



Beaches A Celebration of the Arts

2021 Nominees

Arts Education & Advocacy Nominees

Jenny Hager

Jenny Hager is an Associate Professor of Sculpture in the Department of Art & Design. Hager has been teaching at UNF since fall 2006 and has been instrumental in revitalizing the Sculpture Program through new course offerings, updated curriculum, and the “Sculpture on Campus” project. She has also led student trips to Rome, Wales, New York, and Miami.

Hager’s teaching practice fosters a creative and collaborative environment where learning can thrive and expand their horizons. She believes that learning that takes place outside the classroom, in our own community, has the potential to be more impactful for both the student and the community at large. Community-based learning offers a chance to engage with local culture, a chance to build relationships with community partners, and most importantly, a chance to provide real life experiences for the students.

Hager has a vision to bring Jacksonville to life with sculpture, beginning with UNF’s campus and extending to the community of Jacksonville and beyond. In partnership with MountainStar Capital, the Lazzara Family Foundation, and Instructor Lance Vickery, she also created a sculpture park in Jacksonville Beach in 2016, which showcases large-scale outdoor sculptures by UNF Sculpture students.

Beaches Go Green

Beaches Go Green has dedicated years of creative approaches in the utilization of art as a creative medium to transfer knowledge of important information about the waste that we produce and how it impacts our planet.

Over the last three years, Beaches Go Green has installed a massive single-use plastic awareness art installation known as the *Octopus Garden at Deck the Chairs* in Jacksonville Beach. Several hundred thousand people have enjoyed and learned from the environmental art exhibit. This exhibit includes other ocean creations within the display and is lit up every night during the winter holidays for everyone to enjoy.

Anne Marie Moquin is the founder and driving heartbeat behind Beaches Go Green. She exhibits the kind of work ethic and professionalism that one wishes were characteristic of every community art and advocacy effort. Fletcher Middle Schools’ Beaches Go Green Club created an ocean wave and adorned it in single-use plastic bottles. Ocean Palms Elementary created a tribute to “first responders” using all recycled materials. The Nease High School Beaches Go Green Club created their panther logo in recycled bottle cap art.

Moquin is constantly striving to improve community awareness through advocacy utilizing art as our collective tool, even when there are virtually no extrinsic motivations or rewards for doing so. Her belief that holding tightly to our individual responsibility to maintain and care for our planet as well as our community is truly admirable.