

Wednesday, Jan. 10



After an extensive national search, Education Commission of the States is excited to announce that José Muñoz began leading the organization on Jan. 8, 2024. José brings nearly 30 years of cross-sector experience leading initiatives that elevate policy adoption to create meaningful change in communities across the United States.

Read more about José's experience in the [press release](#).

Help Inform Our Annual Convening Content

We would your feedback as they plan for the 2024 Annual Convening! This year's convening will be in Pittsburgh, PA from Sept. 12-13. Please take a moment to fill out this [survey](#) that asks about what questions, topics, focus areas and formats that resonate most with you. This feedback will directly inform the planning and programing for the 2024 event.

Register for These AEP Meetings This Month

Join us for two upcoming meetings this month! First, we have a **Partnership Meeting** where we'll be hearing from students about recent research projects they've conducted on arts and education. Later this month, we'll host our sixth **Town Hall for Local Arts Education Supervisors**.

- **Partnership Meeting** | Today, Jan. 10 at 4:30 p.m. ET
 - **Town Hall for Local Arts Education Supervisors** | Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. ET
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News From Our Partners and Affiliates

New Report on the Impact of Federal Funds on Music and Arts Education

This **new report** outlines feedback from a national survey how federal funds are used to support music and arts education in K-12 schools. The survey asks respondents about how their schools accessed, allocated and used funds from the Every Student Succeeds Act and Elementary and Secondary Education Relief. Responses were gathered from 48 states and the Department of Defense Education Activity.

The survey is a collaborative project between the Educational Theatre Association, the National Art Education Association, the National Association for Music Education, the NAMM Foundation and the National Dance Education Organization.

National PTA Reflections Student Arts Showcase

In December 2023, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Health Institute and the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts hosted **Music as Medicine: The Science and Clinical Practice**. This two day workshop highlighted accomplishments from the last six years in advancing scientific research on music and health, developed a blueprint for the next phase of research and further built the research community. The workshop video and program are archived for your viewing **here**.

Curatorial Chatbot: An Experiment with AI at the Nasher Museum of Art

What happens when a museum **asks ChatGPT to curate an exhibition** from its collection? That's exactly the question curators at the Nasher Museum of Art asked themselves. What followed was an experiment that highlighted the importance of human understanding in curating. The American Alliance for Museums covered the story.

"And while the ordering of the exhibition made some visual connections (whether intentional or coincidental), without the ability to make aesthetic judgements and cohesive, thematic choices, its selections fell short of the decisions a human curator may make to put together a show of pedagogical value."

News From the Field

Call for Chapters: Arts-Based Multiliteracies for Teaching and Learning

The University of Manitoba is seeking **proposals for chapters** in a peer reviewed book about arts-based multiliteracies. In an ever-increasingly complex world, traditional and narrow views of a single literacy limited to reading and writing print text are no longer sufficient for making and communicating meaning in schools and communities. Submit your chapter proposal for an opportunity to share your research with the field.

Proposals are due **Feb. 12**.

Events

- **NAMM Show** | National Association of Music Merchants, Jan. 25–28, Anaheim, CA
- **Museum Advocacy Day** | American Alliance of Museums, Washington, D.C., Feb. 26–27

- **ASTA National Conference** | American String Teachers Association, March 20–23, Louisville, KY
 - **2024 National Arts in Education Conference** | Young Audiences Arts for Learning, April 3–5, Chicago, IL
 - **2024 NAEA National Convention** | National Art Education Association, April 4–6, Minneapolis, MN
 - **Conference for Community Arts Education** | National Guild for Community Arts Education, April 9–12, Washington, D.C.
 - **2024 AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo** | American Alliance of Museums, May 16–19, Baltimore, MD
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Career Opportunities

Northeast

- **Chief Operating Officer** | The Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT
- **Director of Learning and Civic Engagement** | Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA

Mid-Atlantic

- **Program Manager** | Hill Center, Washington, D.C.
- **Program Officer, Arts** | Wallace Foundation, New York City, NY

Midwest

- **Executive Director of the Arts Initiative** | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- **Chief Executive Officer** | MacPhail Center for Music, Minneapolis, MN
- **Executive Manager - Krannert Center for the Performing Arts** | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

South

- **Development Manager** | Arts Connect Houston, Houston, TX
- **Deputy Director for Art & Education** | The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, St. Petersburg, FL
- **Executive Director** | Florida Orchestra Association, Florida (statewide)

Southwest

- **Chief Executive Officer** | Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts, Wickenburg, AZ

West

- **Artistic Programs Manager** | Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles, CA
- **Curator** | AltaMed Art Collection, Los Angeles, CA
- **Education Programs Manager** | Umpqua Valley Arts, Roseburg, OR
- **Executive Director** | Umpqua Valley Arts, Roseburg, OR

Nationwide

- **Membership Service Specialist** | Educational Theatre Association, Nationwide

ArtsEdSearch

A 2010 study surveyed 201 generalist teachers about their experiences with the arts. Most of the respondents viewed childhood as a positive time for the arts, while teenage years appeared negative for the majority of the teachers surveyed. <https://ow.ly/gQvg50QonJ5> | [#ArtsEdSearch](#)

Have news to share?

Please submit a 100-word summary via **email**.

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