



# ARTS EMPOWER

March 6, 2023 - Call for Nominations

## 2023 Arts Empower Ovation Awards – Region 2

The Arts Empower Ovation Awards are BACK and IN PERSON! Throughout the month of April, 2023 [Arts Empower](#) will recognize outstanding arts educators and leaders in Region 2 on social media and in person on April 25, 2023 at Grossmont College.

The [CALL FOR NOMINATIONS](#) for the **2023 Arts Empower Ovation Awards for Region 2** is now open! **DEADLINE** for [nominations](#) is **March 31, 2023** at 11:59 pm.

The **Arts Empower Ovation Awards** recognize and honor individuals and organizations that are working to ensure *“Every student in San Diego County is engaged in personally relevant, equitable, standards-based arts education.”*

**Throughout San Diego County there are amazing people and organizations doing really amazing work in and for arts education.**

Arts Empower wants to honor the efforts and accomplishments of this powerful work and invites you to [nominate](#) powerful influencers and contributors to arts education. You can [share their story by nominating](#) them for an Arts Empower Ovation Award in one of the following broad categories described on the following pages.

This Spring, Arts Empower is recognizing districts in San Diego County, Region 2\*:

**Alpine Union**  
**Cajon Valley**  
**Dehesa**  
**Grossmont Union High**  
**Jamul-Dulzura Union**  
**Julian Union**  
**Julian Union High**

**Lakeside Union**  
**La Mesa-Spring Valley**  
**Lemon Grove**  
**Mountain Empire Unified**  
**Ramona Unified**  
**Santee**  
**Spencer Valley**

*\*The Arts Empower Ovation Awards will continue to recognize educators through the previous Supervisorial Districts until further notice.*

**EVERYONE (including STUDENTS)** [may nominate](#) a student, parent, teacher, school leader, or community arts organization. Nominees will be selected for individual awards based on the narratives submitted through this [nomination form](#). Please forward and share this message and [nomination link](#) with your school community.

Award recipients will be notified on **April 4, 2023** and recognized via the **April 25, 2023 Arts Empower Ovation Awards Celebration**. **Awardees will also be highlighted in social media posts throughout the spring.**



## AWARDS and CRITERIA

**CREATIVE LEADER:** This individual or organization deserves honor and recognition for their leadership in and commitment to arts education. The nominee's leadership achievements may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

- Motivating, inspiring, and influencing others to strengthen learning in the arts
- Influencing/guiding programmatic systems to support equity in arts education
- Staying current in arts education research to promote quality programs and meaningful learning opportunities

**CREATIVE STUDENT LEADER:** This student deserves honor and recognition for their commitment to and leadership through the arts. The nominee's leadership achievements may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

- Motivating, inspiring, and influencing others to strengthen engagement in the arts
- Fostering relationships with fellow students and leading peers in the arts
- Influencing positive change in the school and/or larger community through the arts

**ARTFUL ADVOCATE:** This individual or organization deserves honor and recognition for advocating to strengthen arts education. The nominee's advocacy achievements may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

- Raising awareness of successes and achievements of student learning and growth in the arts
- Raising awareness of the needs in arts education in the district
- Influencing/guiding fellow educators in the district to promote quality instruction and learning opportunities

**ARTFUL VISIONARY:** This individual or organization deserves honor and recognition for developing and implementing the district's strategic arts education plan. The nominee's strategic planning achievements may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

- Initiating the strategic planning process: gathering a committee of educational partners, getting meetings organized, getting the plan written and approved
- Implementing the strategic planning process: keeping the plan in motion, working on the action steps of the plan, keeping educational partners informed of progress
- Sustaining the strategic planning process: revising and adjusting as the plan is implemented



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**CREATIVE CONNECTOR:** This individual or organization deserves honor and recognition for fostering meaningful partnerships between the school and/or district and community. The nominee's partnership achievements may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

- Building relationships between community entities and the district
- Strengthening student learning opportunities through connections with the community
- Sustaining partnerships to develop deep relationships that grow each entity with reciprocal benefits: increasing learning opportunities for students, growing teachers' content knowledge, increasing knowledge of pedagogy for organizations, creating artists, arts patrons, and arts appreciators.

**ARTS INNOVATOR:** This individual or organization deserves honor and recognition for providing and/or engaging in meaningful, arts-relevant professional learning. The nominee's professional learning achievements may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

**Individual Nominee:**

- Seeking relevant and innovative approaches to programs and classroom instruction.
- Implementing new ideas and processes gained in their professional learning in their classroom/school/district to achieve gains in student learning.
- Sharing with colleagues what they have learned through their in-person and/or virtual professional learning experiences
- Participating in local, regional, and/or national arts association conferences, and/or regional and statewide networks for professional learning in the arts, in-person or virtual

**Organizational Nominee:**

- Seeking relevant and innovative approaches to programs and professional learning.
- Implementing new ideas and processes in their professional learning opportunities to achieve gains in educator learning.
- Collaborating with partners to provide in-person and/or virtual professional learning experiences.
- Presenting at local, regional, and/or national arts association conferences, and/or regional and statewide networks for professional learning in the arts, in-person or virtual

**YOUTH-ARTIST TRANSFORMATION:** This student exemplifies the transformational impact of access to learning in the arts. The nominee's narrative may include one or all, but not be limited to the following elements:

- Artistic growth: demonstrating remarkable growth and persevering in artistic learning
- Social-emotional growth: a change in the way they view themselves
- Mindset growth: a change in the way they view their education, their community, the world, and others' perspectives