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CAAA Presidents' Message

- *Angela Griffin & Shannon Gagne*

On behalf of the CT Arts Administrators Association, Angela Griffin and I hope this communication finds you well. As your Co-President's, we are excited about the start of the school year. We have continued our collective efforts to develop a proposal to revise Addendum 7. Representatives of CAAA and CMEA are also meeting to advocate for the reinstatement of an arts representative at the state level. We hope to report on these two very important items in next month's meeting.

Thank you for attending the first meeting and professional development session. We had a total of 21 attendees. It was very helpful to hear about the wide range of district plans as we all work to return to school safely. I would like to especially thank all of the participants who volunteered their contact information in efforts to develop critical friend connections in arts leadership. A special thank you to Julie Sawyer and Leslie Imse for helping to plan and present the session. I hope to continue these conversations so that we can support each other through these unprecedented times.

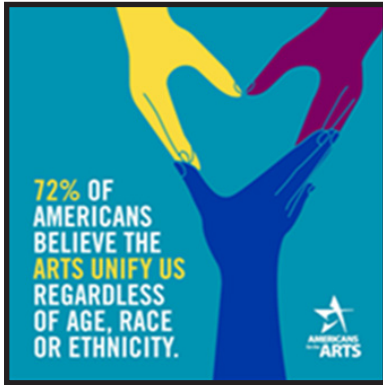
It is important that we remember the power we have as artists, performers and leaders. Practice your craft and enjoy the healing benefits. "Going down to a river that is flooded and turbulent, if you are swept away by the current -- how can you help others across?" Sutta Nipata 2:8

Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you soon.

Warm Regards,
Shannon Gagne & Angela Griffin

Thanks to Mitigation Strategies, Performing Arts Events Return to High Schools Nationwide (From latest NFHS Voice Newsletter)

After a year of unprecedented struggles to participate in music, speech, debate and theatre programs, high school performing arts participants are back – on the field, on the stage and in the classroom. [Follow this link](#) to access the latest issue of the NFHS newsletter, The NFHS Voice celebrating the return to in person instruction programming in our performing arts programs. Thank you as always to Amy Perras as our representative and immediate contact with NFHS.



CAAA Executive Director's Message - Rick Sadlon

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of CAAA membership and involvement. If you have not done so already, please be reminded to submit your annual individual or district membership dues by October 15th. You can now submit your dues electronically directly from our website or access the membership form and mail it in at: <https://ctaaa.net/membership> If you joined over the summer, your membership is valid until next October.

Please welcome our newest CAAA member, Leona Clerkin, Principal of HALS Academy and Fine Arts Coordinator of New Britain Public Schools. We look forward to having Leona as a member of our organization and are pleased to have her representing the New Britain Public Schools. As of the distribution of this newsletter, we have not yet received any information regarding the status of our 501c3 application. I will inform everyone as soon as we hear from them.

If you ever have any questions or need to reach any of us at CAAA, you can always use the CAAA email address: ctaaainfo@gmail.com or contact me directly at: ricksadlon@gmail.com.

Best of luck in the new school year!

Arts for Life's Sake: The Case for Arts Education

During National Arts Education Week, the Commission on the Arts of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences released the report, Arts for Life's Sake: The Case for Arts Education. This report uniquely combines personal narratives of art educators, students, parents, arts leaders, notables sharing the values and benefits gained from their arts learning experiences, key data trends depicting the needs the perpetual decline and limited reporting of for arts education against, and policy recommendations at the deferral and local levels to achieve more equitable access.

CAAA 2021-2022 Calendar

Date	Location	PD Session	Time
September 9	TBA	TBA	TBA
October 14	TBA	TBA	TBA
November 18	TBA	TBA	TBA
December 9	TBA	TBA	TBA
January 13	Univ. of Hartford	TBA	TBA
February 10	TBA	Site Visit	TBA
May 12	State Capitol Arts	Advocacy Breakfast	TBA

USEFUL LINKS

Visit CAAA at:

<https://www.ctaaa.net/>

Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/214126466519414>

AEP Newsletter (Arts Education Partnership - A Subsidiary of ECS):

<https://www.aep-arts.org/artsed-digest/>

CABE (CT Assoc. of Boards of Ed.) Link to CABE Journal:

https://issuu.com/cabe-publications/docs/cabe-september_journal_2021_final_ia

CMEA (CT Music Ed. Assoc.): <https://cmea.org/>

CAEA (CT Art Ed. Assoc.): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/637174923000349/>

COA (CT Office of the Arts): <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Services/Arts-and-Creativity/About-the-Office-of-Arts>

CAS (CT Assoc. of Schools): <http://cas.casciac.org/>

CAAE (CT Arts Alliance for Arts Educators) Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ctal-lartseduc/>

NFHS (Nat'l. Federation of State High School Assocs.)
<https://www.nfhs.org/>

CAAA and CMEA Proposed Revision of Addendum 7

To Members of CAAA and CMEA:

In an effort to provide support to music, visual art and performing arts educators in our state regarding Fall re-entry plans for arts programs in 2021, the Connecticut Arts Administrators Association and the Connecticut Music Education Association have joined forces in creating proposed revisions to the CSDE Addendum 7 COVID -19 Re-Opening Considerations for Connecticut K-12 Music Programs. This link to *proposed revisions* provide additional specific information and considerations for COVID-19 arts mitigation strategies based on the NAFME and NFHS Return to Music Guidance Phase III August 2021. CAAA would like to extend a special thank you to participating collaborators and contributors to this work. Thank you to Shannon Gagne, Amy Perras, Rick Sadlon, Jason Bouchard, Leslie Imse, Andrew Minor and Tom Scavone for their outstanding contributions and collaboration on this project!

Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona Supports the Arts

A recent NafMe article spotlights a recent interview with U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona. Follow this [link](#) to the August 2021 *Teaching Music* publication article, highlighting his strong support of music and the arts, his personal connection to the arts, and his experiences in Connecticut. The article also discusses the healing power of the arts, and it includes contributions from CAAA member Brian Cyr! We are fortunate to have a U.S Secretary advocating for arts programs at the national level. The link is also provided for sharing the article. <https://digitaleditions.walsworth.com/publication/?i=717018&ver=html5&p=38>



National Youth Ensembles 2022 at Carnegie Hall

Applications are open now for the National Youth Ensembles 2022. Please share this exciting opportunity with students and families. This is also an opportunity for students in your program to shine! Please click on the link below to find out more!

<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Education/Programs/National-Youth-Ensembles>

From FOX 61 NEWS



Dear Teacher,

We are excited to begin this year's FOX61 Student News program. Join us for our upcoming Teacher Workshops. Please consider this for your professional training development. We will offer two to safely accommodate you (*please choose one*):

We will have a packed agenda that includes media basics and literacy, news gathering, shooting news, editorial decision making and how to submit stories. We will also share some photos from last year's awards ceremony and details on our student scholarship program.

Feel free to bring your laptop, IPAD and/or Smart Phones. We will share information on how to shoot and edit from various devices.

Please RSVP to Chelsea Deziel at cdeziel@fox61.com or call 860-723-2143 by Tues. 9/21.

Thanks and see you there!



Tues. September 28th (9am-1pm) at University of New Haven

Maxcy Hall, Room 103 (classroom on the main campus)

[Click here for map](#)

300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516

Doors open at 8:45am and program begins at 9:00am; Limited to the first 30 people; Free parking (walkable as well as a shuttle)

Lunch and refreshments will be provided, option to take tour of campus to see film/production studios

Attendees must adhere to University of New Haven's safety guideline (proof of VAX or rapid test, and mask wearing)

Send proof of VAX or negative PCR test to nchavoya@newhaven.edu

Wed. September 29th (9am-1pm) at University of Hartford

Location: 1877 Club (conference center on campus) [Click here for map](#)

200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117

Doors open at 8:45am and program begins at 9:00am; Limited to the first 50 people; Free parking (walkable)

Lunch and refreshments will be provided; option to take tour of campus to see TV/podcast studios

Attendees must adhere to University of Hartford's safety guideline (proof of VAX or rapid test, and mask wearing)

Send proof of VAX or negative PCR test to jbanks@hartford.edu

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