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Lauren Rosa has dedicated 30 years to teaching art, including 18 years in South Florida and the past eight years serving military-connected students with DoDEA. At Zama Middle High School, she teaches a wide range of courses, including AP Human Geography, AP 2D Art and Design, drawing, painting, sculpture, studio art, advanced drawing, and middle school art. Working with students across grades 6-12 and varying experience levels, she creates opportunities for long-term artistic growth within a highly transient military-connected community.

After experiencing a school shooting at a former school, Rosa's approach to teaching shifted in profound ways. The experience, along with her role as a mother, strengthened her commitment to teaching the whole child by building meaningful relationships and creating a classroom environment where students feel seen, valued, and empowered to take risks and grow with confidence.

As the 2026 Pacific East Teacher of the Year, Rosa says her greatest inspiration comes from watching students discover their creative voice and develop into thoughtful, resilient young people. She believes art provides students with a space to explore identity, process emotion, and take intellectual risks. Through engaging and rigorous learning experiences, she strives to help every student grow not only as an artist, but also as a person. Rosa says it has been one of the greatest honors of her career to serve military-connected students alongside fellow inspiring educators each day.

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