

Governor's Awards in Arts Education

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DISTINGUISHED ARTS LEADERS

NEW JERSEY ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to Arts Education

Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick
21st District, Westfield

Robin Middleman
Senior Program Officer – Arts Education
New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Trenton

ARTPRIDE NEW JERSEY

Parent Arts Advocate Award

Rodney Gilbert
Founder and CEO
Yendor Productions, Newark

YOUNG AUDIENCES

Distinguished Service Award

Richard Goldman
Attorney at Law, Partner
Drinker, Biddle and Reath, Princeton

Liliana Attar
Master Teaching Artist, Lawrenceville

Laura Marchese
Master Teaching Artist, Montclair

Darrell Wilson
Master Teaching Artist, Staten Island

Patricia Flynn
Master Teaching Artist, Glen Ridge

Corporate Philanthropy Award

Lenora M. Green
Executive Director
Center for Advocacy and Philanthropy, Education Testing Service
Princeton

SPEECH AND THEATRE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

Distinguished Service to Theatre Education

Carol Thompson
Senior Administrator – Theatre Department
Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick

Outstanding Teacher of Theatre

Danielle Miller
Teacher of Theatre and Director
Hoboken High School, Hoboken

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF TEACHERS
OF ENGLISH**

Outstanding English Language Arts Educator Award

Heather D. Rocco
Supervisor of English
School District of the Chathams, Chatham

NEW JERSEY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Master Music Teacher

Lisa Lepore
Teacher
Crossroads Middle School South, Monmouth Junction

Amy Burns
Teacher
Far Hills Country Day School, Far Hills

ART EDUCATORS OF NEW JERSEY

Anthony Guadadiello Service Award

Patricia Branche
Art Educator
South River Elementary School, South River

Dawn Carson
Art Educator
Haddon Heights School District, Haddon Heights

John J. Pappas Recognition Award

Bob Morrison
Board Chair, New Jersey Arts Education Partnership President
Quadrant Research, Warren

NAEA New Jersey State Art Educator of the Year

Dr. Jane Graziano
Professor
Rowan University, Glassboro

Kelly DiGioia
Art Educator
Patrick McGaheran Elementary School, Lebanon

Melissa Fasolino
Art Educator
Sicklerville

Dave Johnson
Art Educator
Timber Creek High School, Erial

Clare Flanagan Grand Award for Youth Art Month

Patricia Branche
Art Educator
South River Elementary School, South River

Teri Trumbour
Art Educator
Manasquan Elementary School, Manasquan

VSA NEW JERSEY

Education in the Arts Award

Lisa Winkler
Art Teacher
Collingswood Middle School, Collingswood

Despina Statelova
Art Teacher
The Rugby School, Wall

NEW JERSEY SPEECH AND DEBATE LEAGUE

The Paula Mittleman Forensic Educator of the Year

Laurie J. Schmid
Teacher
Phillipsburg High School, Phillipsburg

STUDENT AWARDS

ARTPRIDE NEW JERSEY

David Grant Student Advocate Award

Priya Vulchi
Princeton High School
Princeton

DANCE NEW JERSEY

Student Award for Artistic Excellence and Leadership in Dance

Joy Giuffre
Passaic County Technical Institute
Wayne

Candace Eason
The Wardlaw-Hartridge School
Edison

Julia Foti
Passaic County Technical Institute
Wayne

Amanda Edore
Morris County Vocational School District
Denville

Leslie Merced
Union County Academy for the Performing Arts
Scotch Plains

Sabrina Olivieri
Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools
Bridgewater

Lianna Shimoun
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

YOUNG AUDIENCES

Arts Education Award – Multidiscipline

Sean Albertson
Steinert High School - East
Hamilton

Isabela Ertel
Nottingham High School – North
Hamilton

Veronica Rodriguez
Lawrence High School
Lawrenceville

NEW JERSEY SPEECH AND DEBATE LEAGUE

Congressional Debate

Katherine Kleinle
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

Public Forum Debate

Harrison Kern
Randolph High School
Randolph

Gabrielle Borruso
Randolph High School
Randolph

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Aditya Sheth
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

Policy Debate

Brianna Aaron
Science Park High School
Newark

Amit Kukreja
Science Park High School
Newark

International Extemporaneous Speaking

Vaikunth Balaji
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Shawn Kant
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

Dramatic Interpretation

Kimberly Lee
Summit High School
Summit

Programmed Oral Interpretation

Ariaki Dandawate
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

Oral Interpretation

Julia Kim Weingaertner
Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart
Princeton

Original Oratory

Daniel Henry Perez
Ridge High School
Basking Ridge

Duo Interpretation

Grace Milsten
Summit High School
Summit

Hope Morgan Kovera
Summit High School
Summit

Humorous Interpretation

John Paipilla
Elizabeth High School
Elizabeth

Improvisational Acting

Bella Anidjar
Summit High School
Summit

Declamation

Emily Liao
Montville Township High School
Montville

Impromptu Speaking

Shana Kleiner
Freehold Township High School
Freehold

Informative Speaking

Victoria Berger
Hanover Park High School
East Hanover

SPEECH AND THEATRE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

Best Actress

Christie Flores
Passaic County Technical Institute
Wayne

Best Actor

Brandon Lyons
Hoboken High School
Hoboken

Best Scene

Isaih DeQuattro (accepting for the group)
Passaic County Technical Institute
Wayne

Improvisational Pair

Timothy Matthew Flores
J.P. Stevens High School
Edison

Christopher Ferranti
J.P. Stevens High School
Edison

Dramatic Monologue

Brianna Bennett
Pinelands Regional High School
Little Egg Harbor

Comedic Monologue

Jarrett Booth
Pinelands Regional High School
Little Egg Harbor

Dramatic Pair

Aja Lynn Desormeau
Rosa Parks School
Paterson

Joseph Diaz
Rosa Parks School
Paterson

Comedic Pair

Eitan Miller
Chatham High School
Chatham

Charlie Thomson
Chatham High School
Chatham

NEW JERSEY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

All State Orchestra

Samuel Wang
Bishop Eustace Preparatory School
Pennsauken

Samantha Chen
Academy for Math, Science and Engineering
Rockaway

All State Chorus

Morgan Mastrangelo
Ridgewood High School
Ridgewood

Shobhana Sridhar
John P. Stevens High School
Edison

Dylan Randazzo
Cranford High School
Cranford

Logan Geddes
Montgomery High School
Skillman

All State Band

Katarina Wang
East Brunswick High School
East Brunswick

Timothy Ruzala
West Essex High School
North Caldwell

All State Jazz

Wonchul (Patrick) Do
Cresskill High School
Cresskill

All State Opera Festival

Morgan Mastrangelo
Ridgewood High School
Ridgewood

ART EDUCATORS OF NEW JERSEY

High School Scholarship Award

Alessandra Ferrari-Wong
Bergen County Academies
Hackensack

Alexa Bakey
Clearview Regional High School
Mullica Hill

Courtney Cult
Piscataway High School
Piscataway

Sayo Watanabe
Bergen County Academies
Hackensack

Emily Lockwood
Bergen County Academies
Hackensack

Mary Dvorsky
Piscataway High School
Piscataway

NJ STATE CONFERENCE OF NAACP ACT-SO PROGRAM Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics

Instrumental Music

Serena Brown
Franklin High School
Somerset

Violinist

Ahmad Solomon
Cicely Tyson School of Fine and Performing Arts
East Orange

Music

James H. Morris
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy
Elizabeth

Short Story

Deontae D. Moore
Woodbury Junior-Senior High School
Woodbury

Poetry

LeVon Causey
Kingsway Regional High School
Woolwich Township

Writing

Rabirah Moss
Arts High School
Newark

Film Making

Daijonae Clemons
Franklin High School
Somerset

VSA NEW JERSEY

Dr. Frank Strockbine, Jr. Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts (Dance)

Danielle D'Abundo
Charter Tech High School for the Performing Arts
Somers Point

Student Arts Excellence Awards in Visual Arts (Fine Art)

Jasmine Samson
North Brunswick Township High School
North Brunswick

Samra Shakeel
Union County Vocational – Technical High School
Scotch Plains

Alexandra DiBenedetto
Whippany Park High School
Whippany

Daniel Acevedo
Monroe Township High School
Monroe Township

Student Arts Excellence Awards in Media (Computer Graphics)

Vincent Giordano
Monroe Township High School
Monroe Township

Frederic William Erickson
Charter Tech High School for the Performing Arts
Somers Point

Student Arts Excellence Awards in Music (Vocal)

Aidan Pidgeon
Chapel Hill Academy
Lincoln Park

Michael Nowicki
ECLC of New Jersey
Chatham

Serena Jachetti
Charter Tech High School for the Performing Arts
Somers Point

Student Arts Excellence Awards in Dance (Modern)

Graciela K. Bell
Ocean County Vocational Technical School
Performing Arts Academy
Lakehurst

Zachary Blonski
Harbor School
Eatontown

Student Arts Excellence Awards in Creative Writing

Joy Cannaveno
The Calais School
Whippany

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

High School Writing Contest Award: Short Story

Richard Brown
Tenafly High School
Tenafly

High School Writing Contest Award: Poetry

Maressa Park
Mary Help of Christians Academy
North Haledon

High School Writing Contest Award: Essay

Grace Springer
Northern Highlands Regional High School
Allendale

ART ADMINISTRATORS OF NEW JERSEY

Student Achievement Award

Phoebe Nichols
Chatham High School
Chatham

WRITERS THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival: High School Division

Francesca Badalamenti
Newark Academy
Livingston

Myriam Burger
Bergen County Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts
Hackensack

Jasmine Sharma
Bergen County Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts
Hackensack

Jessica Dell Beni
Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools
East Brunswick

Cristina Lopez
Chatham High School
Chatham

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Excellence in Music

Ryan Hernandez
Governor Livingston High School
Berkeley Heights

Ricky Persaud, Jr.
Shepard High School
Morristown

Excellence in Theatre

Stephen Hricko
Pingry School
Basking Ridge

Exceptional Promise in Music

Michael Morocho
North Arlington High School
North Arlington

Exceptional Promise in Theater

Nasir Muqtadir
Cicely Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts
East Orange

Exceptional Promise in Dance

Ronnell Solomon
Barringer Academy of the Arts and Humanities
Newark