

Melody Mann

Wasilla, AK 99654

"...is a passionately dedicated teacher who is committed to making public schools the best that they can be. In eleven years as her principal, I have always trusted her and am very confident that she maintains confidentiality. Through all of my experiences with her, she interacts professionally and is sensitive to fairness, equity, and cultural awareness so that school is a place of dignity for everyone."

Cyd Duffin
Principal
Colony High School

"...is a true professional. She has dedicated herself to expanding students' awareness to the beautiful world of Art. She is a strong individual and positive role model for all students not only in the school environment but in the community. It has been a true pleasure to work side

Professional Profile

My mission is to help Alaskan students succeed as I have in school and in life. Education opened the world to me, and I love being able to do so for my students.

- Hold Master's Degree in Art Education and Bachelors of Science in Education Degree.
- A 22 year teaching career in Alaska.
- Dedicated to teaching students through respect, clear communication and thorough preparation to create and value visual arts and art making processes.

Education, Honors, and Certifications

Master of Art Education

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2007

Bachelor of Science in Education

Western Montana College, Dillon, MT. 1988

Certifications

State of Alaska K-12 Education. 1988-Present

Endorsements: Secondary Social Studies, K-12 Art. 1988-Present

Honors

Recipient of the Emily Ivanoff Tikasuk Brown Memorial Award for Minority Leadership in Education, NEA-AK, 2002

Employment

- Colony High School, Art teacher 9-12 grades, Palmer, MSBSD, 1993-Present
- Colony High School, Social Studies 9-11 grades, Palmer, MSBSD 1993-96
- Palmer High School, Social Studies 9-11 grades, Palmer, MSBSD 1992-3
- MSBSD Substitute teacher, 7-12 grades, 1990-92
- McQueen School, 6th grade, Kivalina, NWABSD 1988-90

Professional Development in Education

- Co-coordinator of Alaska Art Education Association Annual Statewide Fall Conference, Wasilla 2012
- Art Curriculum Writing Team, MSBSD, 2010-11
- Mentor teacher, to 3 student teachers from UAF, MSBSD, 2008-2011
- Instructor, "En Plein Air" Art for Educators course, Summer Academy Mat Su, MSBSD, May 2010
- Facilitator, ED 593 course "Engaging the Right Side of the Brain," MSBSD through UAS, 2009
- Co-coordinator AAEE Fall Conference, Facilitated course for author/educator Kristin Congdon, "Community Art in Action", Wasilla, 2008
- Presenter, Inservice Trainer for Equity and Sexual Harrassment issues, MSBSD, 1998-2005
- Co-Instructor, "Diversity in the Classroom" Tanaina Elementary,

by side with her for the past 10 years."

Celeste Franco

*"My experience first as a student of
Alaska's public schools and then as
an educator, is the foundation of not
only my career but of my success as an
Alaskan Native citizen."*

Melody Mann

MSBSD, 2003-4

- **Co- Instructor, "Voices for All"** for educators, MSBSD, 2001-2
- **Member of NEA-AK Minority Leadership Cadre**, statewide, 1999-2000
- **MSBSD Team member, Equity in Mathematics Education Leadership Institute**, University of California Santa Barbara, 1998-2000
- **Teaching Tolerance Institute**, Sponsored by Southern Poverty Law Center, University of Washington, 1997

Additional Education Experiences

- **Colony High Key Club Advisor**, Colony High, 1994-Present
- **Tour leader or chaperone**, Colony High art students in Europe, May 2009, May 2012
- **Director Alaska All State Juried Art Show for High School**, 2002-3

Professional Affiliations

National Education Association - Alaska
National Art Education Association

Other Affiliations

NANA shareholder