



# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

January 2, 2013

Dear High School Principal:

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

The recognition dinner is scheduled for **Monday, April 1, 2013, at 6 p.m.**, at the Aqua-Turf Club in Plantsville. 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 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 and Jostens.

Coordinating a major event for 1,200 people requires a great deal of advance planning; **therefore it will NOT be possible to admit anyone who has not been registered online by the principal.** Schools with less than 10 registrants will be grouped with another school at the same table. Confirmation and table assignments will be mailed by mid-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 registering so that they are correct on name tags, on plaques, and in the program. **Each honoree's name will be downloaded directly from the school's online registration.** To ensure that there are no problems with the printing of your honorees' names, please follow the registration instructions carefully:

**Enter First Name and Last Name (i.e. Robert Smith – NO nicknames)  
NO middle names or middle initials. (They will be removed.)  
Do NOT enter names using all capital letters or commas.**

Please note that registration should be submitted from the PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.

To register, visit our website at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org). Click on the Member Login  and enter your School Number and Login ID (this information is on your membership card). Once you have successfully logged in, select "View/Edit HS Arts Banquet Reservation Form" from the list of options, fill in the 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 registration and/or the banquet (including meal choices) should be directed to Noreen Liberopoulos at 203-250-1111. 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**) before March 1, 2013 for its honorees and invited guests. Each person must be registered online.

- The registration deadline for this banquet is **March 1, 2013.**
- The cost for the banquet this year is **\$38.00 per person (no charge for honorees).**
- Meal Choices: **NY Strip Steak, Chicken, or Vegetarian Lasagna**
- Collect registration fees and submit **one school/district check, payable to CAS, by March 25, 2013.**

Refunds will not be available for non-attendance or cancellation one week prior to the Banquet. Your registration confirmation will serve as your invoice. Please remit payment promptly.

**Mail payment with confirmation invoice to:**

*The Connecticut Association of Schools  
Attn: Noreen Liberopoulos, Arts Banquet  
30 Realty Drive  
Cheshire, CT 06410*

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

Sincerely,

**Maureen Berescik,**

Chair, CAS Arts Committee

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