

Melissa Hughey



A Master Teacher with a love of teaching and passion for The Arts, Melissa Hughey is a nationally recognized Visual Arts Educator. Melissa spent 24 of her 30-year teaching career at Bob Jones High School in Madison, Alabama, leading the Bob Jones Visual Arts Program from its inception to its national recognition; being twice named as the Nation's Best Visual Arts Program. She served as a Visual Arts Teacher, Art Department Chair, and Chair of Fine and Performing Arts. She taught and mentored thousands of students who are now successful artists with careers ranging from architects to professional painters, industrial designers, furniture designers, college professors, graphic designers, professional photographers, movie directors, and concept artists. In her last ten years at Bob Jones, her students garnered more than fifty million dollars in scholarships.

Melissa was twice selected the National Gold Apple Teacher in Visual Arts; selected four times as Alabama's Visual Arts Teacher of the Year; twice awarded the Alabama Art Education Association Gold Apple Teacher Award; Madison County Educational Foundation's Educator of the Year; twice selected Teacher of the Year for Bob Jones High School; received seven Alabama State Board of Education commendations, and is recognized by the Presidential Who's Who, Biltmore Who's Who, and the Who's Who in American Education. She served on the National Scholastic Teacher Advisory Board; as Co-Chair of the Alabama Region Scholastic Art Awards; and member of the Board of the Alabama Regional Art Foundation. She is a currently working as a consultant specializing in Foundational Arts Programming and serves as the Chairman of the Board for the Alabama Arts Alliance.

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