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Academy News and Notes!

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday for Networking and Collaboration Day. It was a tremendous success! **Don't forget that the final Core Faculty Wrap-up Day will be TOMORROW, Friday, July 23! All TAA participants are expected to attend.** TAA will also continue posting resources in order for participants to earn additional credit throughout the rest of this week and next week. Please make sure to check the "Post Academy" tab on the virtual site to access these resources.

Click Here To Login To The 2021 TAA Virtual Academy

Final Wrap-Up Day

Remember, all core classes will meet on the TAA Virtual site again **TOMORROW Friday, July 23, 2021** for your Final Wrap-up Session. Please check the Post Academy Pull Down Menu for details.

Keep An Eye On Your Inbox For Your TAA Evaluation

On Friday, all TAA participants will receive via email their own personal TAA Online Evaluation link. This link will contain a digitally embedded ID that will allow you to save and come back to the evaluation so that you do not need to complete it in a single sitting. The evaluation form will allow you to provide feedback on this year's Academy and will also give you the opportunity to input the events you attended in order to receive credit for the hours you completed. The email will be sent to everyone Friday, July 23rd at approximately 1 PM (CDT). The evaluations will be due on **Saturday, July 31, 2021.**

TAA Needs Your Help!

Please consider sharing your positive feelings about the Academy by sending an email to Governor Bill Lee, Commissioner of Education Penny Schwinn, Director of Arts Education Todd Shipley, and to your Tennessee state legislators. Let them know that the Academy is valuable to you, your colleagues and to the students in Tennessee. These emails are very important and have a major impact on funding priorities. From feedback we have received in the past, we know that your emails will be read, counted, and recorded. **Your support is very much appreciated.**

Below are the pertinent e-mail addresses. **Please take a few minutes in the next couple of days to contact these very influential people.** One email sent to all of the addresses at the same time will be the quickest and easiest way to communicate. If you are willing, it would also be helpful if you would copy your email to us at taa@belmont.edu. We might be able to use your supportive words in other settings.

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Tennessee State Legislators: To locate the contact information for your state legislator, please go to this website. If you are unsure of the names of your legislators or your district number, enter the required information under "Find My Senator" or "Find My Legislator" and you will be directed to the appropriate site.

TDOE General Comments email: educator.communications@tn.gov
(Please use this email as an additional one to those emails listed above. It is not the primary email.)

Thank you from the entire Academy staff for your enthusiasm and for helping TAA support arts teachers and arts education.

Don't Forget You Can Still Enter Our 2021 NYC Broadway Giveaway!

Second Chance Drawing for 2021 TAA Participants ONLY - Tomorrow at 12:30 CDT!

All TAA 2021 participants who previously entered the contest will be re-entered in the drawing. **Plus** any additional TAA 2021 participants who purchase tickets today and tomorrow morning will be entered in the drawing. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 23rd at 10:00 am (CDT). The second chance drawing will occur this Friday (July 23) after the final Wrap-up Session at 12:30 pm (CDT). **Thanks again to Cavit Cheshier** for donating his winning ticket back so that one of the TAA teacher-participants can win this special trip!

Don't Miss Out!! If you have not already entered, click here to purchase tickets or if already entered, purchase additional tickets to increase your chance at winning.

And Even More Prizes!! - We will also draw TAA teacher-participant names tomorrow for promotional registration sign-up giveaways. **A $35 Visa gift card** with a TAA swag pack and also a **$25 American Cookie Company gift card** are just a few of the items to be given away! **Meet us in the "drawing room" at 12:30 pm (CDT) on July 23rd!** Good luck!

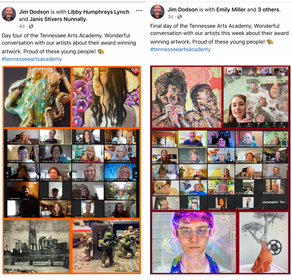
Alumni Roll Call

There is still time to join the Tennessee Arts Academy Alumni Association or renew your membership to receive a "special perk"! We will have an Alumni members drawing for two $50 Kroger gift cards on Friday, July 23rd at 12:30 pm (CDT) right after the second core Wrap-up session. The deadline to be eligible for the prize drawing will be 10:00 am (CDT), July 23rd!

If you sign up as a new Alumni member, you will receive a one-of-a-kind TAA alumni pin. If you are renewing, once the Academy concludes, we will send you a list of TAA promotional items, and you will be able to select a gift. All TAA Alumni Association new members and renewals for this year will receive the 2021-2022 decal seen here!

Click Here To View The TAA Alumni Page!

Social Snapshots



Remember to follow us on Instagram using our handle "**@tnartsacademy**" or tag our Facebook page (Tennessee Arts Academy). And don't forget to include this year's hashtag **#virtualtaa2021.** Whether you are listening to former musings, working on your assignments or watching performances form artists around the world, we want to see what the post Academy experience has been like for you.

Did You Attend The TAA Yoga Sessions?

We had an amazing time unwinding and relaxing each morning last week with **Vanessa Paletta** during her TAA yoga classes. If you attended yoga and want to learn more about Vanessa's classes, visit The Yoga Room website to join livestream and on-demand yoga classes and meditations, schedule private sessions, and/or join a yoga community called Circles. Use the coupon code **WELCOMETAA** to take $5 off any offering!
Follow @vanessapalettayoga on Instagram for weekly yoga and mindfulness tips. Reach out anytime at yoga@vanessapaletta.com, to talk about how Vanessa can help you incorporate more movement and mindfulness into your life!

The TAA Mentor Program

The **Tennessee Arts Academy Mentor Program** provides year-long support for novice teachers who would like to receive advice and feedback from a more seasoned colleague throughout the school year. The Academy pairs young teachers with experienced TAA alumni who have successfully implemented in their own classrooms the training they received at the Academy.

If you are interested in participating as a mentor or a mentee, and have not already signed up, please click the link below to access an application!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE TAA MENTORING PROGRAM

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TAA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Tennessee Arts Academy is to provide exceptional quality professional development, arts training, support, encouragement, information and renewal to K-12 teachers and to promote and honor the role of the arts in the lives of all Tennesseans.

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