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**Boston, MA November 4, 2023** The Massachusetts Art Education Association (MAEA) announces the recipients of the 2024 MAEA Awards. The award recipients will be honored later this year, more information to follow.

**2024 Massachusetts Art Education Association Award Winners**  
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MAEA Lifetime Achievement Award - Kristi Oliver, Davis Publications, Worcester  
Art Educator of the Year - Celia Knight, Gates Elementary, Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, Acton  
Elementary Art Educator of the Year - Jordan Ricciardi, Sanborn Elementary, Andover Public Schools, Andover  
Middle Level Art Educator of the Year - Justin Williams, Mendon/Upton Regional School District, Mendon  
Higher Education Art Educator of the Year - Alicia Gray, Montserrat College of Art, Beverly  
Community Art Art Educator of the Year - Jennessa Burks, Jennessa Art, Worcester  
Special Needs Art Educator of the Year - Lydia Gruner, Devereux School, Rutland  
Exceptional New Art Educator of the Year - Ashley Driscoll, McCarthy-Towne Elementary, Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, Acton  
Rising Star Secondary Award - Anaya Pinney, Brockton High School, Brockton  
Distinguished Service Within the Profession - Stephanie Graham, Mount Everett Regional School, Sheffield  
Distinguished Service Outside the Profession - Jen Leonard-Solis, Pentucket Arts Foundation, West Newbury

An affiliate of NAEA since 1975, MAEA is Massachusetts' professional association for art educators. The mission of MAEA is to advance high quality visual arts education throughout the state by empowering art educators to excel in the practice, instruction, promotion, and celebration of visual art. Recipients exemplify highly qualified individuals active in the field of art education today: leaders, educators, students, scholars, researchers, and advocates who make significant contributions to the profession. For more information, please visit the MAEA website at [www.massarted.com](http://www.massarted.com).