

## **2013-14 Report of the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) Tommy Leaders, University of Nebraska-Omaha, President**

As we prepared to enter the 2013-14 membership year, SEAN was preparing for another great year. With a mostly upperclassman and experienced group of members serving on the SEAN Executive Committee, leaders from across the state were enlisted to help create goals and direction for what this year would bring. After our first two meetings, these objectives were created: increase membership, increase number of attendees at meetings and conference, realign the SEAN budget to reflect our mission and needs of our members, and create a policy book to support our Bylaws and guide our organization.

Now that the membership year is wrapping up, it is time to reflect on the year and the accomplishments made. The year began with elections and appointments and we continued our trend of having a student serving in a national leadership representation with Wayne State College's Katie Bennett serving as the student representative on the NEA Student Program's Membership Services and Affiliate Relations Committee. We then decided to reallocate who was able to attend our statewide conferences, with an emphasis on underclassman. I strongly believe this resulted in having some of the most highly attended events including a record 154 members attending our Spring Conference. We also continued our community outreach with our seventh Outreach to Teach event, held in Lewiston. Highlights from this event included working with school staff and NSEA retired members to build an outdoor classroom, greenhouse, revamp landscaping, paint the gym and weight room, and add murals to walls in the cafeteria.

The SEAN Executive Committee will also submit a completed policy book to guide the organization as it continues to prepare teacher candidates to enter the field of education.

Looking back as I prepare to graduate with many of our members this year, I am excited to bring to a close another successful year with the support of the NSEA and NEA. Even as our seniors prepare to join the professional ranks I will be very excited to see SEAN continue the mission of preparing teacher candidates to reach their full potential as future educators.