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DOE Co-Sponsors 24th Annual Governor's Awards in Arts Education

Today, the New Jersey State Department of Education and Friends of Teen Arts will co-sponsor the 24th Annual Governor's Awards in Arts Education at The College of New Jersey's Kendall Hall.

The Governor's Awards in Arts Education are designed to promote awareness and appreciation of the arts by recognizing the outstanding arts achievement of students, educators and leaders in New Jersey. Awards will be presented to 25 educators and 89 students. The students were selected by national and statewide organizations for their exemplary work in creative writing, music, theatre and the visual arts. The educators will receive awards from several cooperating national and state arts organizations for their exceptional commitment and contributions to arts education in New Jersey.

In acknowledging the importance of the arts, Commissioner William L. Librera said, "New Jersey has recognized the importance of the arts in our schools by making the performing arts one of the mandated areas of our Core Curriculum Content Standards." "An education in the arts is an essential part of the academic curriculum for the achievement of human, social, and economic growth. We, at the Department of Education, will continue to ensure that the arts are a part of every child's educational experience," added Commissioner Librera.

Shirley Sasor, director of Friends of Teen Arts, said, "Friends of Teen Arts, Inc. is delighted to co-sponsor the Governor's Awards in Arts Education this year. Since 1969, our organization has been committed to providing innovative learning and performance opportunities for all New Jersey teenagers in all the creative, fine and performing arts." "We know we can make a positive difference in the lives of teenagers by encouraging self-expression through the arts. The Governor's Awards in Arts Education recognize the outstanding achievements of those whose commitment to the arts demonstrates excellence in every way and encourages exploration of the arts in a supportive environment that inspires and nurtures expression," Sasor added.

Award winners will receive medallions from Michael Klavon, director of the Office of Innovative Programs and Schools at the DOE, and State Board of Education Member Roberta Van Anda. The ceremony will also include student performances in music and theatre.

The event will begin at 4:30 pm with a slide show of award-winning visual art. The awards ceremony will begin at 5:00 pm with remarks by Klavon, Van Anda, and Dean of the School of Art, Media, and Music James Lentini.

The following is a list of cooperating arts organizations that sponsor and plan this ceremony:

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)
Alliance for Arts Education/NJ
Art Educators of New Jersey
Art Administrators of New Jersey
Institute for Arts and Humanities Education
New Jersey Association for Health, Recreation,
Physical Education, and Dance
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 Performing Arts Center
New Jersey Reading Association
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

For more information, please contact the Office of Innovative Programs at (609) 777-0800.

Governor's Awards in Arts Education
Award Recipients
May 2004

County	Student/Educator	Town of Residence	School Name
Bergen	Joo Hee Kim	Montvale	Pascack Hills HS
	Laura Mayerson	Teaneck	Teaneck HS
	Kevin McCullough	Ridgewood	Ridgewood HS
	Young-Min Choi	Haworth	Cooper Art Academy
	Grace Kim	Ridgefield	Wow Art Studio
	Samantha Carlin	Hillsdale	Pascack Valley HS
	Krystyn McIlraith	Upper Saddle River	Immaculate Heart Acad
	Kaavya Viswanathan	Franklin Lakes	Acad for Adv of Sci & Tech
Burlington	Peggy Lou Welch*	Lumberton	Rancocas Valley Reg HS
	Danielle Sanders	Moorestown	Cinnaminson HS
	Jane Graziano*	Lumberton	Rowan University
	Andrew Nguyen	Mt. Laurel	Lenape HS
Camden	Krysta Muller	Voorhees	Eastern Reg HS
	Miriam Ortiz*	Pennsauken	Creative Arts HS
	Mary Anne Morgan*	Laurel Springs	Sterling HS
Cape May	Timothy Cox*	Ocean City	Ocean City HS
Essex	Alex Markman	Livingston	Livingston HS
	Dawud Ingram	East Orange	Cicely Tyson School

	Sylvia Belinfante-Abdelsalam*	Fairfield	Butler HS
	Jessica Ross	Roseland	W Essex Sr HS
	Daniel Rauch	Short Hills	Millburn HS
	Steven Hollow*	S. Orange	
	Ruth Kaplan*		Gibbs College
	Jessica Sher	Livingston	Livingston HS
	Gregory Korb	South Orange	Millburn HS
	Jorge Gavidia	Newark	Arts HS
	Jaclyn Ingoglia	North Caldwell	West Essex Reg HS
Gloucester	Pheobe Askie	Deptford	Deptford HS
	Anna-Marie Matthews	Paulsboro	So NJ Acad of Perf Arts at GCIT
Hudson	Kyla Garcia	Hoboken	High Tech HS
	Lorenzo Pickett	Jersey City	Vis & Perf Arts HS
	Hector Ortiz	Jersey City	Vis & Perf Arts HS
	Kenneth Perry	Jersey City	Vis & Perf Arts HS
	Pedro Jimenez	Hoboken	Hoboken HS
	Javier Nieves	Hoboken	Hoboken HS
	Domingo Galdo?s	Jersey City	Hudson Catholic Reg HS
Hunterdon	Melissa Buterbaugh	Oldwick	Voorhees HS
Mercer	Danielle Horta	East Windsor	Hightstown HS
	Sarah Conroy	Morrisville	Lawrence HS

	Aaron Naar	Lawrenceville	Lawrence HS
	Brian Hedden	Lawrenceville	Lawrence HS
	Mike Hvasta	Lawrenceville	Lawrence HS
	David Robinson*	Pennington	
	Jan Wilson*	Hamilton	Nottingham HS
	Emma Rosenberg	Hopewell	Princeton Day School
	Andrew Watrous	Princeton Junction	W Windsor-Plainsboro HS South
Middlesex	Jenny Xie	North Brunswick	North Brunswick HS
	Russell Fischer	Port Reading	Woodbridge HS
	Fred Henry	South Amboy	South Amboy HS
	Ardon Shorr	Highland Park	Solomon Schechter Day School
	Michael Raunick	Monroe Township	Monroe Twp HS
	Abbey Prendergast	Monroe Township	The Rugby School
	Leigh Underwood	Highland Park	Highland Park HS
	Claudio Mir*	Kendall Park	Inst. for Arts & Humanities Ed.
	Kristen Petruska	South River	South River HS
	Thomas Scott Fisker	Highland Park	Highland Park HS
	Robert Landicho	Edison	JP Stevens HS
Monmouth	Robert Walliczek	Wall Township	Wall HS
	Ben DeValve	Monmouth Junction	The Rugby School
	Susan Canter*	Freehold	Campbell School

	Nicholas Santoro*	Milltown	S. Orange Maplewood Schools
	Tatyana Brown	Ocean Township	Ocean Twp HS
	Nicole Byer	Lincroft	Middletown HS South
	Michael Hilton	Atlantic Highlands	Middletown HS South
	Diana Chien	Holmdel	Holmdel HS
	Terry Donohue	Red Bank	Red Bank Reg HS
Morris	Jeremy Friedland	Parsippany	Parsippany HS
	Rebecca Ng	Chatham	Pingry School
	Lauren Muraski	Flanders	Morris Catholic HS
	Jonathan Roberts	Mendham	Pingry School
	Mark Cocheo	Randolph	Randolph HS
	Christiana Stornetta	Morristown	Morristown HS
	Tiffany Schloesser	Randolph	Randolph HS
	Michelle Goodson	Randolph	Randolph HS
	Tony Bordonaro	Morris Plains	Acad for Vis & Perf Arts
	Ethan Saks	Morristown	Acad for Vis & Perf Arts
	Valerie Negra*	Mendham	Mountain Way School
	Elan Greenberg	Rockaway	Morris Hills HS
	Yihe Nina Gao	Chatham	Chatham HS
	Patricia Barter-Varrichio*	Morristown	Center Grove Elementary School
	Michelle Kim	Morristown	Morristown HS

Ocean	Jaime Chavan	Little Egg Harbor	Pinelands Reg HS
	Louis White	South Toms River	Ocean Co Voc/Tech
	Casey Burkhardt	Toms River	Toms River HS East
Passaic	Ryan Anderson	Paterson	Rosa Parks HS of Fine & Performing Arts
	Brian Austin	Paterson	Rosa Parks HS of Fine & Performing Arts
	Whitney Lluen	Paterson	Rosa Parks HS of Fine & Performing Arts
Somerset	Ashley Jackson	Far Hills	Pingry School
	Brittany Wyche	Bridgewater	Bridgewater-Raritan HS
	David Yastremski*	West Orange	Ridge HS
	Payal Kapadia	Basking Ridge	Ridge HS
	Deepa Cherla	Basking Ridge	Ridge HS
	Michael Scharff	Far Hills	Ridge HS
	Scott Samuels	Bridgewater	Bridgewater-Raritan HS
	Carl Santangelo*	Somerset	
	Robyn Tromeur*		Somerset Art Association
	Nancy Knutsen*	Skillman	Triangle Elem School
Sussex	Sarah Schlesinger	Branchville	High Point Reg HS
	Patrick Davis	West Milford	West Milford HS
	Robin Pecharsky	West Milford	West Milford HS
	Courtney Nader	Newton	Kittatinny Reg HS

	Diane Fogler*	Newton	Copeland Middle School
	Katrina Gersie	Wantage	High Point Reg HS
	Emilie Peterson	Hamburg	Vernon Twp HS
Union	Carl Israel Baron	Westfield	Westfield HS
	Vincent Turturiello*	Berkeley Heights	Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS
	Deborah Greh*	Scotch Plains	St. John's University
	Hank Park	New Providence	New Providence HS
	Matthew Kandel	Springfield	Solomon Schechter Day School
	Anna Polkowska	Union	Union HS
	Jessica Maas	Springfield	Jonathan Dayton HS
Out of State	Dale Schmid*	Philadelphia	NJ Dept of Education

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