

# Ryan Swayne

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Dynamic and dedicated educator and leader with extensive experience in art instruction, curriculum development, and student mentorship across various educational settings. Proven ability to cultivate creativity and critical thinking in students, while ensuring safety and efficiency in all operational aspects. Strong communicator and collaborator, committed to enhancing community engagement through innovative programs and partnerships.



## Work experience

- Freelance Photographer**  
Swayne Studios, Wichita, Kansas

June 2017  
Current

  - Captured compelling images for various events, ensuring client satisfaction.
  - Photographed newborns, children, families, senior portraits, couples, engagements, and weddings.
  - Edited and retouched photos to enhance quality and deliver polished work.
  - Developed unique concepts for photoshoots tailored to client specifications.
  - Provided creative and unique backdrops and props for photoshoots.
  - Utilized state-of-the-art Canon Equipment.
  - Edited photos using Adobe Lightroom and Adobe Photoshop.
  - Created posters for sports teams and individual players.
  - Organized photo sessions, scouting locations to optimize visual impact.
  - Managed all aspects of client communication, providing exceptional service.
- ASL Truck Driver**  
Ottawa Sanitation, Ottawa, KS

September 2024  
September 2025

  - Conducted thorough vehicle inspections for safety compliance daily.
  - Maintained accurate logs of hours driven and service performed regularly.
  - Provided exceptional customer service to clients.
  - Safely and efficiently operated a Class-B Automated Side Load Trash Truck.
  - Worked in the office answering phones, taking payments, and setting up new customers.
  - Worked around the building to ensure a safe, clean, and presentable work environment.
  - Managed route maps using software.

## Skills

- Communication
- Networking
- Active Listener
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Microsoft Office
- Lightburn Software
- SPSS Software
- ARC-GIS Software
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Ceramics
- Drawing
- Jewelry
- Printmaking
- Blacksmithing
- Painting
- Quilting
- Garment Sewing
- Woodworking
- Welding
- Landscaping and Landscape Design
- Light Remodeling
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Roofing

## Executive Director

Augusta Art Centre, Augusta, KS

February 2019

March 2020

- Opened the Augusta Art Centre Gallery in 2019.
- Developed partnerships with key stakeholders to enhance community impact.
- Collaborated with the Board of Directors of the Augusta Arts Council to ensure success of the Augusta Art Centre.
- Oversaw a staff of gallery workers and teachers.
- Recruited artists from across the United States, and Internationally, to exhibit their work with us on consignment in themed exhibitions.
- Designed, planned, organized, and hung a new exhibition every 6 weeks.
- Filmed and posted to social media video walkthroughs of each exhibition, with commentary for each artwork.
- Recruited outside jurors for each exhibition.
- Hosted opening receptions for each new exhibition, inviting the local community and artists being exhibited.
- Worked with outside vendors to procure catering and live music for opening receptions.
- Ensured the safe handling of artwork during hanging, exhibition, and shipping.
- Delivered purchased artwork to local collectors.
- Taught courses for children and adults in the subjects of: Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Fused Glass Jewelry, and Metal Casting.
- Developed a children's summer art program; designed informational booklets that were distributed to all students at 4 local elementary schools, and one middle school.
- Ensured accurate record keeping and accounting.
- Oversaw and Implemented the marketing and branding of the gallery.
- Partnered with local businesses to promote mutual interests and goals.
- In March of 2020, when our lease was up for renewal, we made the difficult decision not to renew our lease and to close the gallery due to the unknowns of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This proved to be a smart choice, as our new and growing business would not have remained profitable during the following year.

## High School Graphic Design and Photography Teacher

Anderson County USD 365, Garnett, KS

August 2024

May 2025

- Mentored students on creative projects, fostering their artistic skills.
- Designed engaging lesson plans for graphic design and photography.
- Taught the fundamentals of graphic design and the elements of art.
- Organized exhibitions showcasing students' best photography work annually.
- Developed curriculum integrating digital tools in graphic design education.
- Explored the use of various forms of technology including: cameras, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom, wide-format printing, 3-d printing, laser engraving.
- Designed and printed programs for athletic events.
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Wood Framing

Construction

Tile Laying

Drywall

Class A CDL Holder

Social Media Marketing

Leadership

Public Speaking

Curriculum Design

Conflict Resolution

Customer Service

Student Management

Safety Compliance

Accounting

## Certifications

Kansas Teaching License  
w/ Grades PreK-12  
Art Endorsement and  
Grades 6-12 Technology  
Education

Class A CDL with  
Pass/School Bus and  
DBL/TRP Endorsements

National Engaged Leader  
Award, National Society of  
Leadership and Success

Taught courses including: Graphic Design, Photo Imaging, Drawing II, and Advanced Art.

### **Middle School Art Teacher**

August 2023

Basehor-Linwood USD 458, Basehor, KS

May 2024

- Designed and implemented engaging art projects for students' creativity.
- Organized art exhibitions showcasing students' work to the community.
- Developed lesson plans in line with curriculum to enhance student learning.
- Introduced diverse techniques to inspire and motivate young artists' expression.
- Facilitated workshops and collaborative art sessions with fellow educators.
- Served as timekeeper for athletic events.
- Sponsored after-school art club.
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- Taught the following courses: 6th Grade Art, Art 1, Art 2, Advanced Art, and Sculpture.
- Collaborated with Industrial Technology, FACS, and Physical Education, and Health teachers on overlapping curriculum.
- Managed two classrooms, one for 2-D artwork, one for 3-D artwork.
- Applied for and received grant for screen printing equipment to print student-designed T-Shirts for school athletics and clubs.

### **Middle School Art Teacher**

January 2022

Lawrence USD 497, Lawrence, KS

May 2023

- Developed engaging art curriculum to inspire student creativity.
- Organised student exhibitions to showcase artistic talents and skills.
- Implemented innovative techniques to enhance students' artistic abilities.
- Evaluated and assessed student work, promoting constructive feedback.
- Communicated effectively with parents and administration regarding student progress.
- Helped students explore future career goals.
- Taught courses including: 6th Grade Art, 7th Grade Art, 8th Grade Art, Advisory, and Computer Applications/Graphic Design.
- Collaborated with History Teachers to teach cunneiform lessons hands-on with joint classes.
- Sponsored after-school art club.
- Served as timekeeper for athletic events.
- Served as chairperson of the staff social committee.

### **School Bus Driver**

July 2021

Maize USD 266, Maize, KS

December 2021

- Ensured safe and timely student transportation
- Conducted regular vehicle inspections to maintain optimal operational safety.
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Managed student behavior to create a respectful and orderly environment.

- Communicated effectively with parents regarding schedules and concerns.
- Collaborated with school staff to address transportation-related issues.
- Built meaningful and trusting relationships with each student.

### **High School Art Teacher**

August 2017

Augusta USD 402, Augusta, KS

May 2021

- Developed engaging lesson plans that fostered artistic creativity.
- Facilitated art exhibitions showcasing students' work and talents.
- Integrated technology to enhance traditional art teaching methodologies.
- Organized workshops with visiting artists from across the state to inspire and mentor students.
- Hosted professional artists as guest speakers, including sculptors, photographers, and graphic designers.
- Evaluated student progress through constructive feedback and assessments.
- Authored grants for Career and Technical Education and Carl Perkins Funding.
- Served on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Board, and recruited community stakeholders to participate.
- Communicated efficiently with parents regarding student progress.
- Advised students with 4-year academic planning, and post-graduation success plans.
- Helped students apply to college programs related to the arts.
- Developed and supervised field trips to local museums, galleries, and artists personal studios.
- Served as timekeeper for athletic events.
- Sponsored after-school art club.
- Oversaw a team of students who helped develop marketing materials and publications for the school district.
- Taught subjects including: Photo Imaging/Photography, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics and Pottery, Plaster and Cardboard Sculpture, Fine Silver Jewelry, Blacksmithing, and Graphic Design.

### **Interim High School Art Teacher**

January 2017

Maize USD 266, Maize, KS

May 2017

- Designed and implemented innovative art curriculum for diverse learners.
- Developed engaging lesson plans to enhance students' artistic skills.
- Supervised art projects, fostering creativity and critical thinking skills.
- Collaborated with faculty to integrate art across various subject areas.
- Taught Introduction to Art, exclusively.
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### **Student Research Supervisor**

January 2013

Docking Institute of Public Affairs, Hays, KS

December 2016

- Data Entry and Analysis

- Technical Report Writing
- GIS Mapping Software
- SPSS Statistical Analysis Software
- Managed Student Work Schedules
- Assigned Job Duties for Student Workers
- Survey Methodology
- Grant Program Evaluation
- Grant Writing
- Developed training materials for new researchers on project protocols.
- Guided students in survey design and methodologies for success.
- Oversaw research projects, ensuring academic integrity and compliance.



## Education

**Masters of Science Secondary Education** January 2017  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS May 2022

- Degree not conferred
- Studied: Program and Curriculum Evaluation, Diverse Learners, Curriculum Development, Innovative Technology Integration and Educational Leadership.
- Successfully completed 30 hours of Graduate Coursework

**Bachelor of Fine Arts** August 2012  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS December 2016

- Studied Fine Arts including: Ceramics, Sculpture, Blacksmithing, Jewelry, Printmaking, Graphic Design, Drawing, and Painting.
- Studied Secondary Education.
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- Studied Industrial Technology including: woodworking and AUTOCAD drafting.
- President of The National Society of Leadership and Success (2013-2016)
- Vice President of The National Society of Leadership and Success (2012-2013)
- Treasurer of Ceramica Clay Club (2014-2016)
- Attended various field trip opportunities.
- Attended 2016 Little Pour on the Prairie in South Dakota.
- Attended the annual conference of the National Council for the Education of the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Studied abroad at SIAS International University in ZhengZhou, Henan, China during the summer of 2013.
- Worked as an art instructor and summer camp counselor during the summer of 2014 at Camp Towanda in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.
- Participated in the 2014 Circle of Change Leadership Conference in Los Angeles, CA.
- Visited various art museums in New York City, NY (2014)
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Exhibited artwork at various local shops during quarterly gallery walk events (2012-2016)

- Created work for, planned, hung, and exhibited First Solo Exhibition: Kansas Prairies; at the Hays Arts Council in December of 2016.
- Participated in semi-annual Pottery Sale.
- Attended workshops from various visiting artists.

### **Chinese Language and Culture**

June 2013

SIAS International University, ZhengZhou, Henan,  
China

July 2013

- Received a full scholarship for the program
- Studied Chinese Language
- Studied Chinese History
- Studied Chinese Culture
- Traveled to: Beijing, Shanghai, Longmen, LouYuan, ZhengZhou, and Xi'an

### **High School Graduate**

August 2009

Maize High School, Maize, KS

May 2012

- Student Council Member (2009-2012)
- Technology Student Association (TSA) President (2010-2012)
- Chairperson of Battle of the Band Committee (2010-2012)
- Art Club Member (2009-2012)
- Choir Member (2010-2012)
- Drama Club Member (2009-2012)
- Performed in various concerts, plays, and musicals (2010-2012)
- Bowling Team Member (2011-2012)
- Received Academic Letter Award
- Participated in various art exhibits
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## **Professional Development and Workshops Attended**

### **Kansas Art Educators Association Annual Conference**

2023

Pittsburgh, KS

### **Kansas Art Educators Association Annual Conference**

2022

Emporia, KS

### **John Britt**

2018

Wichita, KS

Ceramic Glaze Formulation, Unity Molecular Formula, Balancing Chemical Equations, Test Firing, Glaze Mixing, Chemistry of Glazes

<b>Tricia Coates</b> Hays, KS Slip-Dip Assemblage	2018
<b>Kansas Art Educators Association Annual Conference</b> McPherson, KS	2017
<b>NCECA Annual Conference</b> Kansas City, MO Theme: Makers, Mentors, and Milestones National Council for the Education of the Ceramic Arts Annual Conference	March 2016
<b>Ayumi Horie</b> Hays, KS Wheel Throwing, Slip Decoration, Business	2016
<b>Lisa Orr</b> Hays, KS Hand Building on the Wheel	2016
<b>Melanie Sherman</b> Hays, KS China Painting	2016
<b>Jonathan Kaplan</b> Hays, KS Plaster Slipcast Mold Making, 2- Part Molds, 3- Part Molds, Slipcasting	2016
<b>NCECA Annual Conference</b> Providence, RI Theme: Lively Experiments National Council for the Education of the Ceramic Arts Annual Conference	March 2015
<b>Kansas Artists and Craftsmen Association Annual Conference</b> Wichita, KS	2015
<b>Carol Long</b> Dodge City, KS Wheel Throwing, Slip Decoration, Fine Glazework	2015

**Linda Swanson** 2015  
Hays, KS  
Art Installations, Interactive Art, Immersive Art, Community Engagement

**Beth Caverner** 2015  
Hays, KS  
Solid Built Animals, Installations, Working with Sand Clay

**Lauren Mabry** 2015  
Kansas City, MO  
Wheel Throwing, Slip Decoration, Working with Underglazes

**NCECA Annual Conference** March 2014  
Milwaukee, WI  
Theme: Flow  
National Council for the Education of the Ceramic Arts Annual Conference

**Kansas Artists and Craftsmen  
Association Annual Conference** 2014  
Hays, KS

**Eric Stearns** 2014  
Hays, KS  
Raku Rodeo: Wheel Throwing, Raku, Piercing

**Paul Andrew Wandless** 2014  
Hays, KS

**Roberto Lugo** 2014  
Hays, KS  
China Painting, Solid Form Building, Community Engagement, Social  
Statements

**Rain Harris** 2014  
Working with Black Clay, Silicone Moldmaking, Epoxy Resin

**Virginia McKinney** 2014  
Metal Sculpture

**Kevin Snipes** 2014  
Hand-Built Vessels, Sgraffito, Mishima

2013





**Kansas Artists and Craftsmen  
Association Annual Conference**  
Lindsborg, KS

**Rebekah Bogard**

2013

Solid-Built Animal Forms

**Alleghany Meadows**

2013

Wheel Throwing, Slip Decoration

**Kansas Artists and Craftsmen  
Association Annual Conference**  
Dodge City, KS

2012

**Shawn Spangler**

2012

Wheel Throwing, Piercing

**Julia Galloway**

2011

Wheel Throwing, Sgraffito, Mishima

