

## **Report of the SEAN Committee**

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This year the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) has had a lot of good professional development and rewarding opportunities. We kicked off the year with our Fall Conference at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Our focus this year was school safety, and our keynote speaker was Kyler Erickson, a survivor of the Millard South shooting. He talked about how he overcame the traumatic event, and how as teachers we can best support our students as future teachers. One of the things we want to focus on is how we can best provide future classrooms with mental health resources.

We completed our annual Outreach to Teach at Emerson Elementary in Kearney, where we cleaned up the playground, painted the teacher's lounge, and decorated the school. The Outreach to Teach was very rewarding opportunity for our members.

We planned on to have a lobby day in February, however, the weather had us reschedule to lobby with the NSEA Board of Directors during Delegate Assembly weekend.

For our spring conference at the University of Nebraska-Omaha we will have Stephanie Whitmore of California Casualty as our keynote speaker. Topics for our professional development sessions will look at trauma informed classrooms and social justice, among other topics. We will also elect the new state executive team.

As for local chapters, they have been very involved, some doing Outreach Programs in their community. Wayne State College had a Retired Teacher Panel which presented to education majors; UNO had an Outreach to Teach at a local school; and Peru State celebrated National Read Across America Day.

Overall, SEAN has been very active throughout the state and we look forward to seeing what the student program has planned for the upcoming years.