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The Council for Art Education Announces 2016/2017 Youth Art Month Award Winners

The Council for Art Education annual recognizes Youth Art Month programs across the country. At a recent meeting, The CFAE Board of Directors voted to honor the following programs and individuals for their contributions to Youth Art Month.

<u>Claire Flanagan Memorial (Grand) Award:</u>	Wisconsin	Debra West, Chairperson
<u>Award of Excellence:</u>	New Jersey:	Kristy Lopez and Karen Mannino, Co-Chairpersons
	New York:	Donnilyn Shuster, Julia Lang-Shapiro, and Heather McCutcheon, Co-Chairpersons
	Virginia:	Jessica Beach, Chairperson Regional Representatives Lee Darter, Jauan Brooks, Kelly Bisogno and Angela Salerno
<u>Award of Merit:</u>	Georgia:	Alexandrea Boyington, Chairperson
	Hawaii:	April Jones, Flag and Scrapbook Coordinator
	Louisiana:	Stephanie Bailly, Report Chairperson
	Texas:	Jen Holsinger-Raybourn, Chairperson
	Utah:	Elizabeth Sampson, Chairperson
<u>Special Recognition:</u>	Alabama:	Julie Harrison, Chairperson
	Arkansas:	Amber Lemser, Chairperson
	Illinois:	Angie Golden, Youth Art Month Coordinator
	Kansas:	Lynn Felts, Chairperson; Megan Wendleton, Scrapbook
	Michigan:	Carolyn Steenland, Chairperson
	Missouri:	Deb Straatman, Chairperson
	Ohio:	Kelly Burichin, Robin Klass, Dawn Norris, Co-Chairpersons
	Oklahoma:	Ruth Crittendon, Holly Proctor, Glenda Skinner-Noble, Co-Chairpersons
	Oregon:	Erin Price, Chairperson
	Rhode Island:	Susan Kolenda, Chairperson

To be eligible for this honor, individuals submit documentation of their Youth Art Month state programs and activities, noting Observances, Funding, Participation, Awareness and Community Support, Special Materials, and Proclamations.

Recognition will take place during the 2018 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 22-24 in Seattle, Washington.

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. During Youth Art Month, 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 at www.councilforarteducation.org.

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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