

Kelly Beach

Colorado Art Teacher of the Year 2023

Empowering students to find their artistic voice and process through a Teaching for Artistic Behaviors philosophy and the use of the Eight Studio Habits of Mind.

EXPERIENCE

Rodger Quist Middle School, Thornton, CO— Art Teacher

Aug 2018 - PRESENT

- 6th-8th Grade Art Teacher
- Chess Club Host Teacher
- RQMS Collaborative Team Member
- School District 27J GT Visual Arts Coordinator
- School District 27J Middle School Art Team Lead
- School District 27J Middle School Curriculum Framework Team Lead
- Host for teacher candidate observations

Bromley East Charter School, Brighton, CO— Art Teacher

August 2012 - May 2018

- Elective team leader
- Member of multiple committees: Leadership, Lighthouse, Cultural, Assessment, Technology
- Art Club, Chess Club, and Broadcast Journalism Club Host Teacher
- Host of annual school art shows and Arts Con
- Organized and participant in district art shows
- Mentor for incoming staff members
- Cooperating teacher for UNC's Student teaching program

Belle Creek Charter School, Brighton, CO— Art Teacher

August 2006 - May 2012

- Elective team leader
- Art Club, Destination Imagination, and Chess Club Host Teacher
- Host annual school art shows
- Organized and participant in district art shows
- Mentor of incoming staff members
- Hosted Core Knowledge Arts Gala
- Initiated and hosted First Annual District Charter School Art Show
- Initiated an after school male mentoring program (Project Hawk) for third through eighth grade students
- Hosted and supported PTO and Core Knowledge events

ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- National Art Education Association
- Choice-Art Educators Special Interest Group
- Colorado Art Education Association
- Colorado TAB, Inc.

PUBLICATIONS

- Colorado Visual Arts Standards
- School Arts Magazine
- Cultivating Critical Conversations in Art Education
- Winter Collage 2023-2024
- TAB Storytellers Podcast
- Ramblings of a Middle School Art Teacher Podcast

RECOMMENDATIONS

“For many of our students, Mr. Beach is their safe person and his room their safe place.”

~ Trina Norris-Buck, Principal

“ I know his students have a deep respect and affection for his choice-based teaching, humor, and talent.”

~Roni Rohr, National Board Certified Art Teacher

EDUCATION

University of Northern Colorado , Greely, CO — 2006

- Bachelors of Arts, Visual Arts, Emphasis: Art Education
- Concentration: Sculpture

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES/PRESENTATIONS

TAB INC. —2023-*Current*

- Co-President-Elect

Colorado TAB INC. and Annual Conference—2012-*Current*

- Co-Founder
- Current Co-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Leadership Team
- Keynote Coordinator
- Technical support and registration.
- Annual presenter with an emphasis on Teaching for Artistic Behavior, Choice-based art education, engaging stuck learners, digital portfolios, paradigm shifts in education

Colorado Art Education Association Fall Conference (CAEA)—2014-*Current*

- Annual presenter on with an emphasis on Teaching for Artistic Behavior, Choice-based art education, engaging stuck learners, digital portfolios, paradigm shifts in education

University of Northern Colorado— 2006-*Current*

- Presenter for applying a Teaching for Artistic Behavior philosophy to a K-8 art program
- Cooperating teacher for UNC's Student teaching program
- Host for teacher candidate observations

Colorado Visual Arts Standards Revision Committee—2022

- Middle School Team Lead

Poudre School District Summer Institute —2017

- Implementing a choice based curriculum for elementary teachers.

Wyoming Art Education Association Spring Conference (WYAEA)— 2016

- Digital Portfolios with SeeSaw
- Structured Choice Based Art in the Middle School Classroom

CAEA's All Students All Standards Phase 4—2015

- Paradigm Shifts Art Education

RECOMMENDATIONS

“As a first-year teacher, I am learning every day the importance of student-teacher relationships. I aspire to be a safe space for students like the one I had with Mr. Beach.”

~ Charlize Archuleta, Former Student

“Kelly impressed me immediately with his leadership skills, organization, and teamwork to deliver quality professional development to over a hundred teachers in-person, with many more following online.”

~Diane Jaquith, Co-Founder and Past-President, Teaching for Artistic Behavior, Inc.

“Kelly's extensive experience in schools, for non-profit organizations, and with museums and higher education institutions makes him a valuable colleague and collaborator.”

~Jennifer Ferrari, Visual Art Teacher, Lane Elementary School President, Teaching for Artistic Behavior, Inc.

“Kelly is a stellar representative of [art education] and a constant voice for quality education in the field.”

~Dr. Katy Anthes, Colorado Commissioner of Education