



Dear school leader and visual arts educators;

The Art Educators of Iowa and Minnesota are excited to announce our 2024 Fall Conference! The two organizations are collaborating to bring together art teachers from both states for two jam-packed days September 27th and 28th in Mason City, Iowa.

Highlights include:

- **Focus on two of the CORE standards: Present and Connect**
  - Create is an easy standard for art teachers, but these two are a little trickier. So our tours, keynotes, and workshops are designed to have teachers walk away with more information and new lesson plans to teach these key concepts.
- **Collaborate PLC style with other *visual art* teachers**
  - Discuss specifics to visual arts education—grading practices, classroom management, instructional strategies, SEL techniques, research, and more.
- **Visit 20 North Iowa artist studios**
  - The studio tour will reinforce ways to connect with local artists, see how they present and preserve artwork, and experience new techniques to share with our students and ignite our own ideas.
- **Listen to Keynote speakers each morning:**
  - Friday Joe Fusaro from art21.org (contemporary artist documentaries and teaching resources shared on the website and PBS).
  - Saturday Akwi Nji will address the balance of being an artist and a teacher.
- **Maintain the balance of being teachers and artists** by connecting with our artist brains in group settings to rejuvenate the creative spirit.
- Celebrate the impact of visual art educators.
- Discover opportunities for our students: Youth Art Month, Emerging Excellence, All State Art.
- Earn credit through the University of Northern Iowa.

***We hope that your art teachers will be able to join us for this fantastic opportunity.***

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