



Jonathan Pruc

2021 High School Art Educator of the Year

Jonathan Pruc, is an artist and educator living and working in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, IL. A graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago ('09) with a Bachelors of Fine Arts with an Emphasis in Art Education and Concordia University Chicago ('16) with an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction. He has been teaching art for 12 years, the majority of the time teaching: AP Studio Art, Honors Drawing Painting, 2D Art, 3D Art, Digital Photography & Graphic Design, and Special Education Art at Mundelein High School.

As an Illinois Art Education Association member, Jonathan has attended and presented at several IAEA conferences and events. He is a leader in IAEA's Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee and is a co-creator of the Black Creatives Matter and Latinx Creatives Matter curricular resources, which are intended for art educators to diversify their curricula by including the artwork, perspectives, and concepts of BIPOC artists.

Jonathan is the director of the Northern Regional Art Exhibition for ArtConnectED (formerly IHSAE) and former Senior Scholarship Exhibition assistant director. In 2021, due to the pandemic, he was instrumental in facilitating the creation of a virtual art exhibition experience. In the last 4 years, Jonathan's students have been awarded over \$4 million dollars in scholarships through ArtConnectED.

Jonathan is an educator who thinks outside the box, looks at art and education through a critical lens, and constantly works to connect and engage his students in their learning. He has utilized the challenges of pandemic teaching to virtually connect his students with a diverse array of professional artists through his Visiting Artist Talk series. Jonathan teaches with eagerness, commitment, and passion to provide equitable educational experiences for his students in a way that helps them meet their fullest potential.

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