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**Awards Program Objectives:**

• To recognize excellence in the many outstanding individuals, state associations, and programs of CAEA.

• To focus professional attention on quality art education and exemplary art educators.

• To increase public awareness of the importance of quality art education.

• To set standards for quality art education and show how they can be achieved.

• To provide tangible recognition of achievement, earn respect of colleagues, and enhance professional opportunities for CAEA members.

**Award Categories:**

• Colorado Art Educator of the Year

• Division Art Educator Awards: Rookie (taught less than 5 years), ElementarySchool, Middle School, High School, Private/Charter/Independent, Museum, Higher Education, Supervision/Administration, Retired

• Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award

• Distinguished Service Within the Profession Award

• Distinguished Service Outside the Profession Award

• Distinguished Leadership Award

• Elliot Eisner Doctoral Research Award in Art Education

• Presidential Citation Award 4

• Committee on Multiethnic Concerns (COMC),

• J. Eugene Grigsby, Jr. Award

• Lowenfeld Award

• Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship

• State/Province Association/Issues Group Newsletter Award

• State/Province Association/Issues Group Website Award

• The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), VSA Peter J. Geisser Special Needs Art Educator of the Year Award

• NAEA, The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), VSA Beverly Levett Gerber Special Needs Lifetime Achievement Award