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AATA NEWS

Featured Member: Sarah Deaver, 2017 Recipient of Honorary Lifetime Member Award



AATA National Office



Sarah Deaver, PhD, ATR-BC, was awarded the 2017 Honorary Lifetime Member (HLM) award, the highest honor bestowed by the AATA. Nominees are considered based on contributions across three broad categories: (1) Breadth of influence upon the entire field of art therapy; (2) Enduring effect upon the entire field of art therapy; and (3) Importance of contributions as evaluated from an interdisciplinary viewpoint. Dr. Deaver has contributed extensively on each of the above and has earned tremendous respect in the field of art therapy for her influential work and leadership. [READ MORE](#)

BATA Hill Day: Art Therapy in Ohio Advocacy Day Overview



Molly Kometiani, ATR-BC, BATA President

The Buckeye Art Therapy Association (BATA) hosted Art Therapy in Ohio Advocacy Day on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. It was a powerful, motivating, and exciting day for Buckeye art therapists and the community! Our future legislative plans include: introducing art therapy licensure, continuing to advocate through offering site visits to art therapy settings around the state, and maintaining the relationships that were formed at Advocacy Day! If any chapters are interesting in learning more about how to plan their own Advocacy Day, please contact BATA at info@buckeyearttherapy.org. [READ MORE](#)



Conference News: 2018 Call for Proposals



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair

As 2018 begins, we hope you are making plans to attend the AATA 49th Annual Conference in Miami, FL, from October 31 to November 4, 2018! The theme, *Honoring Yesterday, Celebrating Today, and Building for Tomorrow*, will frame our overall program. **The Call for Proposals is now open.** Submissions will be due on February 1, 2018. **READ MORE**



ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Healing arts



WBAL-TV

Danielle Eichner, an art therapist at the Herman & Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai, knows firsthand the benefits of art therapy during treatment, as she herself has benefitted. Diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at 11 years old, she credits art therapy with giving her a platform for control and expression when it felt like everything else in her life was spiraling out of control. Tracy's Kids brought Danielle and the pediatric art therapy program to Sinai. Today, through Tracy's Kids, she helps give that same sense of expression and control to patients at the Samuelson Children's Hospital, like Mia Cochran, 8. **READ MORE**

Artist profile: Caitlin Joy Pritchard



The Independent

Caitlin Joy Pritchard loves art, lives art and sees the whole world as 'art in action'. **READ MORE**

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