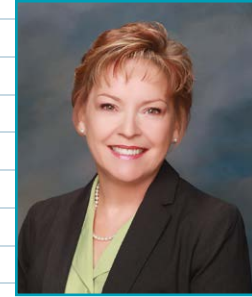


# Solano County

Visual and Performing Arts are a vitally important link to increased academic success through the advancement of a young person's creativity, language, and motor skills, critical thinking, and cultural awareness. The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) continues to expand opportunities to engage in the arts through a variety of contexts including a countywide Student Art Faire, Inclusion Film Camp for students, and professional learning focused on arts integration for educators throughout the county.

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The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) works collaboratively with our districts and community partners to ensure that all students have access to the arts throughout their educational experiences. SCOE recognizes that an education in the arts develops students' creative skills in expression, thought, and language use. We engage our districts and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in advancing arts education teaching and learning by providing professional development for educators, and countywide support for arts integration. Through ongoing

collaboration with community partners and support providers, SCOE continues to develop innovative strategies to integrate the arts into a multitude of learning environments. SCOE has also facilitated countywide discussions focused on effective implementation of Proposition 28 funding, intended to significantly increase access to arts education for all students.

SCOE's Youth Service's Department coordinates and hosts the Solano County Annual Student Art Faire, showcasing incredible works of art from students throughout the county, grades 4 through 12. The expansive art exhibit, featuring a wide array of media, is open to the public and centrally located at the Solano County Fairgrounds. The students and their creative works are celebrated with an artist reception bringing community



members, classmates, teachers, families, and friends together to recognize the passion and talent expressed by each unique individual. The student artwork is then displayed year-round at public buildings including the SCOE and Solano County Superior Court Hall of Justice. SCOE is proud of the learning and creative opportunities the Student Art Faire has provided to Solano students for almost 40 years.



In partnership with UC Davis, SCOE hosts middle and high school students as they learn leadership and technology-based concepts through an artistic and exciting robotic-based curriculum. Participating students have opportunities to practice hands-on arts integrated with computer science, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (C-STEM) through a series of robotics camps. The creative process of developing a storyline, script, and film featuring Linkbots fosters teamwork, communication, and leadership skills in innovative ways.



Through continued partnership with North Bay Regional Center and the Department of Rehabilitation, SCOE hosted the fourth annual film camp, led by Inclusion Films. Founded by veteran filmmaker Joey Travolta, Inclusion Films' short film camps teach neurodiverse teens and young adults the principles of filmmaking. The two-week camp encourages communication, confidence, collaboration, and independence through acting and digital filmmaking. Each year, SCOE

hosts a Red Carpet Film Premiere celebrating the accomplishments of our SCOE filmmakers and the release of the short films developed at camp.

Also supporting students' arts education, the "SCOE- Chella" talent show fosters personal growth and development through performing arts by providing a platform for adult program participants to showcase their unique talents and abilities. This year, SCOE held the event at Rush Ranch Open Space in Suisun, CA. Students provide a great lineup of singing, dancing, stand-up comedy and poetry readings, and they gain a sense of accomplishment and recognition for their skills. "SCOE-Chella" also cultivates a supportive and inclusive environment where students can appreciate each other's talents, celebrate self-expression, and collaborate effectively.



With support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, SCOE partners with Studio Pathways to offer educators of all levels the opportunity to grow professionally, and explore how artistic research and creative inquiry across subject areas can tap into learners' collective wisdom and potential. Workshops and book discussions hosted by SCOE and supported by Studio Pathways offer hands-on professional learning, focused arts integrated teaching and learning, curriculum development, and assessment grounded in arts integration and equity.

