

## **In Memoriam, Dr. Deborah Greh**

Dr. Deborah Greh unexpectedly passed away on February 20, 2020. Debbie was Professor and Director of the Mass Communications program at St. John's University in Staten Island, NY until her retirement last year.

Born in Newark NJ, Debbie received a B.A. from the College of St. Elizabeth, an M.A. in Art Education from Montclair State University and Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University in Computing and Technology in Education.

Debbie served as NAEA's NYC Convention Coordinator in 2012 and 2017. She was NAEA's Vice President, Eastern Region from 2008 to 2010 and, on the Editorial board for NAEA's *Art Education*, 1986-1990. Debbie was President of the Art Educators of NJ from 2000-2003 and remained on the board as Historian until 2018 when she became AENJ's first Executive Director. Among the many awards Debbie received, most notably were NAEA's Eastern Region Art Educator Award in 2012 and 2004, the NJ Governor's Award for Service to the Arts, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2012.

Debbie gave numerous presentations on Digital Literacies and Video Gaming at NAEA, AENJ, and ISTE. She also shared her expertise as a consultant to many school districts implementing STEAM Education. Debbie authored, *New Technologies in the Artroom* and contributed many articles to *Art Education* and *SchoolArts*.

Debbie was our mentor and dear friend. She inspired all of us on the board to "get the job done". As we remain focused on our mission to advocate for the Arts in our schools, we are guided by Debbie's spirit and passion for supporting all students and their teachers in the process of artistic learning.

Debbie is survived by wife, Colleen Collins, her sister, Mary Anne Rizzolo, nephews and nieces, and an extended family of caring friends and adoring students. Donations in Debbie's memory can be sent to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, 575 Woodland Ave., Madison, NJ 07940 or, Autism NJ, 500 Horizon Drive, Suite 530, Robbinsville, NJ 08691.