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The Council for Art Education Announces 2015 Youth Art Month Award Winners

The Council for Art Education is excited to announce the recipients of the 2015 Youth Art Month Awards.

At its recent meeting, The Council for Art Education Board of Directors voted to recognize the following states and individuals for its 2014/2015 Youth Art Month Programs:

<u>Claire Flanagan Memorial (Grand) Award:</u>	Texas:	Chris Cooper, VP of Youth Art Month
<u>Award of Excellence:</u>	Georgia:	Katie Vanhoff and Whitney Riker, Co-chairpersons
	New Jersey:	Patricia Branch and Teri Trumbour, Co-chairpersons
	Virginia:	Jessica Beach, Chairperson
<u>Award of Merit:</u>	Alabama:	April Jones, Chairperson
	Illinois:	Greg Petecki, Chairperson
	New Mexico:	Vicki Breen and Sherri Smith, Co-chairpersons
	New York:	Julia Lang-Shapiro and Donnalyn Schuster, Co-chairpersons
	Wisconsin:	Tiffany Beltz, Chairperson
<u>Special Recognition:</u>	Oklahoma:	Michelle Barnes and Sarah Carnes, Co-chairpersons
	Utah:	Elizabeth Sampson, Chairperson

To be eligible for an award, state chairpersons submitted documentation of their Youth Art Month Programs. Documentation was evaluated across a variety of key categories, based on predetermined criteria.

Awards will be presented at the 2016 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 17-19 in Chicago, Illinois.

Sponsored nationally by The Council for Art Education, Youth Art Month is an annual observance, typically in March, designed to emphasize the value of art education for all youth and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Youth Art Month provides a forum for acknowledging the imagination, innovation, and creative skills that a visual arts experience can nurture. Across the country, students, teachers and communities direct attention to the value of a visual arts education that develops divergent and critical thinking, multicultural awareness, and technical, communication, and expressive skills.

To find out more about Youth Art Month or to participate in Youth Art Month activities, contact your state chairperson, state art education association, or The Council for Art Education.

The Council for Art Education (CFAE) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) association created in 1984 through [The Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. \(ACMI\)](#). ACMI seeks to promote safety in art and creative products through its certification program, and is a major sponsor of CFAE.

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