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Frank Juarez 2019 National Secondary Art Educator

Alexandria, VA—The National Art Education Association has named **Frank Juarez**, of Sheyboygan, WI, to receive the 2019 National Secondary Art Educator. This prestigious award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of one outstanding NAEA member annually at the National level within their division. The award will be presented at the NAEA National Convention in Boston, MA, March 14-16, 2019.

NAEA President Kim Huyler Defibaugh states, "This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Frank Juarez exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars, and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession."

Juarez brings over a decade of art education and arts management experience organizing local and regional art exhibitions, community art events, facilitating presentations, supporting artists through grant programs, and professional development workshops. This has placed him in the forefront of promoting artists, networking, and attracting regional and national artists to collaborate and exhibit in Wisconsin.

Juarez is actively involved in the Wisconsin Art Education Association and the National Art Education Association. He has served on the following arts organizations: Milwaukee Artist Resource Network, Arts Wisconsin, and the Cedarburg Cultural Center. He is the founder of the Sheboygan Visual Artists. In 2011, he opened the Frank Juarez Gallery in Sheboygan and has relocated to Milwaukee. Frank has presented at local universities, colleges, galleries, and artist groups on Professional Practices for Artists: Business of Art. He is the founder of four projects focused on contemporary art and art education called The Midwest Artist Studios, 365 Artists 365 Days Project, Artdose Art Guide, and FRANK & CO WI art enewsletter. In 2015, he was awarded the 2015 Wisconsin Art Education Association Teacher of the Year and in 2016, he was awarded the 2016 National Art Education Association Wisconsin Art Educator of the Year and co-founded the Randall Frank Contemporary Art Collection Artist Grant Program. In 2018, he was elected to serve on the National Art Education Foundation Board of Trustees and has been awarded the 2018 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellows Award. Recently, he has been awarded the 2019 National Secondary Art Educator of the Year Award.

Frank is the art department chair at Sheboygan North High School, a contributing editor of SchoolArts Magazine, and gallery director of the Frank Juarez Gallery.

About the National Division Art Educator Awards

These awards honor one outstanding NAEA member from each of the seven divisions for outstanding service and achievement of national significance during previous years.

NAEA is the professional association for art educators. Members include elementary, secondary, middle level and high school art educators; university and college professors; education directors who oversee education in our nation's fine art museums, administrators and supervisors who oversee art education in school districts, state departments of education, arts councils; and teaching artists throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

For more information about the association and its awards program visit the NAEA website at <u>www.arteducators.org</u>

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