Mr. Graham was honored for his achievements both in and out of the classroom. One of his most notable accomplishments in the field of art education was his presentation of an entire unit on the development and expression of identity in children to a national audience. He also serves as a member of the Delaware Teachers Institute, a partnership between the University of Delaware and several public schools to strengthen learning in high-need student populations.

Many of Mr. Graham’s own students come from low income households, so providing art supplies can be a challenge. He has used tools such as DonorsChoose.org, which allows individuals to donate directly to public school projects, and also brings in many supplies on his own. He uses original teaching approaches, as well, including devising an outdoor teaching space at his school to promote his students’ creativity.

Mr. Graham’s passion for art education makes him a standout in his field. He received this award for all he does to encourage young people to love art.