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Student Artists to be Recognized at 22nd Annual Governor's Awards in Arts Education

Outstanding student artists from throughout New Jersey will be recognized for their accomplishments on Wednesday, May 29, at the 22nd Annual Governor's Awards in Arts Education. Sixteen educators and 90 students will be honored at the event, which is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Alliance for Arts Education / NJ.

Governor James E. McGreevey congratulated the honorees, saying, "I am proud of the wealth of creative talent and cultural heritage that New Jersey possesses. You are the future to ensure that the arts will continue to flourish. Your creativity also provides you with the competitive edge you will need to succeed in the 21st century."

Commissioner of Education William L. Librera, who will represent the Governor at the event, said, "I believe that the arts should be part of every child's educational experience. Not only do the arts promote diversity and understanding of other cultures, but they can increase self-esteem as well. There is evidence that regular, in-depth study in the arts results in increased academic performance in other subject areas, particularly in language arts literacy and math.

"I commend all of our honorees for their talent, energy, commitment and perseverance as they excel in their disciplines," Dr. Librera said.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. in the War Memorial Building Trenton, with student performances and a slide show of award-winning visual art. The awards ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. with remarks by Commissioner Librera, Secretary of State Regina Thomas, State Board of Education President Maud Dahme and Anthony Migliaccio, president of the Alliance for Arts Education / New Jersey. A reception will be held in the ballroom in the War Memorial following the ceremony.

Migliaccio said, "Recognizing that the arts are essential to the fabric of our society, the Governor's Awards underscore New Jersey's commitment to arts education as a core discipline providing quality educational programs for all children in the state."

"This awards program has a long tradition of singling out students and educators who create or perform their art at the highest levels," said Maud Dahme, president of the State Board of Education. "We offer all of the honorees our highest praise and encouragement."

Award winners will receive medallions from Dahme and Dr. Librera. The following is a list of cooperating arts organizations that sponsor and plan the ceremony:

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics
Alliance for Arts Education/NJ
Art Educators of New Jersey
Art Administrators of New Jersey
Institute for Arts and Humanities Education
New Jersey Association of School Administrators
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English
New Jersey Forensic League
New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts
New Jersey Music Educators Association
New Jersey Reading Association
New Jersey School of the Arts
New Jersey State Council on the Arts
New Jersey State Department of Education
Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey

Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey
VSA arts of New Jersey

NOTE TO EDITORS AND REPORTERS: [Attached is a list of students and educators who will receive the 2002 Governor's Awards in Arts Education.](#)