



Florida Alliance for Arts Education

PRESS RELEASE

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The Florida Alliance for Arts Education has announced its Leadership Award Recipients for 2018.

The mission of the FAAE is to improve, enhance, and promote arts education in Florida. Our vision is to ensure that every child in every school has access to a well-rounded education that includes a comprehensive, sequential, high-quality program of arts instruction; and for all Florida communities to have broad-based cultural programs available to support lifelong learning in the through the arts.

Since 1981, Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE) has united educators, artists, community leaders, concerned citizens, arts education organizations, arts institutions, and corporate partners to ensure Florida's students a complete education that includes the arts. Through the arts, the quality of life for all Floridians is improved and enhanced. Programs and opportunities of Florida Alliance for Arts Education reach all corners of the state and touch thousands of lives each year as they bring schools and communities together to improve, enhance and promote arts education.

Awards will be presented to the recipients at the FAAE Annual Summit at the Sonesta Fort Lauderdale on June 21, 2018.

Arts Education Professional

Sharon Reid-Kane, Vice President of Education & Outreach, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater, Florida

Arts Education Professional

Amanda Thompson, Education and Exhibitions Manager, The Council on Cultural & Arts, Tallahassee, Florida

Business Leadership Award

Ted Gee, President and Co-Founder, Live Music Tutor, Austin, Texas (for work in Osceola County)

Community Volunteer Leadership Award

The Matlacha Hookers, Pine Island, Florida, Lee County Schools

Superintendent's Award

Dr. Debra Pace, District Superintendent, School District of Osceola County

School Administrator Leadership Award

Deborah Fahmie, District Fine and Performing Arts Resource Specialist, School District of Osceola County

The ACE of Hearts Award

Jodi Jeffreys-Tanner, Business and Community Leader, Broward County Schools

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the FAAE would also like to congratulate all those who were nominated for these awards as well, as nomination is an award in itself: Robert Barnes, Cape Coral; Maria Cabrera, Fort Myers; Scott Guelcher, Cape Coral; Brenda Lown, North Fort Myers; Clinton McCracken, Orlando; Gloria VanDuzer, Bokeelia; Margaret Walters, North Fort Myers.