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The Council for Art Education Announces 2018/2019 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>	New Jersey:	Kristy Lopez and Karen Mannino, Co-Chairpersons
<u>Award of Excellence:</u>	New York:	Donnalyne Shuster, Julia Lang-Shapiro, and Heather McCutcheon, Co-Chairpersons
	Texas:	Gretchen Bell, VP for Youth Art Month
	Utah:	Elizabeth Sampson, Chairperson
	Virginia:	Jauan Brooks and Kelly Shradley-Horst, Co-Chairpersons
<u>Award of Merit:</u>	Alabama:	Julie Harrison, Chairperson
	Arkansas:	Amber Lemser, Chairperson
	Kansas:	Linda Nelson-Bova, Lynn Felts, Co-Chairpersons; Megan Wendleton, Scrapbook
	West Virginia:	Katherine Crim, Terese Giobbia, Co-Chairpersons
<u>Special Recognition:</u>	Arizona:	Desiree Dancer, Chairperson
	Georgia:	Alexandrea Boyington and Krista Lewis, Co-Chairpersons
	Hawaii:	April Jones, Chairperson
	Illinois:	Tricia Frost, Chairperson
	Maine:	Elise Pelletier, Chairperson
	Missouri:	Erin Price, Chairperson
	Oklahoma:	Ruth Crittendon, Holly Proctor, Richard Wills, Co-Chairpersons; Jennifer Harden-Collins – Day at the Capitol
	Rhode Island:	Tara Villanova, Kerri Marshall, Co-Chairpersons
	South Dakota:	Marica Shannon, Chairperson
	Tennessee:	Angie McCarter, Chairperson
	USVI:	Niarus Walker, Chairperson
	Wisconsin:	Frank Korb, Chairperson
	Wyoming:	Kerri Gentry, 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 2020 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 26 - 28 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sponsored nationally by 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 Council for Art Education at www.councilforarteducation.org.

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