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2026
Scholarship & Fine Arts
AWARDS

**Recognizing Fine Arts and Awarding the
CTU Academic Scholarships and
Karen GJ Lewis, NBCT, Scholarship**

**Hosted by the
CTU Scholarship and Arts Committees**

June 2, 2026 | CTU Center

CTU Scholarship and Fine Arts Celebration

Reception

Arrival and check-in, reception food and beverages are available
Fine Arts Contest Gallery Viewing

Welcome

Hosted by Karla Cedillo, Lane Tech High School
Dr. Diane Castro, CTU Financial Secretary
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Brazilian Dance, Beasley Academic Center
Damarion Spann, The Collins Academy High School

Fine Arts Awards

Vicki Kurzydlo, CTU Recording Secretary
Presentation of Fine Arts Contest Winners with CTU Officers
and CTU Arts Committee Chairs
Praise Dance, After School Matters
ChiArts Performance & Dedication

Scholarship Awards Presentation

Taneesha Henderson, CTU Scholarship Committee Chair
Stacy Davis Gates, IFT/CTU President
Presentation of Academic Scholarships by CTU Officers and
CTU Scholarship Committee
Presentation of the Karen GJ Lewis, NBCT, Scholarship

Closure

Kenwood Academy High School Dance Performance
Networking, photos, and gallery viewing

Why We Are Here!

Celebrating Fine Arts

Chicago Teachers Union values the importance of fine arts programming in every school and neighborhood. We celebrate the fine arts from Beasley Academic Center, Kenwood Academy High School, After School Matters, and the Chicago High School of the Arts (ChiArts).

CTU Academic Scholarship

Chicago Teachers Union and Chicago Teachers Union Foundation present regular, vocational, and special education awards, each in the amount of \$1,000. The CTU Scholarship committee awards the scholarships in honor of Jacqueline B. Vaughn, John M. Fewkes, Dr. Margaret Burroughs, Robert M. Healey, Beatrice Lumpkin, Mary J. Herrick, Ernestine Cain Brown, David M. Peterson, John E. Desmond, Geoffrey Jennings, and William "Bill" Buchanan. Read more at www.ctuf.org/scholarships/.

Karen GJ Lewis, NBCT, Scholarship Award

Karen GJ Lewis, a National Board Certified Teacher, was elected president of the Chicago Teachers Union in 2010 and, through her bold leadership, changed the narrative around public education in Chicago and the United States. To honor Karen GJ Lewis's immense contributions to labor, education, social justice, and community engagement, the Children and Teachers Foundation of the Chicago Teachers Union will award a \$10,000 scholarship to promote and encourage the next generation of Black teachers in Chicago's public education system.



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