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Hinsdale Central Teacher Laura Milas Is Accepted into the National Art Education Association's Inaugural Class of The School for Art Leaders



Hinsdale Central Art Department Chair Laura Milas

Hinsdale, Ill. – June 10, 2015 – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 today proudly announced that Hinsdale Central High School Art Department Chair Laura Milas has been accepted into the National Art Education Association's (NAEA) inaugural 2015 class of The School for Art Leaders. According to the NAEA, the purpose of The School for Art Leaders is to provide a transformative experience for art educators to both inspire and prepare members to become active leaders of positive change in the field of art education.

Ms. Milas is one of 25 art teachers selected from all over the country to participate in the six-month program. The group will meet for a five-day intensive experience at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark., and then continue the program with online learning modules. All participants must complete a final capstone project by mid-December. This inaugural 2015 class will be recognized and celebrated during the 2016 NAEA national convention in Chicago next March.

“I hope to gain what all participants of this program desire; a way of using the unique skill set of artists in schools to change the lives of students,” said Ms. Milas. “I know that teacher leaders are best when they are continuously learning and this program provides a rich experience to grow. Ultimately, I want to use this opportunity to enrich my work with student leaders.”

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The program design is geared specifically for art teachers and is based on the work and recommendations of the NAEA leadership development task force. Applicants were required to be employed as an art teacher at a qualifying institution, have five or more years of practical experience, and commit to fully participating in the longitudinal study on leadership impact in art education upon completion of the program among other criteria.

To find out more go to <http://www.arteducators.org/news/schoolforartleaders>.

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