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THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear High School Principal:

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is hosting the Nineteenth Annual Arts Recognition Banquet to honor Connecticut's outstanding high school visual and performing arts students. We are pleased to announce that Jostens and Bearingstar will again co-sponsor this event.

The recognition dinner is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 8, 2014** at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. **It will begin at 5:30 p.m. promptly. This is a new start time; one half hour earlier than in previous years.** We invite you to select two outstanding seniors who excel in the performing and/or visual arts programs, i.e., art, dance, drama, or music. Students may be selected from one or any of the inclusive art forms. The criteria for selection are as follows:


CRITERIA: Each CAS member high school may select two outstanding performing and/or visual arts seniors.

EXPLANATION: Outstanding ability in the performing and visual arts is of primary importance in making your selection. Although scholarship achievement is not a basic criterion for this award, it is suggested that it be considered when a decision needs to be made if there are multiple students with comparable ability in the visual or performing arts. The awards can go to students of either sex or students of the same sex.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: At least one school administrator and the school's performing and visual arts teachers should serve as the selection committee.

The honorees will receive plaques for excellence and distinguished service to their schools, and they will be treated to dinner as guests of CAS, Jostens and Bearingstar.

Coordinating a major event for 1,200 people requires a great deal of advance planning. Schools with less than 10 registrants will be grouped with another school at the same table. **It will NOT be possible to admit anyone who has not been registered online by the principal.** Confirmation and table assignments will be mailed by late March. Schools will be seated in the order that their online registrations are received. An early response of a completed online registration will determine a favorable seating location. Please have the names of everyone attending along with their meal choices before you begin the online registration. Please verify the spelling of your honorees' names before submitting the online registration.

Please note that registration is to be submitted by the **PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE only**. To register, visit our website at www.cas.casciac.org and click on the Member Login near the top of the Homepage.  Member Login

- Enter School Number and Login ID (this information is on your CAS membership card)
- Select "View/Edit HS Arts Banquet Reservation Form". Enter required information and hit "**submit**".

You will receive an immediate email response that confirms your reservation and provides instructions for prompt payment. Any questions regarding the banquet (including meal choices) should be directed to Noreen Liberopoulos at 203-250-1111 or nliberopoulos@casciac.org. Please do not contact the Aqua Turf directly.

School personnel and family members are invited to attend this celebration. Each school may reserve a table of up to **10 (maximum)** for its honorees and invited guests by the **firm registration deadline** of March 7, 2014.

- Registration Deadline is March 7, 2014
- Cost is \$38.00 per guest (NO charge for honorees).
- Meal Choices: NY Strip Steak, Chicken, or Vegetarian Lasagna
- School must collect registration fees from all guests.
- Submit **ONE** school/district check, payable to CAS, by April 1, 2014 along with email confirmation/invoice.
- ***** Do NOT forward personal checks from the honorees' guests.*****

Refunds will not be available for non-attendance or cancellation one week prior to the Banquet. Please remit payment promptly.

Mail payment, payable to CAS, with confirmation/invoice to:

Noreen Liberopoulos, Connecticut Association of Schools, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410

We look forward to receiving your reservation and to seeing you at the banquet.

Sincerely,

Maureen Berescik

Chair, CAS Arts Committee

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