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### AATA NEWS

## Conference Early Bird Registration Is Now Open!



Susan Boxer Kappel, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, CGP, Conference Chair

**Early Bird registration is open for the American Art Therapy Association's 50th Annual Conference to be held October 30 to November 3, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri!** Registering early ensures you receive the lowest conference rates, and the best selection of the very popular experiential learning sessions (Workshops and Advanced Practice Courses). **So, visit the [conference website](#) to get all of the details and link to online registration! [READ MORE](#)**



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## Call to Action: Ask Your Legislators to Cosponsor Resolutions to Designate April 8-12 as SISP Appreciation Week



AATA National Office

Representatives Dave Loebsack (IA-02) & Bradley Byrne (AL-01) and Senators John Cornyn (TX) & Maggie Hassan (NH) recently introduced resolutions declaring the week of April 8th through April 12th, 2019 as **National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week**. We urge you to write to your

legislators to ask them to cosponsor this important resolution. This [templated email](#), provided courtesy of *The American Occupational Therapy Association* offers talking points on the benefits of SISPs and connects you to your legislators. **Don't forget to type in your own story on how art therapists in schools improve student outcomes and change lives! [READ MORE](#)**



## Featured Member



AATA National Office



Ashley Rivera is a second-year art therapy graduate student at The George Washington University. She completed an internship at Clean and Sober Streets in Washington D.C., working with adults with substance abuse in a residential treatment program, and is currently interning at several D.C. public schools, working with both elementary and high school students. Her culminating paper focuses on how art therapy can influence occupational decision making in high school students by focusing on personal values and core strengths. She also finds time to serve as a co-chair of the Multicultural Committee, an art therapists of color group for students at GWU. "I think it's important to have a safe space to talk about diversity issues in the field," Rivera says. **[READ MORE](#)**


## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### Art of Aging: Woman, 94, Helps People Through Art Therapy



WPVI-TV

Meet a 94-year-old woman who is still giving back. She's teaching classes on two things she knows a whole lot about, art and aging. Myra Levick, a resident, and instructor at Blue Bell Place always wanted to study art, but she never imagined the deal she made with her husband, Len, would set her on a trailblazing path. "I would work while he was in medical school on condition that he would send me to art school, so 17 years later I went to Moore College of Art. **[READ MORE](#)**

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### 'Portraits of Progress' in Alexandria



Connection Newspapers

When art reveals hard and hidden truths, it comes with great pain and bravery to explore and explain one's life. That might be one sentiment felt at the upcoming exhibit "Portraits of Progress" organized by Friends of Guest House in cooperation with Old Town's Principle Gallery on April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. But it's not the entire story. **[READ MORE](#)**

### Helms Foundation Seeks Art Therapy for Valley



The Business Journal

After an eight-hour day of work, Christie Galazia looks forward to being home, picking up her paintbrushes and working on a canvas. "It's nice to come home and to do something for me where I can relax and focus on other than what happened dur **READ MORE**



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## Can the Arts Help Critical-Care Health Professionals Cope?



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Spend a day in a hospital's intensive care unit and you can expect to witness gruesome injuries, devastating illnesses, and too often, decline and death. Nurses may go from talking to a patient when they first arrive in the ICU to putting that same patient on life support. "If that patient passes away, the nurse has to do the post-mortem care of the patient they were talking to three days ago," says Dr. Marc Moss, vice chair for Clinical Research in the University of Colorado School of Medicine. **READ MORE**

## Wellness Center Displays 'The Art of Recovery' Gallery



The Pitt News

A trip to the lobby of the Wellness Center at Nordenberg Hall will most often warrant the sight of sneezing, bruised or sweating students, slouching in the waiting room chairs, hoping to see a doctor during walk-in hours. But on Tuesday, the Wellness Center had a little more to offer — art celebrating the beauty of eating disorder recovery. **READ MORE**

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