Secondary Division Outstanding Art Educator Awards

March 26, 2015
12:30 PM - 1:50 PM
Convention Center/Meeting Room R06/Second Level

New Orleans Convention Center,
New Orleans
Join us for
**Secondary Conversations with Colleagues**

Thursday March 26, 2015 at 4:30 pm  
Convention Center/Meeting Room R06/Second Level

and

**NAEA Secondary Regional Award Winners (2014) Share Best Projects and Practices**

Friday, March 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm  
Convention Center/Meeting Room R05/Second Level

and

**NAEA Secondary National Award Winner (2014) Shares Insights Into Teaching**

Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1:00 pm  
Convention Center/Meeting Room 210/Second Level
Presented by:
James Rees, Secondary Division Director
Andrea Haas, Secondary Division Director Elect

Welcome
Rising Stars Recognition Program
Outstanding National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award
NAHS Creative Industry Studio
Pacific Region Secondary Art Educator
Eastern Region Secondary Art Educator
National Secondary Art Educator
Keynote Speaker: Vicki Bean
Concluding Remarks

Rising Star

Shanna Dunlap

Why is visual arts so important to you?
Visual arts are so important to me because it’s my way of expressing who I am. It gives me a chance to show everyone what I’m capable of. I also love to show people a different side to life. Sometimes life can be very hectic and sometimes you “forget to stop and smell the roses” but I feel like my images give viewers a chance to step back and take a moment and say wow that’s really beautiful “how did she capture that?”

How have you used your talent to impact your community?
I feel like I’ve used my talent to inspire people to follow their dreams. I’m from a very small public school and to accomplish the things I have (such as Rising Star) I feel is amazing and my community really looks up to me. I want others to know that anything is possible as long as you put in the hard work imagination and dedication.

What are your plans after high school? How does art play a role in that?
Well I haven’t quite decided which college I want to go to. I applied to 10, got accepted to 7, and I’m still waiting to hear back from 3 more. I’ve definitely decided to go to art school because art has made such an impact in my life and I feel like my career choice would be meaningless if it didn’t incorporate art somehow.

What do you use for inspiration?
I like to use my classmates for inspiration. There’s so many talented artist at my school that make want to push myself to try my hardest. I also find amazement in Sally Mann’s work she has always been someone I look to when I need some inspiration.

What has been your biggest influence in life any why?
My biggest influence in life is definitely my art teacher, Michael Bell. Without him I definitely wouldn’t be the artist I am today. He pushes all his students to do great things and always believes that you could conquer the world. He has given me a lot of self-confidence as an artist and I feel like that’s a very hard thing to accomplish especially as a high school student. He is amazing and there is no way I would be where I am today without him.
Evelyn Martin

Evelyn Mikayla Martin is a 17 year old senior at Enumclaw High School in Enumclaw, WA. Evelyn is an American Indian (Blackfeet Tribe of Montana, Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma), First Nations Native Canadian (Squamish Nation) and Filipino artist. From Evelyn's first memories as a child, she has been inspired and encouraged to be passionate about art. Evelyn has studied traditional art forms by spending a large amount of time learning from the elders and knowledge keepers in her family. Evelyn has learned that the contemporary expressions of Native/Filipino arts are "a revitalization of what was originally given to our people by our ancestors." Evelyn has learned that "all of our forms of artistic expression exist so that we can learn about our own culture, religion and traditional belief systems through our arts."

During Evelyn's academic career, she has been taught and mentored by Amy Cantrell (EHS Art Teacher and NAHS Advisor) in the following classes: Art and Design (9th), Advanced Art and Design (10th), Advanced Placement Art Studio (11th and 12th), Graphic Design (12th), and Teaching Assistant to Advanced Art and Design (12th). After graduating from EHS, Evelyn's goal is to attend the University of Washington School of Art Painting and Drawing Program for her Bachelor and Master Degrees in Fine Arts. Evelyn's ultimate career goal is to become a certified art teacher to kindergarten through grade eight students.

Evelyn became an active member of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) as a 9th grader. Evelyn has been a leader in all of the planning, preparation and presentation of the annual Enumclaw School District Art Show and the EHS Arts Education Outreach (service learning project) at Southwood Elementary School. During her senior year at EHS, Evelyn was elected as the NAHS Arts and Education Outreach Coordinator. Evelyn worked with certified teachers in the district and coordinated a K-5 arts education curriculum emphasizing cultural diversity. As a junior, Evelyn served as the President of the National Art Honor Society.

Windy Spiridigliozzi

Windy Spiridigliozzi has been an Art teacher at Catonsville High School since 2006 and has been NAHS sponsor since 2007. She leads the group to participate in numerous community service activities including face painting at the annual CHS Craft Fair, Empty Bowls (almost 100 ceramic bowls are created and donated to fund Maryland’s homeless and hungry), Annual Edible Art Show (Non-perishable food is collected and donated to the Maryland Food Bank), Baltimore Station (brings doors that members design and paint are auctioned off and funds are donated to homeless and struggling veterans in Maryland), Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, “Shells for New Jersey Shores” (shell inspired clay pendants, raising over $1000, were sent directly to an art teacher who had lost her entire room). All of these activities create a culture of giving and support through the arts.

Most recently the CHS NAHS chapter along with faculty and community members created a huge mosaic mural that is was installed on the tennis court wall. The mural will be a lasting memory and constant reminder of how the power of art creates a sense of community and service. The charity money raised from this project will go to the John’s Hopkins Children’s Cancer Center, and a small village in Nicaragua to which CHS provides educational supplies each year. Under Spiridigliozzi’s direction the NAHS has truly changed the culture of the school.

In addition to their community service projects, the NAHS joins together to celebrate their team spirit with activities including: a field trip to New York to visit art galleries and attend a Broadway Show, Halloween Creative Coffee, Hippie Love Art, and Talented Tea. All of these activities creating a team with social spirit shedding light on the power of the arts.

Over the past eight years enrollment in the CHS chapter of the NAHS continues to rise due in a great part to Spiridigliozzi’s highly motivational personality and projects that help to make the community a better place to live.
Pacific Region

**JUSTINE SAWYER**

In the twenty years since Justine Sawyer began her teaching career, her passion, dedication, and work ethic toward her profession and her students has established her as a well respected, inspirational role model and advocate for art education in the state of Colorado and beyond. Justine’s educational career began in her home state of Iowa. Since then, her journeys have taken her to Colorado, followed by Cyprus, California and finally back to Colorado. Although Justine has taught at all levels throughout the years, served as department chair, taught IB and implemented AP classes, she now brings her talents, experience and passion to students in all levels from Drawing and Painting 1 through AP Studio Drawing at East High School in Denver.

Justine realizes that to be a successful art educator, one needs constant reflection, learning and practicing in the profession as both art educator and artist. The most important thing to her is that her students are successful and recognized for their achievements. It is this motivation that has driven her to become highly involved with the Colorado Art Education Association serving as a past divisional and regional representative and currently as Youth Art Month (YAM) Coordinator. She has resurrected YAM in Colorado including a statewide art contest and display at the State Capital building; securing a gubernatorial proclamation; and building a presence and promotional platform for YAM through creation of a website for members to access.

Justine is also involved with Scholastic Art Awards in Colorado having volunteered to co-coordinate the Denver Art Museum Scholastic Art Selected Works Exhibit and the student artist luncheon. Justine holds a BA in Art Education from the University of Iowa and a MA in Creative Teaching Through the Arts from Lesley University.

Eastern Region

**STEPHANIE SILVERMAN**

Stephanie Silverman teaches at the Tantnall School in Wilmington, DE where she teaches freshman through seniors. She sets high expectations helping her students increase skill and confidence. Creating opportunities for her students’ talents to shine, Silverman exhibits her students’ work all over the tri state area including at Hagley Museum, Delaware Art Museum, and The University of Delaware spring show. She has developed a very successful art curriculum that has produced award-winning students including 62 Regional Scholastic Art awards. In Tantnall School’s chapter of the National Art Honor Society, which Silverman sponsors, was featured in the spring 2012 NAHS News.

Silverman is an active member of the Delaware Art Education Association where she works with public relations, has served as Chair of Scholarships Committee, was elected as the Independent Schools Representative, and most recently is serving on the Youth Art Month Committee where she organized an exhibition of Independent Delaware School Artwork at the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington and a Youth Art Month Show at Darley Arts Center in Claymont. She has also presented at NY and San Diego NAEA Conventions.

Silverman received the Delaware Secondary Educator of the year in 2013; the Diane Taylor Foxman Award for Excellence in Art Education, University of the Arts; The Tage Frid Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded by the Rhode Island. Being an accomplished Artist helps her connect and motivate her students. She has three Art content degrees, which support the vast content and skills of her students. Silverman’s own artwork has been exhibited at many Regional Art exhibitions, including the Art Institute of Philadelphia, and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.
VICKI BEAN

As an artist and teacher, Vicki Bean has been recognized state-wide for her work to promote arts education. Quality arts education and her students are her passions, and this is evident by the work and recognition garnered by both she and her students through the years.

Bean is Art Department Chairman for the Caruthersville School District, teaches high school art classes, and AP art, as well as being adjunct faculty for two local colleges. She was selected as Educator of the Year by the Missouri Art Education Association, Caruthersville Chamber of Commerce and the school district where she has taught for eleven years.

Vicki has been an art teacher and involved with Missouri Art Education Organization for 17 years. She has been both District and Division Representatives, was Liaison to Arts Caucus in the Missouri House of Representatives, and is now a Past President and Advocacy Chair. Nationally, she has been a presenter at the National Conferences, served as a Delegate, and participated in Western Region Leadership and has been involved with research groups. She has been on the board of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education and on grant selection committees for the Missouri Arts Council. Prior to teaching, she had a career in graphic design, advertising, worked to promote the National Blues Foundation, and produced a spoken word radio show. She exhibits her paintings and other work in numerous venues and states, and is a published writer.
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