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**Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum FIU Director of Education Miriam Machado Named
2023 National Museum Education Art Educator**

*National award recognizes Machado's dedication in providing exceptional art education
programming at FIU's on-campus art museum*

MIAMI (April 13, 2023) – The National Art Education Association has named Miriam Machado, of the [Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum FIU](#), as the recipient of the 2023 National Museum Education Art Educator Award. This prestigious award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of one outstanding NAEA member annually at the National level within their division. The award will be presented during the NAEA 2023 National Convention in San Antonio.

Machado joined the Frost Art Museum when it first opened in 2008 as a docent and volunteer program manager, where she established programming that remains today. In her current role as director of education, Machado exemplifies the Frost Art Museum's mission to transform lives through art by committing herself to creating the most engaging and impactful educational programming possible. Of note, Machado created the Frost museum's Steamworks program, creating opportunities for students to investigate design, engineering, and 21st-century skills needed for success while learning about public art and sculpture. She also has established a multi-visit program with a nearby Title 1 school, which has inspired students to create their own museum and realize that they can choose many career paths.

“Miriam’s work is a cornerstone for all that we do. For 15 years, she has led our education department with an unwavering dedication,” said Jordana Pomeroy, director of the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum FIU. “We are immensely proud of her well-deserved recognition by NAEA. We see her passion for art education every day and are thrilled she sets the pace for her peers across the nation.”

NAEA President James Haywood Rolling, Jr. states, “This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Miriam Machado exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars, and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession.”

Founded in 1947, the National Art Education Association is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts educators. Members include elementary, middle, and high school visual arts educators; college and university professors; university students preparing to become art educators; researchers and scholars; teaching artists; administrators and supervisors; and art museum educators—as well as more than 54,000 students who are members of the National Art Honor Society. We represent members in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, U.S. Possessions, most Canadian Provinces, U.S. military bases around the world, and many foreign countries.

The mission of the National Art Education Association (NAEA) champions creative growth and innovation by equitably advancing the tools and resources for a high-quality visual arts, design, and media arts education throughout diverse populations and communities of practice.

For more information about the association and its awards program, visit the NAEA website at www.arteducators.org.

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About the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum FIU

The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University was founded in 1977 and is the Smithsonian Affiliate in Miami. The museum’s mission is three-fold: to be a campus resource for the entire FIU community; to offer interdisciplinary training in the arts for the next generation of artists and art historians; and to serve as a premier cultural destination for the residents of Miami, and visitors.

Admission to the museum is always free. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Frost is located on the FIU Modesto Maidique Campus at 10975 SW 17 Street. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Mondays and most legal holidays. The Sculpture Park is open every day. For more information, visit www.frost.fiu.edu.

About FIU

Florida International University is a *top public university* that drives real talent and innovation in Miami and globally. Very high research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing in the areas of environment, health, innovation, and justice. Today, FIU has two campuses and multiple centers. FIU serves a diverse student body of more than 58,000 and 290,000 Panther alumni. U.S. News and World Report places dozens of FIU programs among the best in the nation, including international business at No. 2. Washington Monthly Magazine ranks FIU among the top 20 public universities contributing to the public good.