



STAFF MEMBERS

Center for Creative Education



Tom Pilecki
Executive Director

Tom Pilecki is the Executive Director for the Center for Creative Education (“CCE”). Tom received his MS Degree in Educational Administration at Manhattan College with undergraduate work in piano, organ, choral conducting, and elementary education.

Tom has overall responsibility for CCE’s fundraising, programs, publications, community projects, personnel management, and finances. He also works closely with the Board of Directors to set both policy and strategic planning. He serves as a liaison between partnerships and the Board, and as a community resource in arts education programming and arts/community development.

Before moving to Florida, Tom was the curriculum and planning director for the Westside Catholic Schools in Chicago where he was responsible for all teachers and principal training in the planning of general curriculum as well as arts-based curriculum. Prior to his four years in Chicago, he served as the Founder, Principal and Executive Director of St. Augustine School of the Arts in the South Bronx for sixteen years. While at St. Augustine, Tom received the Reader’s Digest American Hero in Education Award for 1993 and the Bronx Humanitarian Award in 1994 among others. His work was featured on *60 Minutes*, *ABC’s World News Tonight*, and *The MacNeil Lehrer Report*.

A documentary film, [Something Within Me](#), followed his work at St. Augustine and garnered three awards at Robert Redford’s Sundance Festival in 1995, and it is still shown on national PBS television stations.

Tom Pilecki was born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Conshohocken, PA. He has been in Florida for 6 years.