

Amanda Youngblood, M.Ed.



Amanda Youngblood is a full-time art educator of grades 3rd-6th at St. Paul's Episcopal School and a part time instructor at the University of South Alabama where she teaches an Arts in Education Course in the College of Education and Professional Studies. She has taught summer art camps at the Mobile Museum of Art and virtually for the Boys and Girls Clubs. She is currently the President-Elect for the Alabama Art Education Association and recently co-chaired the AAEA 2021 Fall Conference. On the local level, Amanda helps lead the AAEA Southern Region, a group of art educators who are AAEA members located in the Mobile and Baldwin County areas. With the assistance of members, she coordinates meetings, student art shows, and professional development workshops.

Amanda received her BFA in Painting from the University of South Alabama in 2013 and her M.Ed. from the University of South Alabama in 2017. During her time in graduate school, Amanda was awarded the AAEA Higher Education Preservice Art Educator of the Year and Outstanding Graduate Student at the University of South Alabama. She was recently awarded the "2021 Elementary Art Educator of the Year" from AAEA and the "The 2022 Arty for Art Educator of the Year" from the Mobile Arts Council.

In addition to being an art educator, Amanda is also a full-time artist, making the time to create almost daily. Recently, she has started creating 20-minute daily art exploration pieces just for daily art practice. Her artwork has been featured in Mobile Bay Magazine and in several juried shows locally and elsewhere. She has been in group exhibitions at the Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach, Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Mobile Museum of Art, Alexandria Museum of Art in Louisiana, and Las Laguna Gallery in California. She believes it is important to pursue her own art as it only makes her a better art educator and that she must "practice what she teaches".

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