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The Council for Art Education Announces 2017/2018 Youth Art Month Award Winners

The Council for Art Education annually 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	Tiffany Beltz, 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
	Texas:	Gretchen Bell, VP for Youth Art Month
	Virginia:	Jauan Brooks and Kelly Shradley-Horst, Co-Chairpersons
<u>Award of Merit:</u>	Alabama:	Julie Harrison, Chairperson
	Louisiana:	Stephanie Bailly, Report Chairperson
	Utah:	Elizabeth Sampson, Chairperson
	Wyoming:	Kerry Gentry, Chairperson
<u>Special Recognition:</u>	Arizona:	Desiree Dancer, Chairperson
	Arkansas:	Amber Lemser, Chairperson
	Georgia:	Alexandrea Boyington and Krista Lewis, Co-Chairpersons
	Hawaii:	April Jones, HAEA Vice-President
	Illinois:	Tricia Frost, Chairperson
	Kansas:	Megan Wendleton, Scrapbook
	Maryland:	Katherine Hess, Chairperson
	Missouri:	Deb Straatman, Chairperson
	Oklahoma:	Ruth Crittendon, Holly Proctor, Glenda Skinner-Noble, Co-Chairpersons
	Oregon:	Erin Price, Emily Figueroa-Wolfe, Linda Kieling, Co-Chairpersons
	Rhode Island:	Susan Kolenda, Chairperson
	USVI:	Niarus Walker, Chairperson

To be eligible for this honor, each state submitted documentation of its Youth Art Month programs and activities, noting Observances, Funding, Participation, Community Support, Special Materials, and Proclamations.

Recipients will be recognized during the 2019 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 14 - 16 in Boston, Massachusetts.

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

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