



# James States, Master

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## Why I Chose Bryanna Johnson and Danielle Richard

Selecting students for contests, exhibitions, and shows is always a difficult task. As an art teacher, I look for many qualities in both the student's work and the students themselves. In the work, I look not only for the quality of the finished product, but also time management, growth in technique, use of tools and materials, and creative direction. In the student I look for dedication to task, ability to overcome challenges, creative problem solving, and a sense of purpose or direction. I have chosen Bryanna Johnson and Danielle Richard for the 2023 Master and Grasshopper Exhibition because I believe they demonstrate those qualities, and their artwork exemplifies their dedication and commitment.

## Artist Statement

My current ceramic work is an exploration in function, surface techniques, and tactile response. I love that ceramics can be both aesthetically interesting and also fulfill a purpose. I am also interested in how others will interact with my work through contact. To that end, I make works that provide a specific function, while incorporating textures and surface treatments that will be pleasing/interesting to the touch and provide a memorable and thoughtful experience.