



# The Arts Open Every Door

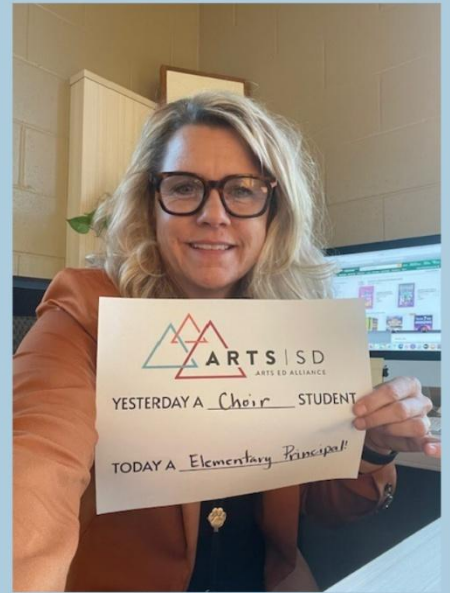
## Local Arts Education Advocacy Project

The goal of this project is to celebrate the impact of the arts in our communities by showcasing parents/guardians, school board members, administrators, clergy, business owners etc. who have participated in music, theater, dance, or visual arts — and where their paths have led them today. This project highlights how the arts nurture creativity, confidence, and connection across all professions.

### **Implementation**

- \*If possible, provide a brief, general explanation/goal of this project to your audience prior to rolling it out.
- \*Request assistance from volunteer parents, alumni or colleagues at your arts event. The intent of this project isn't to add another task to teacher's/director's already full plates. Please seek out volunteers to assist with this positive initiative!
- \*Provide markers with a broad tip and clipboards.
- \*Encourage participants to write with a large font.
- \*Additional option is to include what instrument they played/part sang/role in the theater.
- \* Please ensure that all adults in the photos have consented before sharing them on social media, if you plan to do so.
- \*These documents may be displayed in your building for students/parents to view.
- \*These documents may be included in a slideshow prior to an event.

# Examples



## [ArtsEd Alliance SD](#)

Please reach out to any of the Alliance representatives listed below for questions, comments or suggestions on how we can work together to amplify arts education in our state.

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ArtsEd Alliance SD acts as a unified voice to advance experiences in arts education for all South Dakota students through professional collaboration, advocacy, and resource development.

**Thank you to [Arts SD](#) for supporting this vision!**

