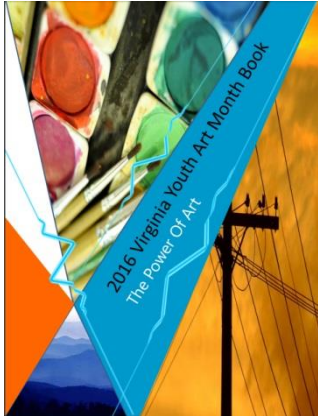


PRESS RELEASE

Youth Art Month (YAM) Book Winners Announced

Virginia WINS National Competition:



The National YAM Book Competition happens annually. Each state was invited to submit a book that documents their YAM celebrations during March 2016! Books are judged by the Council for Art Education (CFAE) and announced at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 2017. The Virginia State YAM book has received the Award of Excellence! **The Virginia YAM Book is a compilation from imagery and documentation submitted in the county/districts books submitted for the State Competition in June.** The Virginia YAM Committee collaboratively worked on the book during the summer of 2016. The committee members consist of one representative from each region of the VAEA (Chair: Jess Beach, Northern Region: Lee Darter,



Central Region: Kelly Bisogno, Blue Ridge Region: Jauan Brooks, Tidewater Region: Angela Salerno and Southwestern Region: Cristi Miller).

Above Left: Cover of the Virginia State Book, Above Right: YAM Chair, Jess Beach with the Award of Excellence

County/District Winners for the State Competition:

Each county/district was invited to submit a book to the Virginia YAM Book Competition that documents their YAM celebrations during March 2016! Books were judged by the Virginia YAM Committee and announced during the Awards Breakfast at the Virginia Art Education Association (VAEA) Conference, November 2016. Winners received a certificate and YAM Oscar.



Congratulations to our state winners! From left to right: **Harrisonburg City** received the Grand Award (pictured Holly Bess Kincaid accepting the award from Lee Darter and Kelly Bisogno). **Chesterfield County** and **Augusta County** (not pictured) tied for the Award of Excellence (pictured: Michael Gettings accepting the award). **Henrico County** received the Award of Merit (pictured: Michael Kalafatis accepting the award).

County/District Winners for the Regional Competition:

Award Recipients for the regional awards were announced during the VAEA Conference at the Regional meetings.

- In the Tidewater Region: Congratulations to **Norfolk Public Schools** for receiving the Grand Award and **Suffolk Public Schools** for receiving the Award of Excellence.
- In the Northern Virginia Region: Congratulations to **Prince William County** for receiving the Grand Award.
- In the Blue Ridge Region: Congratulations to **Harrisonburg City** for receiving the Grand Award, **Augusta County** for receiving the Award of Excellence and **Fauquier County** for receiving the Award of Merit.
- In Central Region: Congratulations to **Chesterfield County** for receiving the Grand Award and **Henrico County** for Receiving the Award of Excellence.