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# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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**HIGH SCHOOL ARTS AWARDS BANQUET**

Dear High School Principal:

The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is hosting the Twentieth Annual Arts Recognition Banquet to honor Connecticut's outstanding high school visual and performing arts students. We are pleased that Jostens and Bearingstar Insurance will continue their support of this prestigious event.

The recognition dinner is scheduled for **Monday, April 6, 2015** at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville and will begin at **5:00 p.m. promptly. This is an earlier start time than last year.** 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 1,400 people requires a great deal of advance planning. All schools and their guests must be registered online by the deadline of Friday, March 6, 2015. Confirmation and table assignments will be mailed directly to you 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 before you begin the online registration. 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. Please verify the spelling of your honorees' first and last names before submitting the online registration as their names will be printed on their plaques exactly as entered online (no middle names or middle initials).

Please note that registration is to be submitted by the **PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE only**. To register, visit our website at [www.cas.casciac.org](http://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 information and hit "submit".

You will receive an immediate email response that confirms your reservation and provides instructions for prompt payment.

**New this year; dinner will be served family style.** The menu includes, Roast Beef, Chicken Francaise, and Pasta Primavera as entrees, as well as tossed salad, vegetable, potatoes, rolls, dessert, soda, coffee and tea.

Any questions regarding the banquet, including special dietary requests, should be directed to Noreen Liberopoulos at 203-250-1111 or [nliberopoulos@casciac.org](mailto:nliberopoulos@casciac.org). Please do not contact the Aqua Turf directly.

- Registration Deadline is Friday, March 6, 2015.
- Cost for family style dinner is \$38.00 per guest (NO charge for honorees).
- School must collect registration fees from all guests. Remit purchase order or **one school/district check**, payable to CAS, by March 30, 2015. Please include a copy of your confirmation email with check.
- Refunds will not be available for non-attendance or cancellation one week prior to the Banquet.

**Mail to Payment or Purchase Order 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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their leaders