Duane Hagen

Duane Hagen, a past president of CAEA, received two of the organization’s Certificates of Appreciation for his long-time support of art education. He was selected as the Outstanding Visual Art Educator in 1993, and also received the Marion Quinn Dix Award. Duane was active in NAEA, named outstanding secondary art teacher and elected as Vice President of the Pacific Region. In 1995 he was the recipient of NAEA’s Pacific Region Outstanding Art Educator award.

Lifetime Accomplishments

Duane, an art teacher at Glendale High School, was instrumental in assuring that arts education was included in the district’s graduation requirements. He served on the advisory committee for Glendale’s Arts IMPACT (Interdisciplinary Model Programs in the Arts for Children and Teachers)—a $1 million national grant program in the 1970s. The project provided funding to a school districts in five different states; Glendale was selected as the California site with multi-arts at six elementary schools.

For several years, Duane’s high school students were involved in the partnership program with Walt Disney Imagineering. Thirty-four Glendale High School students and teachers met weekly with mentors from Walt Disney Imagineering to design and research visual arts projects. “The partnership program has provided students with internship-type opportunities and allowed them to develop first-rate portfolios and contacts in the art world,” said art teacher Duane Hagen.

Duane, an art educator for several years, died in May 1995; two scholarships in his name were established at Glendale High School. Friends also established a CAEA professional development scholarship in his memory.