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Britney Lee
Named 2025 Dr. Denise Davis-Cotton Emerging Leader

Houston, Texas – On May 27, 2025, Britney Lee, Aspen Burkett, Fine Arts Magnet Coordinator at the Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts, was named the 2025 Dr. Denise Davis-Cotton Emerging Leader by the Arts Schools Network. The award recognizes excellence and achievement among rising arts schools administrators and highlights the educational innovation practices or programs of those leaders. Arts Schools Network (ASN) is the nation’s largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. ASN will honor the Ms. Lee at the Awards Ceremony during the ASN 2025 Annual Conference, in Sarasota, Florida, October 20-23, 2025.

Britney Lee is a dynamic and innovative leader who embodies the spirit of the Dr. Denise Davis-Cotton Emerging Leader Award. With a strong foundation in the arts, she is a dedicated educational leader whose trajectory aligns perfectly with the standards of excellence this prestigious award seeks to honor.

A strong advocate for mentorship and professional development, Britney ensures that teachers and administrators have the resources and support they need to succeed, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and collaboration. She also effectively balances creativity with practicality, advocating for arts funding while focusing on innovative programming and student outcomes.

Britney’s visionary approach positions her as a true leader in arts education, one whose influence will shape the future of the field. Her work will continue to inspire the next generation of artists and educators. Her ongoing contributions are already making a lasting impact on her school district and the future of arts education.

Dr. R. Scott Allen, Managing Director for ASN said, “Our organization offers guidance, inspiration, and incentives to arts schools leaders who strive for excellence on campuses across the country. When they demonstrate outstanding efforts toward this goal, we recognize and reward their achievements with awards such as this one for Ms. Lee.”

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit association founded in 1981, provides arts school leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions with quality resources, support and networking opportunities. Visit www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.