

NAHS CONNECTIONS

FOR NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY SPONSORS

This NAHS Connections Guide is created to help sponsors build meaningful relationships with fellow National Art Honor Society advisors and leaders. Below, you'll find opportunities to connect through events, collaborative initiatives, and a directory of current NAHS national leaders. Whether you're seeking advice, ideas, or partnership opportunities, this guide supports a stronger, more connected NAHS community.

2025–2026 VIRTUAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETIES INTEREST MEETINGS

Are you interested in starting a chapter of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) or National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) at your high school or middle school but are unsure of where to begin? We're excited to invite you to an upcoming interactive meeting designed to kickstart your journey! This session will feature an overview of NAHS and NJAHS, a step-by-step guide to starting a chapter, and a dedicated Q and A segment to address your wonderings about the program. We're here to support you!

2025–2026 NAHS INTEREST MEETINGS:

- **August Meeting:** Tuesday, August 5, 2025. 7:00–8:00 pm ET (Virtual: [Registration](#))
- **September Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. 7:00–8:00 pm ET (Virtual: [Registration](#))

NAHS SPONSOR MEETUPS

Connect with fellow NAHS and NJAHS sponsors worldwide during these interactive virtual meetups. Whether you're an experienced sponsor or just starting out, this meetup provides a welcoming space for networking, learning, and growing together as leaders in art education.

2025–2026 NAHS SPONSOR MEET-UPS:

- **Fall Meetup:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025. 7:00–8:00 pm ET (Virtual: [Registration](#))
- **Spring Meetup:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026. 7:00–8:00 pm ET (Virtual: [Registration](#))
- **NAEA26 National Convention:** March 5–7, 2026 in Chicago, IL (In-Person: [Registration](#))



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY SPONSORS

NAHS STATE LEADER REPRESENTATIVES

NAEA's NAHS State Leader Representatives are a group of dedicated art educators who serve as the voice for NAHS and NJAHS sponsors and students within their respective states. These representatives play a crucial role in advocating for the needs and interests of the National Art Honor Societies.

Below is a general description of the duties and responsibilities within this role:

- Establish and maintain regular contact with all NAEA NAHS Chapters in the state.
- Serve as liaison between NAEA and state-level NAHS Chapters.
- Virtually attend all NAEA NAHS State Leader Representatives meetings.
 - **Fall Meeting:** Tuesday, September 23, 7:00–8:00 pm ET
 - **Spring Meeting:** Tuesday, February 3, 7:00–8:00 pm ET

If you are interested in attending a meeting and serving as a NAHS State Leader, please contact Paula Liz, NAEA's Youth and Preservice Program Manager, at pliz@arteducators.org.

NAHS/NJAHS National Council

Secondary Level NAEA members are invited to apply for the volunteer leadership position of Secondary Level Member-At-Large on the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) National Council. Applications will open in January 2026 and close in February 2026.

About the National Council: Members of the National Council include the NAEA Executive Director (ex-officio), the Secondary Division Director, Middle Level Division Director, and two Members-At-Large—one from among Secondary NAHS chapter sponsors and one from among Middle Level NJAHS chapter sponsors.

Qualifications: Must be active members of NAEA with a registered NAHS/NJAHS chapter.

Terms of Service and Appointment: Members serve 2-year terms. The next term will begin immediately following the 2026 NAEA National Convention in Chicago, IL, and conclude after the 2028 NAEA National Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

National Council Members-At-Large are selected from applications submitted and appointed by the NAEA President. Members meet annually during the NAEA National Convention and participate in three virtual meetings per year. Total time commitment is approximately 6 hours per year.



NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY LEADERS

Below are the names of a few National Art Honor Society experts and leaders. To obtain contact information for any of the individuals listed below, please email Paula Liz, the Youth and Preservice Program Manager, at PLiz@arteducators.org.

2025–2026 NAHS NATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the National Council include the NAEA Executive Director (ex-officio), the Secondary Division Director, Middle Level Division Director, and two Members-At-Large—one from among Secondary NAHS chapter sponsors and one from among Middle Level NJAHS chapter sponsors.

- **Middle Level Member-At-Large:** Glenda Lubiner – Pembroke Pines, FL
- **Secondary Level Member-At-Large:** Chay Ross – Los Angeles, CA
- **Middle Level Division Director:** Jeanie Fellingner – Locust Grove, VA
 - jeanie.fellinger@board.arteducators.org
- **Middle Level Division Director-Elect:** Jane B. Montero – Ann Arbor, MI
 - jane.montero@board.arteducators.org
- **Secondary Division Director:** Robin Brewer – Glen Mills, PA
 - robin.brewer@board.arteducators.org
- **Secondary Division Director-Elect:** Latonya Hicks – Clearwater, FL
 - latonya.hicks@board.arteducators.org

2025 NAEA OUTSTANDING NAHS/NJAHS SPONSOR AWARDEES

This award recognizes the dedication of an NAEA member who sponsors an outstanding National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) chapter.

- **Outstanding NJAHS Sponsor:** Renna Moore-Edwards – Jackson, MS
- **Outstanding NAHS Sponsor:** Erica Hamilton – Ellicott City, MD

2025 NAHS NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL AMBASSADORS

These exceptional middle and high school students have been selected for their passion for the visual arts, design, and media arts. They bring a dedication to leadership and a commitment to upholding the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service.

- **Western Region:**
 - Chidera Oforkansi – Richmond, TX, and Ella Grail – Ames, IA
- **Pacific Region:**
 - Cailyn Choi – Seattle, WA, and Tanvi Kulshreshtha – Phoenix, AZ
- **Eastern Region:**
 - Jace Walker – Claymont, DE, and Evan Andrew Fitzpatrick – Hopkinton, MA
- **Southeastern Region:**
 - Sabrea Jordan – Jackson, MS, and Shriya Sharma – Bogart, GA
- **NJAHS Ambassadors:**
 - Charlotte Martin – Warrenton, VA, and Alani Francis – Stone Mountain, GA

NAEA OUTSTANDING RISING STAR AWARDEES

Each year, the Rising Star Secondary Recognition Program honors outstanding National Art Honor Society members who demonstrate exceptional artistic talent, leadership, and a passion for art education.

- **2025 Awardees:** Aynecia Gardner – Jackson, MS, Kylie Fazenbaker – Warrenton, VA, Maya Hudson – Garnet Valley, PA, and Hanalea Grimmelbein – Garnet Valley, PA.