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North Carolina Art Education Association Awards Recipients to be Honored

The Board of the North Carolina Art Education Association (NCAEA) met Saturday, September 11, 2010 and finalized the awards program for the 2010-2011 school-year. We congratulate our “Art Stars” as exemplary art educators and advocates in their fields and will celebrate their accomplishments during the NCAEA Professional Development State Conference in New Bern, North Carolina, at the first general session Friday October 22, 2010. We are pleased to announce Dr. Mark Sidelnick, Associate Professor of Education and Arts Education Coordinator at the University of North Carolina at Asheville has been named the North Carolina Art Education Association Art Educator of the Year 2010-2011. Please join us in congratulating and honoring the following award recipients:

NCAEA Art Educator of the Year 2009-2010 Dr. Mark Sidelnick Associate Professor of Education and Art Education Coordinator, The University of North Carolina at Asheville	
NCAEA Division Awards for Art Education	Elementary Art Educator of the Year 2010-2011 Sara Sagar Brush Creek Elementary School, Madison County Schools
	Secondary Art Educator of the Year 2010-2011 Michelle Hardison Harrell Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Center for Leadership and Technology, Wake County Schools

	<p align="center">Higher Education Art Educator of the Year 2010-2011 Dr. Alice Arnold Associate Professor of Art, East Carolina University</p>
	<p align="center">Art Education Supervisor of the Year 2010-2011 Cheryl Maney Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools</p>
	<p align="center">Museum Educator of the Year 2010-2011 Juline Arianne Chevalier Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University</p>
<p align="center">NCAEA Rookie Teacher of the Year</p>	<p align="center">Ashley Russell Berdeau Fairmont High School, Public Schools of Robeson County</p>
<p align="center">NCAEA Friends of the Arts</p> <p>NC principals or administrators, corporations, community people, organizations and groups who have made significant contributions to the visual arts in North Carolina</p>	<p align="center">Alamance Citizens for Education</p> <p align="center">Tammy Cullom Director of Elementary Education Craven County Schools</p> <p align="center">Janet and Michael Franceour Carolina Creations</p> <p align="center">Gina Harrison FPG Child Development Institute UNC-CH Director of the FPG Publications Office</p> <p align="center">Dr. Andy Peoples Principal, North Buncombe Elementary Buncombe County Schools</p> <p align="center">Carol Tokarski Craven Arts Council</p>

The NCAEA awards program is aligned with the National Art Education Association Awards program. Nominations for the 2011-2012 NCAEA Awards program are currently being accepted. For more information visit <http://www.ncaea.org/> or contact Dr. Lisa N. Mitchell, NCAEA Awards Coordinator.