

AEP Is on the Road, and We Hope to See You in Our Travels

Throughout October, we will be collaborating with our partner organizations and arts and education colleagues to share more about the work of AEP, the latest research from the field and topical arts education policy topics at several upcoming convenings. Below is a look at AEP's upcoming event participation.

Oct. 18 | MasonARC2019: Making Connections for Arts Education Research, Policy and Practice

AEP will join George Mason University for this inaugural convening to moderate the Policy and Practitioner Panel discussion.

Oct. 22 | 2019 Grantmakers for Education Annual Conference

AEP will join national field experts to present at the STEAM Education: Policy and Practice to Advance Equity session. This session will explore how artsintegrated STEM learning improves student outcomes, and opportunities to increase access for underserved students

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In the Expanding Access to High-Quality Arts Education Through Research, Policy and Practice session, AEP will share more about its work in STEAM and school choice, and the resources it provides to help support work taking place in the field.

News From Our Partners



Register Today: Webinar to Explore Careers in the Arts for People With Disabilities

Hosted by National Endowment for the Arts and Art Beyond Site, the **Preparing Students With Disabilities for Careers in the Arts: Approaches for Arts Educators** webinar will feature insight on ways to enhance disability inclusion in schools or education centers and empower students with disabilities to pursue careers in the arts. This webinar will take place **Thursday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. EDT**.

Save the Date: Lights On Afterschool Is Oct. 24

This annual event — organized by the Afterschool Alliance — recognizes the importance of after-school programs; the new opportunities they provide for students; and the positive impact they have on children, families and communities. Now in its 20th year, Lights On Afterschool includes more than 8,000 events taking place across the country.

Membership Milestone

The Educational Theatre Association announced that the program has **honored more than 2.4 million theatre students** since its founding, with 59,000 students inducted during the last school year. The International Thespian Society is currently celebrating its 90th anniversary and plans to launch new initiatives during its anniversary year.

Applications Now Open: Best Communities for Music Education

The **NAMM Foundation's BCME program** recognizes and honors school districts and schools for their commitment to music education and efforts to support equitable access to music education opportunities for all students. Those selected for this national recognition will also receive a program auditing tool for their music program.

Related AEP Resource: Music Matters

News From The Field



Illinois and Missouri Schools Receive Grants to Support Arts Education in the Classroom

The Arts and Education Council and Maritz awarded 14 schools — spanning elementary through high school classrooms — with Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers grants. These grants will provide a range of supports for classroom-based arts education projects,

New Graduate Degree Program to Engage Teachers in STEAM Education

Through this **new program concentration**, William Paterson University (New Jersey) seeks to provide graduate students with resources to effectively prepare them for work in kindergarten through eighth-grade STEAM education, including as teachers or curriculum developers. The program curriculum includes inquiry-based research and project-based learning, and will integrate the arts across disciplines.

Related AEP Resource: Preparing Students for Learning, Work and Life Through STEAM Education

Grant to Support Access to Dance Education for Tennessee Students

The Tennessee Arts Commission has awarded the Hancock County government with the Funds for At-Risk Youth Grant, which will provide students with access to **no-cost**, **after school dance programs**. The programs are available to pre-K through high school students and are offered during the school year.

Convenings

- AATE Youth Voices: Activism Through Theatre American Alliance for Theatre and Education, Oct. 18-20, Berkeley, California
- 2019 ASN Annual Conference

Arts Schools Network, Oct. 22-25, Jacksonville, Florida

• 2019 NDEO Conference – The Creative Process: Choreography, Choice-Making and Communication

National Dance Education Organization, Oct. 23-26, Miami, Florida

• 2019 NAfME National Conference – Amplify the Future of Music: Opening Doors for All Students

National Association for Music Education, Nov. 6–10, Orlando, Florida

2019 AFTA National Arts Marketing Project Conference

Americans for the Arts, Nov. 15-18, Miami, Florida

Career Opportunities

- Presenting and Multidisciplinary Works and Artist Communities Director | National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C.
- Director, Arts Education Business Operations | New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, New Jersey

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