create meaningful experiences for students? How might I encourage others to see value, make connections, and understand each other--through art?

My teaching philosophy, along with my goals to serve TAEA and its members; is to encourage creativity, personal growth, application and positive self-esteem while weaving in the importance of professionalism and real-life practice. I hope to be an effective communicator and facilitator between the many educational and supportive opportunities offered with the robust programming and energy of my fellow art educators. I enjoy bringing people together and helping them share their gifts with each other and the world. I hope to encourage and support my fellow art educators in this way.

Education

- M.A. Museum Studies: The University of Oklahoma 4.0 GPA
- B.F.A. Studio Art: McMurry University cum laude
- Certifications: Art EC-12, Gifted and Talented Education Supplemental

Professional Experience

Fine Arts Coordinator | Abilene Independent School District | Summer 2020-Present
Public School Educator | Abilene Independent School District | Fall 2016-Summer 2020
Residential Faculty/Housemaster The Lawrenceville School Summer Scholars Program | Summer 2019 -
Adjunct Instructor | McMurry University | Fall 2015—Present

Recognition and Community Involvement

"Flash Mob? Flash Bob...Ross!" 2019:
Outstanding Fine Arts Alumni Award: McMurry University (Inaugural Recipient) 2018
Abilene Education Foundation STAR Grant Recipient (two grants) 2019.
Abilene Education Foundation STAR Grant Recipient (two grants) 2017.
2017/2018, 2018/2019 Nominee-Teacher in the Limelight Nominated by Madison Middle School administrators

Professional Associations

TAEA Region 14 Representative
Texas Art Educators Association
National Art Educators Association

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 16 - Adrienne Hurtt

Vision Statement

I am a confident, enthusiastic and hardworking professional with 26 years of successful classroom experience and have mentored many new art educators in the Texas panhandle. I see my role as the Region 16 TAEA state representative as a mentor, facilitator and advocate. I am passionate about bringing new opportunities to Region 16 art educators and students, and I have a proven history of leadership in art education in the Amarillo area.

Education

- Southern Arkansas University Magnolia, Arkansas BSE Art Education 1992
- Stamps High School Stamps, Arkansas Honors Diploma 1985

Professional Experience

Canyon Independent School District 2018-Present Visual Art Department Head |Randall High School
Amarillo Independent School District 2000–2018 Teacher|Bonham Middle School
Vega Independent School District August 1998-May 1999 Teacher| Vega High School
Hereford Independent School District August 1995-May 1998 Teacher| Hereford Junior High

Recognition and Community Involvement

TAEA Region 16 Representative
Adrienne Hurtt Photography – Owner and Photographer

Professional Associations

National Art Education Association
Texas Art Education Association
Texas Panhandle Art Education Association, Advisory Board member
Texas Classroom Teachers Association
Texas Panhandle Art Education Association advisory board member

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 16 - Elizabeth Strobel

Vision Statement

As an educator, my main goal is to build a fine arts program that supports and engages student development through a strong community involvement, as well as an enriching in-class experience. All while focusing on building relationships with students in hopes to increase participation within the program. Advocating for such a program will bring awareness and support the importance of all fine arts programs in our community.

Education

- The University of South Carolina 1994-1998 Bachelor of Fine Art in Art Education
- Governors School for the Arts 1990 Furman University, SC

Professional Experience

Art Teacher, Tascosa High School; Amarillo, TX 2017-Present
Art Teacher, Powhatan Elementary; Clayton, NC 2008-2011

Recognition and Community Involvement

TAEA Leadership Scholar 2020-2021
Tascosa High School
Part of the Administrative Assistant Team 2020-2021
Facilitator for the AP Art Program,
Nominated as Teacher of the Year 2020 & 2021

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association
National Art Education Association

Council at Large

Region 17- Suzanne Strother

Vision Statement

My philosophy concerning art and technology is to find out what students already know and understand. It is important to teach what the TEKS require, helping students to build their skills through demonstrations, research, and application of what is learned. I want to help students link new concepts and skills to prior knowledge. I expect students to be eager, use their own creative ideas, and build their skills as they become more proficient in their own artistic abilities. I view my role of teacher as one of introducing, inspiring, demonstrating, and guiding a student's process of learning. As an art educator, I will constantly look for ways to improve my expertise and teaching skills. I aspire to do the very best I can in the classroom, never forgetting the influence I have on my students. I want to promote an enthusiasm for art and learning by expressing the passion I have for what I teach. I believe in a constructive approach to education that places significance on student experiences. As your Region 17 Representative I want to communicate and help members to inspire their students and themselves.

Education

- **Amarillo College** - Studio Art Degree -2009.
- **WTAMU** - Design major - Bachelor of Fine Arts - 2012.
- **Teach Texas** - Education degree - All level Art.

Professional Experience

Plainview High School – 2019 to present – Art 1 and Art 2
Dumas High School – 3 years – Art 1 and Art 2
Panhandle ISD – 2012 to 2013 – Paraprofessional at Junior High or Elementary

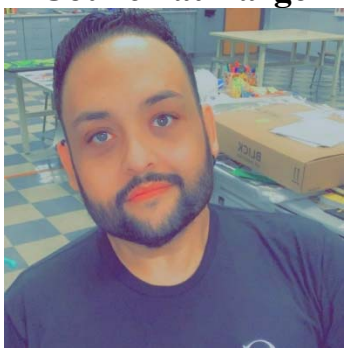
Recognition and Community Involvement

Region 17 VASE Assistant – 2019

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association

Council at Large



Region 18 - Jesus Valeriano

Vision Statement

"TO IGNITE INSPIRATION, BRING CULTURE AND EDUCATE ABOUT ART TO THE WHOLE REGION."

TAEA is an association that I believe in since day one. I love being the representative of Region 18 with TAEA, I strongly believe that is imperative for all of us art teachers to have a sense of belonging, because this is where you meet other humans like you, with the same vocation, interest and passion for art. I would love for all the art teachers in the region to belong to TAEA and experience how amazing our conference is every year, how refreshing it is, how you learn so much from other amazing art teachers, also to educate young teachers about how they are not alone with any concern or problems they may face. This association and their members are here to back them up.

Education

Sul Ross State University/ Bachelors in Science **-** August 2009, Alpine Texas
Extended Studies - Le Cordon Bleu, Pflugerville Tx.; Sorbonne Universite, Paris France; University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington Tx.; UTEP, El Paso Texas

Professional Experience

New Tech Odessa / Art Facilitator - May 2019 - PRESENT, Odessa Texas
Crockett Middle School / Art Teacher - August 2013 - May 2019, Odessa Texas
Rio Grande Mine Company / Metallurgic Geochemist - December 2012 - August 2013, Shafter, Texas
Lucy Rede Franco Middle School / Art Teacher - August 2009 - June 2012 Presidio Texas
Big Bend Regional Medical Center / ER Specialist - July 2003 - August 2009, Alpine Texas

Recognition and Community Involvement

TAEA Region 18 Representative – 2019 to present
Multiple State High School VASE student qualifiers
TASA/TASB Student participants

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association
EF Area Education Ambassador
Toastmaster International Member since 2010

Texas Art Education Association Officer Candidates

Council at Large

Region 20 - Ambra Hernandez

Vision Statement

There are more than 65 independent school districts, private schools, charter chapters and home schools represented in Region 20. It is important to keep the region updated on local news and events through a variety of media channels, including but not limited to local and regional news, social media and e-publications, just to name a few. It also is imperative to promote the importance of art education by facilitating a wide variety of professional development opportunities, while keeping the region updated on TAEA programs, such as annual conferences, YAM, High School VASE/Junior VASE/TEAM and membership recruitment. Lastly, we must have an open forum where art educators can share their accomplishments in the region, while posing any questions they may have so they can be addressed through the appropriate channels.

Education

- TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERITY MFA – Art Education 2012
- TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY BFA – Studio Art 2004

Professional Experience

- **John Paul Stevens High School**, Northside ISD — 2010-present
- **Northwest Vista College**, Dual Credit Instructor — 2015-present
- **Shirley J. Howsman Elementary School**, Northside ISD — 2004-10

Recognition and Community Involvement

- 2020 TAEA Leadership Scholar 2019
- National Scholastic Gold Medal Educator
- 2019 Stevens High School Golden Apple Recipient
- 2018-19 NEF Grant Winner (ArtAbility)
- 2017-18 NEF Grant Winner (Burning Art In Through Encaustics)
- 2016-17 NEF Grant Winner (Drawing)

Professional Associations

Texas Art Education Association
National Art Education Association