



2022 Connecticut State Teacher of the Year, Kim King, is an art teacher, artist, activist and mother. This is her sixth year teaching elementary art in Mansfield, Connecticut. She divides her time between Annie E. Vinton Elementary and Southeast Elementary schools. Throughout her twelve-year career, she has taught students in grades pre-k to 12. Regardless of grade level, she carries with her themes of equity, empowerment, and creativity. She believes that art-making and the creative process help to build creative confidence from within and empowers students to find and trust their voices and ideas. As a transracial intercountry adoptee and parent to an adopted daughter and a biracial transgender son, King understands intersectionality. She believes what our students see and what they are exposed to matters profoundly. Students need to see accurate representations of themselves so that they can imagine a future where they are active contributors. She ardently believes that all students should be reflected in the American experience and our country's history. King is working with Make Us Visible Connecticut to contribute her expertise to the Asian American Pacific Islander curriculum. King received her Master of Art Education from New York University and Bachelor of Fine Art from Syracuse University.