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## CAAA Presidents' Message - *Angela Griffin*

On behalf of the CT Arts Administrators Association, Shannon Gagne and I would like to welcome you to another exciting year of professional development, collaboration and arts resources for arts resources in our state. As your Co-President's, we are excited about continuing the outstanding work begun by our former CAAA President and the Executive Committee. Thank you also to many of you who sacrificed your time and invaluable resources during an unprecedented time. We appreciate you!

We will continue to focus on immediate needs and long term goals as an organization, and we will be reaching out to you at various times for your input and feedback. We also welcome Amy Perras as the new CAAA Vice President! Amy has been instrumental in making direct contact with Dr. James Weaver regarding the latest updates from the NFHS study. Information about the latest NFHS update is included in this edition of the newsletter, as well as additional pertinent information that we have to share with you. We will continue to collaborate with CMEA and other statewide arts organizations as we support K-12 arts programs in our state. We are a strong organization and we are even stronger when we partner with other organizations!

One important focus that Shannon and I will include this year, is a focus on self care for arts administrators. We all know that the breadth

and scope of work for arts administrators is broad and demanding. It is important that we also remember to care for ourselves in order to effectively care for all of those that we support. Thank you for joining us for another year and we look forward to seeing you soon!



◀ **Institute leaders and participants collaborated to develop curriculum projects and documents for arts programs in four Connecticut districts.**



▲ **2021 Scholastics Art Awards**  
**Winner of the CAAA**  
**Best in Drawing & Painting**  
**Award, Grades 9-10**

Sejin Kim,  
 Choate-Rosemary Hall School



◀ **2021 Scholastics Art Awards**  
**Winner of the CAAA**  
**Best in Painting Award, Grades 7/8**

Lilian Chen, Artistic Minds Art Studio, Brookfield, CT

## CAAA Executive Director's Message - Rick Sadlon

Welcome to our new Vice-President/President-Elect Amy Perras from Milford. Angela Griffin and Shannon Gagne, both from Simsbury begin their term as co-presidents and we thank Dr. Dee Hansen for all of her exemplary service to our organization as she moves into the Past-President role. Thank you to Dr. Brian Frazier who has recently completed his term as Past-President and to Cindy Parsons, Secretary, and Dr. Jeffrey Spector, who continue to serve CAAA in their respective roles.

Dee Hansen, Cindy Parsons, Jill Goldberg and Rick Sadlon offered the 2021 Arts Institute virtually to art and music teachers from 5 districts on July 5-8. They were assisted by Lauren Archambault from Simsbury, and also Catherine Sullivan from Farmington and Melissa Zych from West Hartford, who presented on integrating SEL Competencies into arts curriculum. Dr. Melissa Hickey from the CSDE also joined the group to give them an update from the state.

### Aerosol Study: New Info

#### *Assessing the Risk of Music Activities During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

A survey was conducted beginning April 28, 2021 to assess the level of spread events that occurred in school-based music programs. 3,000 surveys were returned and analyzed in June 2021.

*Read the Report*

## CAAA 2021-2022 Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>PD Session</b>	<b>Time</b>
September 9	TBA	TBA	TBA
October 14	TBA	TBA	TBA
November 18	TBA	TBA	TBA
December 9	TBA	TBA	TBA
January 13	Univ. of Hartford	TBA	TBA
February 10	TBA	Site Visit	TBA
May 12	State Capitol Arts	Advocacy Breakfast	TBA

**USEFUL LINKS****Visit us at:**

<https://www.ctaaa.net/>

**Join us on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/214126466519414>

**AEP Newsletter (Arts Education Partnership - A Subsidiary of ECS):**

<https://www.aep-arts.org/artsed-digest/>

**CABE (CT Assoc. of Boards of Ed.) Link to CABE Journal:**

[https://issuu.com/cabe-publications/docs/cabe-journal\\_june\\_2021\\_ia](https://issuu.com/cabe-publications/docs/cabe-journal_june_2021_ia)

**CMEA (CT Music Ed. Assoc.):** <https://cmea.org/>

**CAEA (CT Art Ed. Assoc.):** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/637174923000349/>

**COA (CT Office of the Arts):** <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Services/Arts-and-Creativity/About-the-Office-of-Arts>

**CAS (CT Assoc. of Schools):** <http://cas.casciac.org/>

**CAAE (CT Arts Alliance for Arts Educators)**  
**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/ctal-lartseduc/>

**ARTS ED Grant Funding Available**

**ESSER III** Funding is available for school Arts programs through September 2024, but Arts programs should apply as soon as possible. See your school district Arts Supervisor, Principal or Title I Funding Program Manager with a proposed plan for funding. Connecticut received \$4.35 billion. This funding is not Title I funding, but is in addition to Title I funding the districts already receive.

**ESSER III** funding includes school re-opening plan needs and SEL needs for Arts programs, specifically needs surrounding additional support for students to get caught up. Examples include: Summer arts programming, supplies for sanitizing instruments, technology and software relate to remedial instruction for arts students, curriculum needs, teaching artists to provide additional lessons or skill building, reinstated staffing or programming due to budget cuts, additional spacing needed due to COVID, instrument masks, choral masks and blow hole covers.

The funds do exist so it is important to ask now. Think strategically before submitting a plan for your district. Funds for professional development can also be obtained from Title IV funds, specifically related to the arts. Equity and access is a focus. Districts *should NOT* be using Covid as a reason to make cuts to arts programs because funding is available.

Find more information on **Arts Are Education** website: <https://www.artsareeducation.org/post/activate-new-federal-funding-for-arts-education>

## Juilliard School Offers Professional Development Workshops

Richard Mannoia, Senior Director of Education and Strategy and K–12 programming at the Juilliard School, is pleased to announce new virtual Professional Development workshops for K–12 dance, drama, and music educators. This opportunity is open to professionals within the K–12 performing arts field.

This July, the following sessions will be facilitated by Juilliard faculty members and staff who specialize in K–12 education:

- Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement for Every Learner
- Coaching Monologues: An Immersive Lab for Theatre Educators
- Infusing Dance Technique Classes with Student-Centered Learning

Each session will bring participants into a learning community to share new perspectives and techniques, as well as offer tangible applications for classroom and studio use. For more information, click here.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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▲ **2021 Scholastics Art Awards**  
**Winner of the CAAA**  
**Best in Photography Award,**  
**Grades 9-12**

*Olivia Tashlein, Amity High School*  
*Woodbridge, CT*

**CAS News** -- The CAS Arts Awards event was broadcasted on Fox 61 on June 12. If you didn't see the original broadcast, please take a few minutes to watch this video. Hearing the students speak about their art and arts experiences will renew your faith in Arts Education. FOX really did a nice job putting this together, and CAAA assisted by connecting CAS with many of the students who were featured throughout the program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYZzNP4xt2Q&t=1537s>

**FOX 61 News** has been collaborating with CAS to support the arts in our schools. We appreciate your help to share with art educators across CT. Thank you. Lessons by master class artists are posted monthly, and work may be submitted by K-12 students. To learn more about this program follow this link to the Creative Arts Initiative: <https://www.fox61.com/connecticut-creative-futures>

**FOX 61 Creative Arts Winners –**

April contest winner – Jacklyn Ramos (11) 6th grader at Sacred Heart Academy in Waterbury

May contest winner – Lanai Fishley (14) 8th grader at Sage Middle School in Windsor.

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