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### AATA NEWS

## Student Art Gallery in Miami International Airport Spreads Awareness for the Role of Art Therapy in Public Schools



AATA National Office

Art therapists who traveled from around the world to Miami for the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference received a warm welcome, beginning with their arrival at the Miami International Airport (MIA). In addition to the billboard and signs in the airport welcoming attendees, MIA hosted a gallery of student artwork from the Miami-Dade County Public School's Clinical Art Therapy Department. **READ MORE**



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## Featured Member



AATA National Office



Karen Rosen, MA, ATR-BC, is founder of Connectives: Create & Connect, LLC, an art therapy practice located in Morristown, NJ. Originally from Scotland, Rosen has studied, worked and trained internationally. After moving to the United States in 1998, she earned her master's from Caldwell University. Rosen values her AATA membership for the sense of community it provides both at national conferences and through engaging with her chapter, the New Jersey Art Therapy Association (NJATA). Particularly powerful moments include the chapter's work with families living on the NJ Shore in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and when Rosen presented at a conference on her experience as an art therapy client during cancer treatment.

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## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### How Creative Arts Can Change the Way People Deal With Mental Illness



The Inquirer

A crack in the wall. Most people wouldn't even notice it. But for Danielle Hark, it was a spark of inspiration. Six months after giving birth to her first daughter in 2010, Hark, a writer and photographer from Millburn, N.J., fell into a severe depression. Getting out of bed became impossible. Anxiety struck whenever she considered leaving the house. Thoughts of suicide loomed. [READ MORE](#)



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### Blind Student Finds His Flow With Painting



The SWC Sun

Albert Jordan Arguilla, a blind Southwestern College Arts Major, uses watercolor to translate his vision to others. "Let it all flow," he said. "Let it explode like fireworks. Let the pigment and the paint do what it needs to do and then we will see what happens." Arguilla was born with septo-optic dysplasia, a disease that left his right eye nonfunctional and reduced vision in his left eye. Arguilla said he challenged his limits and took on painting to soothe his troubled mind. He said he wants to use art therapy to help others cope with their struggles. [READ MORE](#)

### Election Impact on the Arts Highlights



Americans for the Arts Action Fund

Midterm elections definitely reshuffled the political deck last night with Democrats regaining control of the House of Representatives and Republicans increasing their control in the Senate. Female candidates did especially well this year, unseating long term male incumbents and sitting committee chairmen, breaking the previous record of 107 female Members of Congress. Additionally, this freshman class represents the most diverse group in race, religion, age, and profession. [READ MORE](#)



# Mary Anne Carter Nominated to Lead the National Endowment for the Arts



ArtForum

Mary Anne Carter—a former chief policy adviser to Republican Florida Governor Rick Scott, who is currently campaigning for one of the state’s Senate seats—has been nominated to run the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) by President Donald Trump. The agency, which has survived Trump’s numerous attempts to have federal arts funding eliminated, was previously chaired by Jane Chu, who was appointed by former president Barack Obama. Carter has served as acting chair of the NEA since Chu’s term expired in June. **READ MORE**

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