

Christine O'Brien-Mase

Coco Mase Studios

Education

Marygrove College / M.A. Detroit, Michigan <i>Masters in Curriculum and Assessment</i>	2011-2013
Sussex County Community College/ Teacher Certification Newton, New Jersey <i>Alternate Route Teachers Program</i>	2010
University of the Arts/ B.F.A. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania <i>Bachelors of Fine Arts in photography with a concentration in drawing</i> <i>Certificate of Completion in Art Therapy</i>	1991 - 1994
New York University, Tisch School of the Arts New York, New York <i>Set Design Program, M.A. track for undergraduate program</i>	1990 - 1991

Post Graduate Education

Kean University <i>Post-Baccalaureate in Teaching the Holocaust and Prejudice Reduction</i>	2021-Present
Rutgers University <i>Advanced Placement Curriculum for Studio Art *new curriculum</i>	2019
Learner's Edge <i>iCourse Topics, Technology Independent Study, Virtual Field Tripping, Brain Works, ADHD Focusing & Learning</i>	2016 - 2017
Fresno Pacific University <i>Computer Graphics for Teachers</i>	2017
TAFT <i>Advanced Studio Art Curriculum</i>	2017
Moore College of Art and Design <i>Advanced Strategies in Teaching Art</i>	2016

Work Experience

Sparta High School / Art and Photography Teacher 2010 - Present
Sparta, New Jersey, grades 9-12

- Taught all levels of digital photography, drawing and painting and introduction to sculpture
- Wrote curriculum following pedagogy for township that aligned with national, state, and district standards
- Prepared comprehensive lesson plans continually updated in the format of UbD
- Arranged outside artists, graduated students, mentors, and college representatives to provide a deeper understanding of contemporary careers that align with the visual arts
- Arranged and planned annual art trips to a variety of destinations for students to see, feel, and experience and/or make artwork/ photography; museums, galleries, and popular locations.

Key Achievements

- Students have placed and won multiple community, state, national art awards and competitions: NAHS Student Gallery, NJ State Teen Arts Photograph of the Year, Morris Museum Student Show, The Congressional Art Competition, Sparta Camera Club, Nikon Student Forum Competition, New Jersey State Bar Courtroom Drawing Student Competition, Drexel Student Photography Competition, School of Visual Arts High School Photography Competition, Peter's Valley Student Competition, Walkkill High School Student Competition, New Jersey State Fair Photography Competition (Student), Antonelli Institute Competition, Fresh Perspectives
- Many students have gone on to reputable art colleges such as Parsons School of Design, Pratt Institute, Fashion Institute of Technology, Montclair University, Sussex County Community College, County College of Morris, Syracuse University, Savannah College of Art and Design, SUNY Purchase and Harvard Architecture Program.
- All students in Advanced Placement Studio Art (2D Design and Drawing and Painting portfolios) have

received a passing score of 3 or above. In 2021, all students received a score of 5, with one perfect score.

- Wrote and received multiple grants for attaining equipment that was necessary for in-class support and annual art gala; digital cameras, gallery walls, electric erasures, diverse posters for the classroom
- Implemented a digital drawing program; reinventing the drawing and painting program to be current and updated to present industry standards in the application of Wacom tablets.
- Founded the National Art Honor Society, bringing volunteerism through art skills into the art department, the school, and the community. NAHS students painted murals in school for community service hours.
- Founding member of the Sparta Diversity Counsel and head representative for the LGBTQIA+ community. Brought in guest speakers; a past student and the youth director of the LGTB Community Center of New York City
- Published Advanced and AP Students (2020 & 2021) in the Sketchbook Project, Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, New York
- Yearbook Advisor for 5 years; winning multiple awards with students at Jostens Yearbook Camp, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Centenary University / Dance, Art, Photography Adjunct/Independent 2009-2014,
2022 Hackettstown, New Jersey, freshmen - seniors

Lakeland-Andover High School / Photography Teacher 2007 - 2010
Newton, New Jersey, grades 9-12

Sussex County Community College / Photography Teacher 2001 - 2002
Newton, New Jersey, Continuing Education Program

Hilltop Country Day School /Kids Club Child Care Program 1998-2001
Sparta, New Jersey, After School Program, grades 9-12

Boys and Girls Club/ Art Teacher and Girls Program 1995-1996
Hoboken, New Jersey, After School Program, grades 9-12

Awards

2022-23 Sussex County Teacher of the the Year
Sussex County, NJ

2021-22 Governor's Teacher of the Year
Sparta High School, Sparta NJ

2017 Teacher of the Month (September)
Sparta High School, Sparta NJ

2017 Photographers FORUM
Black and White Category, Photography

2017 Best Verbal Theme
Jostens, Gettysburg Summer Yearbook Workshop

2016 Teacher of the Year/ Photography
Antonelli Institute, PA

2016 Best Verbal Theme
Jostens, Gettysburg Summer Yearbook Workshop

2015 Editor's Choice, Staff Winter Selection
Viewbug.com, Photography

2015 Photographer's FORUM

Black and White Category, Photography

2014 School Spirit Award: Go For It Track

Jostens, Gettysburg Summer Yearbook Workshop

2014 3rd Pl. Theme Development & Pres.

Jostens, Gettysburg Summer Yearbook Workshop

2012 3rd Pl. Section Design & Color.

Jostens, Gettysburg Summer Yearbook Workshop

1996 Montclair University

One Woman Show, Photography, Montclair, NJ

1994 Vivox Gallery

Best in Show, Philadelphia, PA

Active Professional Memberships: Arts Education of New Jersey, Fotografiska, Montclair Art Museum, Morris Museum, National Art Education Association, New Jersey Education Association, Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, Fotografiska