

# Tess Vega

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Tess Vega is a Chicago-based artist working primarily in weaving, quilting, and other fiber art processes. She is currently making work surrounding symbols of nature, healing, and chronic illness.

## Exhibitions

- 2024 BFA Show, SAIC Galleries, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
TENbyTEN exhibition, Jackson Junge Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2023 Healing/Nobility/Community, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
- 2020 CPS All-City Senior Exhibition, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Light and Dark and Black and White, Ralph Arnold Gallery, Chicago, IL

## Education

- 2024 School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL), Bachelor of Fine Arts, emphasis in Fiber and Material Studies and Art Therapy
- 2020 Senn High School, Chicago, IL  
Participated in the visual arts program, Member of the Senn Arts Student Advising Board

## Relevant Coursework

**Fiber Arts-** Textile Narratives: Crafting, Theory and History, Tapestry, Basic Woven Structure, Quilting for Painters, Natural Dye, Advanced Fiber and Material Studies Studio

**Art Therapy/ Social Sciences-** AP Psychology, Neuroscience and the Mind, Psychology of Religion, Psychoanalytic and Anthropological Perspectives on Art and Childhood, Psychology of Groups, Disability Studies: Re-Imagining Bodies, Creative Process as Art Therapy, Psychodynamic Psychology

## Professional Experience

- May* **Community Day Services Instructor, Misericordia Home, Chicago, IL**
- 2024-* Registered DSP
- Current*
  - Works with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Engage Chicago program to foster community engagement and create meaningful experiences
  - Specializes in working with participants who have higher behavioral or sensory challenges
  - Manages a caseload of participants
  
- Spring* **Narrow Bridge Arts Club Internship**
- 2024*
  - Worked with the Narrow Bridge team to facilitate opening and operation of the arts club

- Sep*            **School-Aged Group Leader, Wesley Child Care Center, Glenview, IL**  
*2023-*  
*May*  
*2024*  
 -Facilitated a safe and fun learning environment for children in kindergarten to sixth grade  
 -Developed and led educational programming in art and sports
- Sep*            **Student Programming Board Member, School of the Art Institute of Chicago Campus Life**  
*2020-*  
*Feb*  
*2024*  
 -Worked independently and collaboratively with students and staff to generate and host events  
 -Planned and hosted large and small scale events and online and in-person events  
 -Designed print and social media marketing
- Summer*      **Senior Orientation Leader**  
*2022,*  
*Summer*  
*2023*  
 Worked with Campus Life staff and fellow students to train Orientation Leaders and facilitate New Student Orientation at the school
- July*  
*2023*  
**Roving Teaching Assistant, School of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
**Continuing Studies**  
 -Facilitated instruction by providing coverage as needed for absent teaching assistants in the Early College Program  
 -Designed and led workshops for students
- Aug*  
*2021-*  
*May*  
*2023*  
**Neiman Center Assistant**  
 -Assisted Campus Life staff with administrative duties  
 -Responsible for set-up and take-down of events  
 -Provided customer service to visitors of the Neiman Center
- 2021-*  
*2023*  
**SAIC Holiday Art Sale Tabler, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL**  
**SAIC Spring Art Sale Tabler, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

## **Awards**

- 2024    Graduating Student Leadership Award, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL)  
 Chicago Makers Fund Recipient, School of the Art Institute of Chicago CAPX (IL)
- 2021    Buonanno Scholarship Nominee, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL)
- 2020    Competitive Excellence Award, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (IL)
- 2020    Visionary Woman in Art Award, Moore College of Art and Design (PA)
- 2020    Graduated with honors, Senn High School (IL)