

Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance

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TOP STORIES



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New Visual and Performing Arts Leadership at SCOE! Welcome, Nzinga Woods!

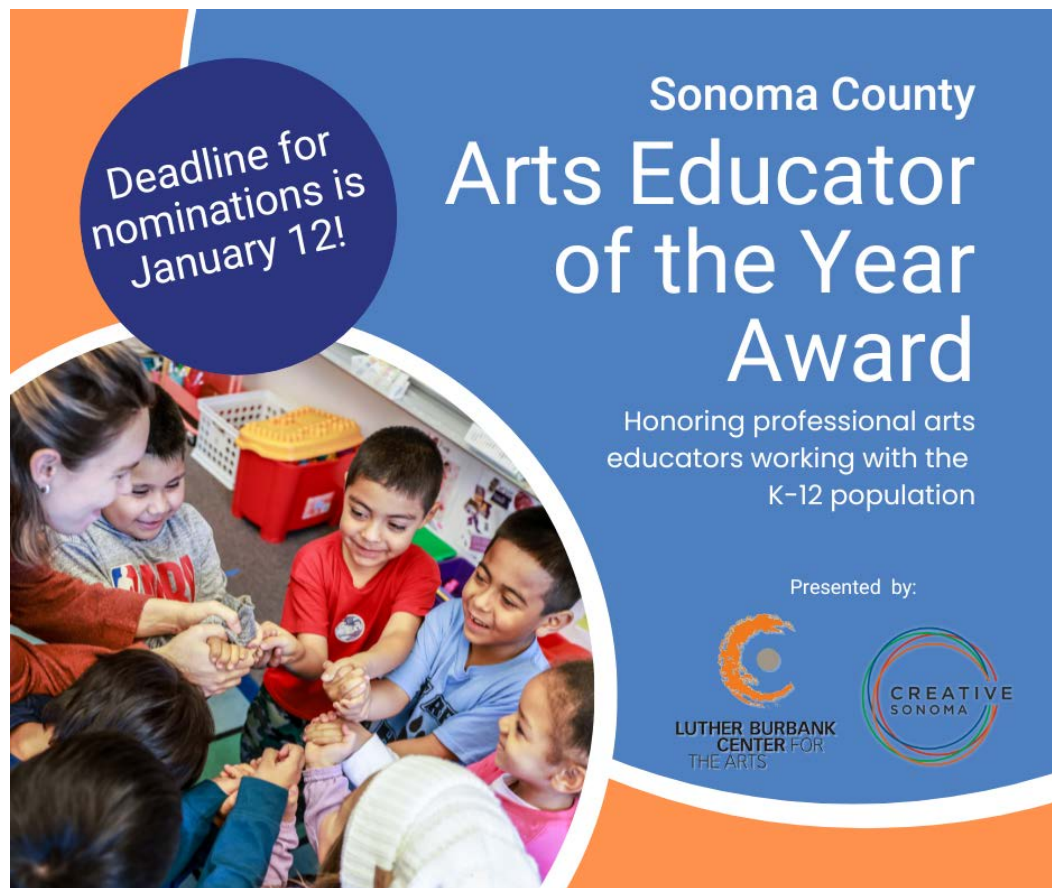
The Sonoma County County Office of Education (SCOE) has appointed Nzinga Woods as Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) and Ethnic Studies Coordinator. Nzinga is known for her dedication to social justice advocacy and her commitment to transforming educational environments to make learning accessible, culturally relevant, and meaningful for all students. Nzinga enjoys working in partnership with K-12 teachers and administrators to support high-quality instruction through an equity lens.

Before joining the SCOE community, Nzinga held a diverse range of experiences in the field of education. She has worked internationally, in Special Education and Early Childhood Education. For over 11 years, she worked as a classroom teacher, and director for the ArtQuest Program at Santa Rosa High School.

As a seasoned administrator, Nzinga has previously served as an administrator in the Peninsula region and continues to work as an Associate faculty member in the arts at the Santa Rosa Junior College. She has earned an M.A. in Educational Leadership from CSU Fullerton, an M.F.A. from Mills College, credentialed in Single Subject, CTE- (Career Technical Educational), and Administrative Services.

Nzinga is seeking the input of arts educators from around the County. If you teach arts in the County, please respond to the quick survey below. Her contact is nwoods@scoe.org

Survey for VAPA Teachers



Deadline for nominations is January 12!

Sonoma County Arts Educator of the Year Award

Honoring professional arts educators working with the K-12 population

Presented by:

LUTHER BURBANK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

CREATIVE SONOMA

Sonoma County Arts Educator of the Year Award Recognizing Significant Contributions to Arts Education

The award seeks to honor professional arts educators working with the K-12 population over an extended period of time including, but not limited to, arts and classroom teachers who teach visual art, music, drama, dance, or multimedia arts. Candidates must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated Leadership
- Commitment to Equity
- Arts Education Champion
- Mentorship

The award recipient will receive a \$500 honoraria and a \$500 gift card to a local arts store of their choice for classroom supplies. This award is sponsored by the Daniels Chapel of Roses. Deadline for nominations is January 12, 2024.

Nominate a School Arts Educator!



Join a county-wide early childhood art project that supports preschool, TK, and Kindergarten educators with integrating visual art across the curriculum.





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Learn About Kick Off and Art Open House

FUNDING STREAMS FOR ARTS EDUCATION



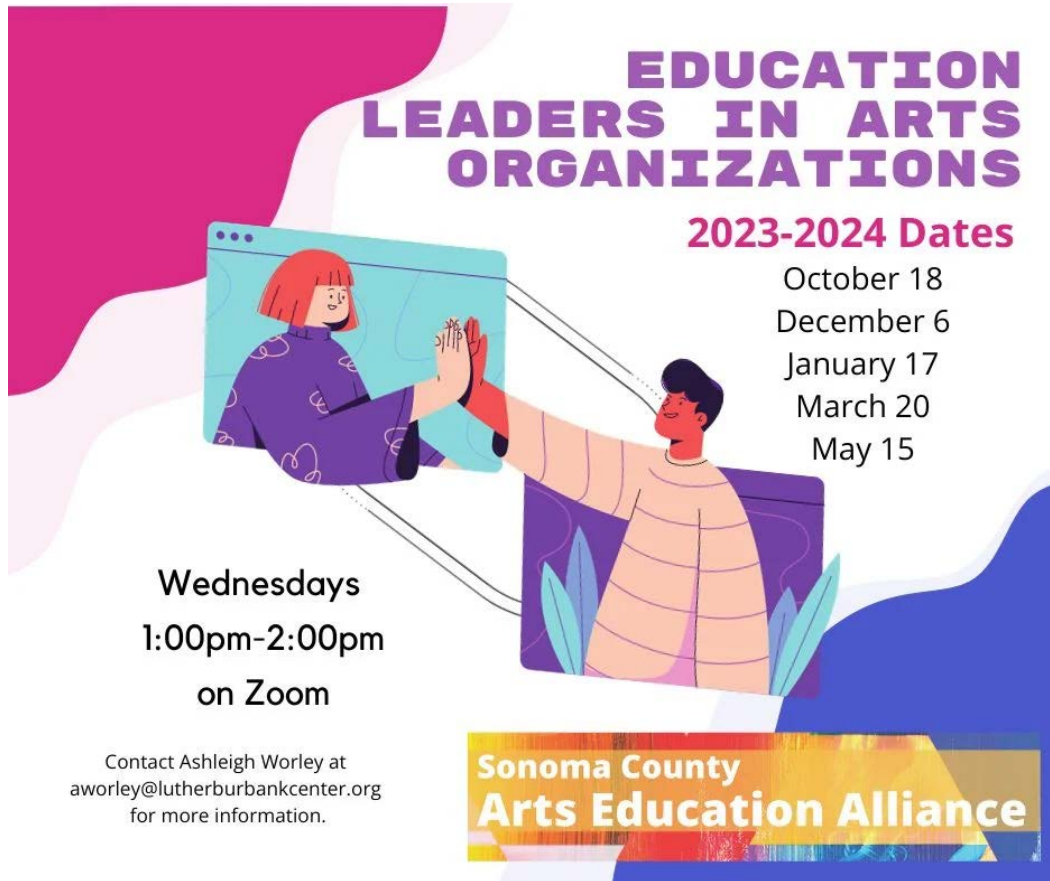
PROP 28

Legislation to Expand Arts Education Programs,
Not Replace Current Programs

Video About Prop 28 and Teacher Credentialing

How Many Arts Teachers Are There At My School?

ArtsEd RESOURCES



EDUCATION LEADERS IN ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

2023-2024 Dates

- October 18
- December 6
- January 17
- March 20
- May 15

Wednesdays
1:00pm-2:00pm
on Zoom

Contact Ashleigh Worley at aworley@lutherburbankcenter.org for more information.

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Next Zoom Meetup is January 17!

Any Education Leader from a Sonoma County Arts Organization is welcome to join this virtual cohort. Discuss relevant topics and find out what's going on in the County. Contact: aworley@lutherburbankcenter.org



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Mix and Mingle

Mitote Food Park - Santa Rosa
Wednesday, Jan. 24
5:30-7:00

Interested in getting to know your fellow arts educators and advocates? Join us for an evening of connection and conversation!

A new year, a new opportunity to meet folks and reconnect with acquaintances!

Join the AEA for a Mix and Mingle! Learn what's going on in Sonoma County and make connections. Arts education and arts advocates welcome! Bring a friend!

If you would like to learn a bit about careers in education, we'll have special guests from the [North Coast School of Education](#) credentialing department attending for brief conversations!

RSVP Here

Student Arts Spotlight

Tech High School Band

Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!

Learn more: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-december-2023

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ArtsEd OPPORTUNITIES FROM CREATIVESONOMA.ORG

From [ArtsEd Directory](#): Partnering with local school to provide theater arts enrichment programs, learn more about [6th Street Playhouse](#).



From [AEA Recommended](#): [Classroom Management for Teaching Artists](#) for the beginner or experienced teaching artist



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