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About Me:

Hi! I'm Mr. Jolley, the art instructor here at DCJHS! My love of all things art began as a child, watching my father and his friends produce the Southwestern paintings, sculptures, and pottery featured in the finest books and magazines. I'm passionate about art and aesthetics because of the wide breadth of knowledge and the intellectual and physical discipline necessary to become a truly great artist. Art is a primarily visual medium that uses basic elements and principles to communicate large and small ideas, usually without using words, and I truly love teaching my students how to draw upon their own experiences to think like an artist.

My own illustration career began right out of high school, producing cartoons and designs for a Southern California t-shirt company. After 13 years in commercial printing, I began a design business producing marketing, product, packaging, and websites for small companies, large corporations, and government institutions. During the first years of building my business I taught advanced digital design at the same San Diego college from which I'd graduated. I also co-authored a book on digital illustration techniques using Photoshop and photography and have contributed to many books and magazines.

Growing tired of launching websites, building logos, and producing murals for corporate and government clients, I started substitute teaching as I explored returning to the classroom. I earned an art education degree, graduating summa cum laude from UNG in 2023.

My favorite person is Beth, with whom I've been married since 1986. We have five grown children and five partly-grown grandchildren. My favorite thing to do is read, my favorite book is *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller.

