



Welcome to a new school year. Excitement is in the air with the opportunity to meet with our students in person. It is also that time of year where your state organizations are planning their fall conferences. We are looking forward to moving ahead with new ideas and new energy.

Now more than ever, any time that art educators can spend together is important. Getting back into the swing of in-person gatherings (with some hybrid options) is an integral part of state fall conferences. NAEA is also feverishly working on our March 2022 Convention in New York City, celebrating our 75th anniversary.

As you embark on this new school year, remember these five Rs:

## RECONNECT

Now is the time to reconnect with your fellow art educators at your state's fall conference. Check your association websites and Facebook pages about when, where, and how conferences will take place. What a great time to share ideas and network with one another.

For other ways to reconnect, you can go to the **COMMUNITY** section of the NAEA website and explore. As the website states, "NAEA is your connection to a vibrant professional community and all of the support and resources it holds. There are so many ways to connect! Collaborate with your division, region, and/or state association. Join an interest group, serve on a committee, establish a National Art Honor Society Chapter today, and more! Members receive exclusive access to the best community-building opportunities—created by art educators, for art educators."

## RESOURCES

Check out NAEA's website for all sorts of resources that can help you out with the upcoming school year. These can be found in the **LEARN & TOOLS** section. Here you can search through a variety of resources, including: [National Visual Arts Standards](#), [Instructional Resources Gallery](#), [Virtual Art Educators](#), [Convention Resources](#), [Digication e-Portfolio](#), [Viewfinder: Reflecting on Museum Education E-Journal](#), [Assessment White Papers for Art Education](#), [Need to Know Webcasts](#), [Art Education Resource Guide](#), and the [Remote Learning Toolkit](#). Don't forget about the outstanding Town Hall conversations we have been having, too!

Need some recertification credit? Check out the webinar archives. Did you know that you can earn **UNIVERSITY CREDIT** through a collaboration of NAEA and California State University, Chico? What an added bonus!

Check out the **OPPORTUNITIES** section. Here you can find a variety of different resources and opportunities that are designed to help you.

## RECOGNIZE

Remember to recognize your fellow association members who are outstanding in your state and level. Nominate them for state awards. Contact your state association for details and deadlines. Also, remember to nominate those outstanding members for national awards. Recognition for these national winners will take place at the NAEA National Convention in New York City in March 2022.

## RELEVANCE

Look at what NAEA has published in regards to relevant topics and position statements. An updated version of "10 Ways to Use Position Statements" has been created and shared on the NAEA's website. This tool can help you with promoting your arts programs within your school and your district.

With a new school year comes a time where you can revitalize not only your lessons and curriculum, but yourself as well.

Do you want to know more about equity, diversity, and inclusion? Head over to the NAEA website and check out the newest link, **EDUCATION, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION**. As the website states, the purpose of the ED&I pillar "is to ensure that NAEA's community and organizational operations are inclusive and open to all. The NAEA ED&I Commission works in concert with practitioners and state and national leaders in the field to establish comprehensive strategies that work from the classroom outward, with direction and tools for addressing ED&I."

Be on the lookout at the state level for ED&I opportunities. Your organization has, or is creating, an ED&I placement. Contact your state leaders if you need resources or want to be involved at the state level.

## LAST, BUT NOT LEAST: REVITALIZE

With a new school year comes a time where you can revitalize not only your lessons and curriculum, but yourself as well. Make sure you take time for self-care. Find a great outlet for your creativity. Check out a yoga class or take a walk through a museum. Check with your state organization about mini-conferences or other events (online or in person). Just make sure you take care of your own social-emotional learning.

Have a wonderful school year! ■



**Catherine Campbell**

Regional Vice President. Curriculum Facilitator/Visual Arts Educator. Tel: 803-699-2750, ext. 72117. Email: ccampbel@richland2.org  
Elect: Cheryl Maney, PreK-12 Visual Arts Curriculum Supervisor, Charlotte, NC. Tel: 704-533-1913. Email: cherylmaney@gmail.com