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AATA NEWS

U.S. Embassy in Japan Awards Grant to Pilot Art Therapy Program







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In Tokyo on Tuesday, November 13, Second Lady Karen Pence announced a \$55,000 grant from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo to support a pilot art therapy program at the University of Tsukuba. Congratulations to International AATA Member Cheryl Okubo, ATR-BC, recipient of this prestigious grant! Okubo earned her MA in art therapy from the University of New Mexico before moving permanently to Japan, where she has made it her mission to bring a rigorous art therapy curriculum to the country. "There are currently hundreds of psychologists, psychiatrists, artists, counselors, and hobbyists practicing some form of 'art therapy' in Japan" she told the AATA. "Students need a proper place to learn right here in Japan, without going overseas." READ MORE



A Message of Support to the People of California









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Our hearts are broken for the people of California who are experiencing tremendous loss and tragedy. The devastating wildfire known as the Camp Fire in Butte County has burned the town of Paradise to the ground and is the deadliest fire in the state's history. To date, 56 fatalities have been confirmed, 130 people remain

unaccounted for, and tens of thousands have fled their homes, many of which have been destroyed. In Los Angeles County and Ventura County, the Woosley Fire has claimed at least three lives and displaced thousands. We also share our condolences for the 13 lives lost in the mass shooting that occurred last Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, CA. We are deeply disturbed by this event and with the frequency of mass shootings across the country. READ MORE

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The AATA Recognized Distinguished Members at the 2018 Annual Conference







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The American Art Therapy Association celebrated recipients of annual awards and scholarships during the 49th Annual Conference in Miami, FL. AATA Board President Christianne Strang, PhD, ATR-BC, CEDCAT-S, led the introductions and recognitions at the Plenary Awards Ceremony on Friday November 1, 2018. Dr. Strang presented the 2018 Honorary Life Membership Award, and Honors Annual Work Group Member Erin Partridge, PhD, ATR-BC, presented additional prestigious honors. READ MORE

Featured Member







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Rachel Mims, MS, ATR-BC, LPC-AT, is a native Texan who served 10 and a half years in the Army as a PATRIOT Missile Launcher Operator/Maintainer. For the last four years she has worked at Texas State Technical College in the Veterans Services Department, most recently as the Veteran Program Administrator. This fall Mims is starting a new job as art therapist and counselor at the Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop, where she will focus on working with survivors of military sexual trauma and justice-involved veterans. She values her AATA membership for the many opportunities "to connect with other art therapists across the country and participate in work that would have otherwise been impossible." **READ MORE**



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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

SIUE sophomore Macey Brown earned the Best Undergraduate Research Poster Award from the American Art Therapy Association. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville sophomore Macey Brown, of Pekin, has achieved an honor not many undergraduates can boast. Brown earned Best Undergraduate Research Poster Award from the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) during their Nov. 3-4 national conference in Miami. READ MORE

Marywood Art Therapy Students Make First Friday Debut







The Wood Word

Marywood's art therapy program left its mark on Scranton's popular monthly event First Friday by holding a popup exhibition. The exhibit, titled "Forward Toward Growth," was the first time the program had been represented at the event. First Friday Scranton is a free art walk in downtown Scranton that gives artists the opportunity to showcase their work and also serves as a means of revival through art for the downtown area. READ MORE



Canadian Doctors Are About to Start Prescribing Art For Patients' Health









An unconventional new initiative in Canada will soon allow doctors to literally prescribe art to their patients - by giving them free access to a local museum. Wandering through the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA), these patients and their loved ones will be able to feast their eyes on the soothing properties of art. READ MORE

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