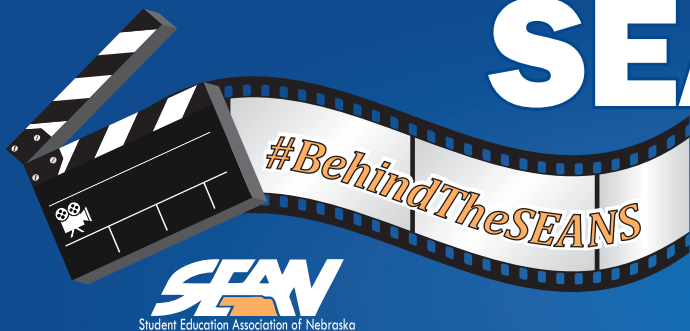


# SEAN SCENE



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### FALL CONFERENCE WAYNE

Friday, Nov. 4

Kanter Student Center  
Wayne State College  
1111 Main St., Wayne

Saturday, Nov 5

Outreach to Teach  
Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools  
109 W. Third St., Emerson

### SPRING CONFERENCE & SEAN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

**SOUTHEAST REGION**  
Site to be Determined

March 31, April 1, 2017

Details to be announced

### NSEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER

April 21-22, 2017

Details to be announced

### NEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP

**BOSTON, MA**

JUNE 27-30, 2017

### NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

**BOSTON, MA**

July 1-5, 2017

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**Cutting brush:** The piles of brush were broad and deep at SEAN's Outreach to Teach 2015, held at Ralston's Mockingbird Elementary. Doane College's Alyssa Meyer and Sara Steinauer tackled the brush head on.

## Spruce Up and Learn at Fall Conference!

*Outreach to Teach Service Project,*

*Trev Alberts on Agenda at Wayne State*

The 2016 Fall Conference for the Student Education Association of Nebraska is shaping up to be another game changer.

The agenda includes a former All-American football player as keynote speaker, and a daylong community service project through SEAN's 10th Outreach to Teach program.

The SEAN Fall Conference will be held the evening of Friday, Nov. 4, on the campus of Wayne State College. Keynote speaker will be University of Nebraska Vice Chancellor and Athletic Director Trev Alberts, who was college football's top linebacker while playing for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Alberts played three years of professional football for the Indianapolis Colts. Alberts later was a television commentator and in 2009 became athletic director at UNO. His topic: the impact his choices have made on his life. Dinner will be provided for those SEAN members in attendance.

### Public Service Project

The following morning, SEAN members will travel to nearby Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools to engage in sprucing up and clean-up of both the elementary and high school buildings. Among projects on the agenda – weather permitting – a paint job on the bleachers at the

*Find more Fall Conference details on page 2*

high school football field.

“All these projects have a great impact on the school district and the schools where SEAN members have held an Outreach to Teach,” said NSEA President Nancy Fulton. “Those who do the work won’t ever see the smiles on the faces of the school staff and students, but the work will make a difference.”

The goal is to start the project around 9 a.m. and finish work no later than 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the school around the noon hour.

Those chapters sending members should register no later than Wednesday, Oct. 26, at this website:

[www.nsea.org/2016Outreach](http://www.nsea.org/2016Outreach)

Other details include:

— **Rooms:** Chapters in need of hotel rooms must contact Tamra Mick at NSEA at 1-800-742-0047 by Wednesday, Oct. 26. NSEA will make all room reservations, and will pay for the room costs up front. Rooms will be shared, and campus chapters will reimburse NSEA for room costs.

— **Mileage:** Chapters from outside the region will receive a stipend of \$75 to assist with mileage.

— **Meals:** SEAN will provide a meal Friday evening and Saturday at noon. The hotel will offer a continental breakfast on Saturday morning.

Questions? Call Mick or SEAN Advisor Kristen Sedlacek at 1-800-742-0047.

## On the List of Chores

Here is a tentative list of projects under consideration for the Outreach to Teach at Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools on Saturday, Nov. 5.

### Exterior:

1. Clean up and trim shrubs at elementary building.
2. Clean up west side of elementary building.
3. Paint posts at the football field.
4. Paint bleachers at the football field.
5. Paint playground equipment.

### High School:

1. Special Education Room: Paint wall and cubicles purple.
2. Library: Holes puttied, painted.
3. Clean lunchroom walls and tables.
4. Paint furnace.
5. Clean bathrooms.
6. Paint the library doors.
7. Clean classrooms.

### Elementary:

1. Mrs. Martin’s room: paint cupboards red.
2. Library: paint the red shelf and make repairs.
3. Clean lunchroom tables and walls.
4. Tighten desks in Mrs. Tonniges’ room.
5. Paint bookshelves.



**Covering the Rust:** A fresh coat of paint will lengthen the life of these basketball backboards at Mockingbird Elementary School in Ralston. These two SEAN members put the paint brushes to work during the 2015 SEAN Outreach to Teach.

6. Clean windows.
7. Kindergarten Room: Cut out lamination/papers; paint bookshelves and filing cabinet.
8. Preschool/Kindergarten: Sanitize toys.
9. Clean classrooms.
10. Clean bathrooms.

### Friday Night:

5:30—6:30 p.m.: Registration at Frey Conference Suite in the Kanter Student Center on the Campus of Wayne State College

7:00 p.m.: Dinner

7:45 p.m.: Trev Alberts, Vice Chancellor, Athletic Director  
University of Nebraska-Omaha

### Saturday:

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Outreach to Teach

Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools

109 W. Third, Emerson, NE

### Previous Outreach to Teach Sites

2007 – Omaha: Indian Hills Elementary

2008 – Norfolk: Jefferson & Lincoln Elementary Schools

2009 – Omaha: Kellom Elementary

2010 – Lincoln: McPhee & Everett Elementary Schools

2011 – Grand Island: Howard Elementary

2012 – Cedar Bluffs Public Schools

2013 – Lewiston Public Schools

2014 – Minden: C.L. Jones Middle School

2015 – Ralston: Mockingbird Elementary School



**REGISTER ONLINE: [www.nsea.org/2016Outreach](http://www.nsea.org/2016Outreach)**





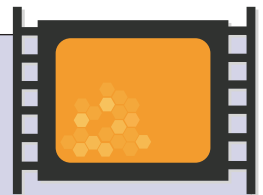
# CONTEST RULES

Show us what your campus is doing #BehindTheSEANs and you could win \$100 for your chapter!

Three awards will be given for:

## BEST PICTURE

*Awarded for the best photo (or collection of photos)*

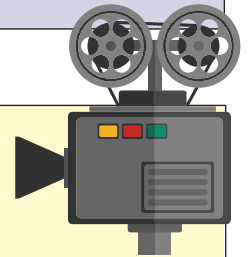


### How to Enter:

Post photos showing events happening on your campus to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat using #BehindTheSEANs on your post. Make sure the photos you post are set as public so we can see them! If you send a snap, send it as a direct message to Nebraska\_SEAN, not just on your story where we may not see it. Set the Snapchat timer to at least 8 seconds. Make sure your campus is clearly identified in the photo.

## BEST FILM

*Awarded for the best video*

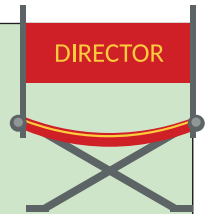


### How to Enter:

Use your phone or tablet to take a video of the chapter events happening on your campus and post them to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat using #BehindTheSEANs in your caption. Make sure the videos you post are set to be public so we can see them! If you send the video on Snapchat, send it as a direct message to Nebraska\_SEAN. If you post on your story, we may not see it or be able to add to the contest entries. Make sure your campus is clearly identified in the videos.

## CHAPTER IN A LEADING ROLE

*Awarded to the campus chapter with the highest increase in membership*



### How to Enter:

Sign up the members on your campus. We'll do the math and take care of the rest.

### Details:

Winners for Best Picture and Best Film will be chosen by the Academy of your peers through an online voting process. Pictures and videos must be submitted before October 15 to be included in the vote! Voting will take place approximately October 17 - 31, and awards will be presented Nov. 4 & 5, at the 2016 Fall Conference and Outreach to Teach. Winners need not be present to win, but we'd love to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kristen Sedlacek (kristen.sedlacek@nsea.org), Kristi Capek (kristi.capek@nsea.org) or Tamra Mick (tamra.mick@nsea.org) at (800) 742-0047.



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# Here is Your 2016-17



**Denton Beacom,  
President  
Wayne State College**

SEAN's 2016-17 president is Denton Beacom, a native of Hooper and a 2014 graduate of Logan View Public Schools.

Beacom is a senior at Wayne State College majoring in elementary education with a supplemental endorsement in reading and writing. He plans to student teach in 2017.

As the SEAN president, he also serves on the NSEA Board of Directors, and in September was selected to serve on the NEA-SP Advisory Committee of Student Members.

Beacom is also a member of the Philomathean President's Honor Society, secretary of the Blue Key Honor Fraternity, a member of the American Red Cross Club, a TeamMates mentor, a Navigator and Telecounselor for the Wayne State College Admissions department, and a participant in the Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA).

"I look forward to getting to know all of you and to working with all the chapters across the state."



**Madison Kinney,  
President-Elect  
York College**

Council Bluffs, IA, native Madison Kinney last spring became the first president-elect in SEAN's 61-year history. As such, she will automatically begin a one-year term as SEAN president in August 2017.

Kinney likes the proximity of York College to her hometown.

"The campus is really small, but it's close to home and I love it," she said.

Kinney is an elementary education major and hopes to teach third or fourth grade. She is a junior and sings in the college's concert choir, is a member of the campus student government and captain's the York College women's soccer team.



**Hannah Smith,  
Secretary  
Wayne State College**

Smith is a junior at Wayne State College where she is seeking a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences.

She grew up in Brunswick, NE, and graduated from the Creighton Community Schools.

"I love serving others in multiple varieties such as volunteer work or strategic planning for programs," said Smith.

"Being an officer for SEAN allows me to serve other college students and plan professional development events. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity," she said.



**Elizabeth Milliken,  
Metro Region Rep.  
Univ. of Neb. at Omaha**

A junior at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Milliken is a native of nearby Bennington, NE.

She is seeking a major in elementary education with an endorsement in early childhood education and a minor in communications and says "I look forward to representing the Metro Region this school year."

Milliken is co-president of the SEAN Chapter at UNO this year, and also volunteers at local elementary schools. She also works with young children as a nanny and as a tutor.

"From a young age I have known I wanted to be a teacher and am excited to see my dreams getting closer," she said. "I want to continue building my experiences within education."

As Metro Region Representative, Milliken is in contact with officers at:

- Grace University
- Creighton University
- College of St. Mary
- The University of Nebraska-Omaha

# SEAN Executive Committee



**Bailey Schlueter**  
Northeast Region Rep.  
Wayne State College

A native of Blair, Schlueter is a junior seeking a bachelor's degree in elementary education with an endorsement in reading and writing.

Aside from being active in the Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN) chapter, she is vice president of the Theta Phi Alpha, is active in Circle K, the Wayne State College Navigators, and is a telecounselor for Wayne State College.

As Northeast Region Representative, Schlueter is in contact with officers at:

- Midland University
- Northeast Community College
- Wayne State College



**Mikayla Nelson**  
Southeast Region Rep.  
Neb. Wesleyan Univ.

Nelson hails from Lincoln, and is now a senior at Nebraska Wesleyan where she is studying elementary education and special education.

In addition to serving as Southeast Region Representative for a second year, Nelson is president of the Nebraska Wesleyan University Chapter. She is past publicity and alumni relations chair for the chapter.

"I'm super excited to see what this year holds for SEAN and am excited to once again be on the exec team," she said.

As Southeast Region Representative, Nelson is in contact with officers at:

- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Peru State College
- Doane University
- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln



**Ali Johnson**  
Western Region Rep.  
Hastings College

Johnson is a senior at Hastings College this year, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education and K-12 special education.

A native of Hastings, this is her first service on the SEAN Executive Committee. Johnson lists her outside interests as "wanderlust."

As Western Region Representative, Johnson is in contact with officers at:

- York College
- Chadron State College
- Hastings College
- The University of Nebraska-Kearney
- Central Community College



**Evann Vrana**  
Underclass Rep.  
Univ. of Nebraska at Lincoln

A native of Wahoo, Vrana is a family and consumer science education major at UNL. She was selected as SEAN's Underclass Representative at the Association's delegate Assembly in February.

Vrana is quite busy outside the classroom. She is vice president of the university's SEAN Chapter, and is involved with the New Student Enrollment International Welcome Team.

Vrana also works with Studies of the United States Institute (SUSI) as a peer mentor; serves as an ambassador for the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS); serves on the CEHS Student Advisory Board; is a member of Students Together Against Cancer (STAC), and of the Nebraska Women's Leadership Network.

Vrana is a junior at UNL.





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**Hanging out with Lily:** SEAN representatives at NSEA’s annual Delegate Assembly in Lincoln last April had a unique opportunity — they were able to meet and chat with National Education Association President Lily Eskelsen Garcia for a few moments. From left are Madison Kinney, York College; Denton Beacom and Joel Schroeder, Wayne State College; Eskelsen Garcia; Pamela Riffle, Peru State College; and Evann Vrana and Kira Hess, both of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## Learn what else happens #BehindTheSEANs:



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# Land a Student Program Grant from NEA

## NEA Student Program CREATE Grants Have Two Application Deadlines

Interested in getting up to \$3,000 for a project on your campus? Consider applying for one of NEA Student Program CREATE Grants, which are awarded to local chapters for community service projects that positively promote the NEA Student Program through strategies designed to enhance public education, increase advocacy and outreach to communities; support younger educators involvement in the Association; and supports the development of innovative approaches to engagement.

CREATE grants will be awarded for projects that align

with the one or more of the core values of the NEA Student Program: Teacher Quality (up to \$3,000), Community Outreach (up to \$3,000), and Political Action (up to \$2,000).

All applications must be submitted electronically — no exceptions!

Grant Evaluations are due no later than 30 days after the event/project.

All evaluations must include a 1-3 minute video presentation describing/highlighting the project.

The deadline for Fall Semester programs is Oct. 30, 2016. The Spring Semester deadline is Feb. 16, 2017.

For more details, go to:

<http://www.nea.org/grants/61972.htm>

## Learn from an Experienced Pro: Get a Mentor Through SEAN!

### Sign Up Now for Intergenerational Mentoring Program

Every college student about to head out into the teaching profession should be paired with a veteran teacher as a mentor.

Such a pairing rarely happens – unless you participate in the NSEA-Retired Intergenerational Mentoring Program!

The 14th edition of the mentoring program will take shape beginning at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at NSEA Headquarters in Lincoln. A short 24 hours later, and participants will be matched with a veteran teacher willing to serve as a mentor and sounding board for the next 12 to 18 months or longer.

The long-running program pairs NSEA-Retired members with members of the Student Education Association of Nebraska – college students – during the student's junior year in teacher education. The NSEA-Retired members act as mentor to the students from their junior year through their senior student teaching semester and into their first

year as a professional teacher.

The relationship between the mentor and the student is non-judgmental and non-evaluative. The mentor can help the prospective teacher get through the tough day-to-day moments and challenging situations that every student teacher and every first-year teacher will face. Through telephone, e-mail, and face-to-face conversations, the student knows he or she has an experienced mentor to ask for an idea for a lesson, a hint for handling a discipline problem, or a trusting shoulder to lean on.

Sessions will be held at NSEA headquarters, and begin at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. The program concludes on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Housing is provided by NSEA.

Registration for this no-cost program is now open! For details, call NSEA's Duane Obermier at 1-800-742-0047. To sign up, go to:

[www.nsea.org/2017IGM](http://www.nsea.org/2017IGM)

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# CHAPTER REPORTS

## University of Nebraska - Omaha:

Members at the University of Nebraska - Omaha SEAN Chapter are off to a great start, with one event complete and another event scheduled for mid-October.

Chapter President Elizabeth Milliken reports that members held a bake sale on Sept. 13 and raised funds that will benefit the chapter's local Outreach to Teach event later this year.

Scheduled for mid-October is a visit by members to the Youth Emergency Services (YES) House in Omaha, to work with homeless youth. The YES House serves homeless and at-risk youth with needed resources, and also works to help them become self-sufficient.

Becca Burkhardt is the UNO Chapter vice president.

## College of Saint Mary:

College of Saint Mary Chapter President Kelli Novak reports a successful first meeting to start the year. Held on Sept. 14, members were informed of local and state chapter events and other details about the organization.

Members are also working toward a prom dress drive that will include a boutique for girls in need of a prom dress. The organization provides the dresses, shoes, makeup and hair accessories for those girls in need. Chapter members make boutonnieres and earrings for prom attendees.

Novak reports that Allyah Rayyan is the chapter vice president.

## Wayne State College:

The Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN) is off to a roaring start, according to President Jaci Jenkins.

On Aug. 21, WSEAN members hosted a booth at the college's activities fair. The student activities fair allows new and returning students to learn more about local businesses and campus organizations. WSEAN members informed students about the benefits of membership in the professional teaching organization.

Four days later, members hosted a hot dog social event outside the campus education building. Jenkins said many interested members stopped by to learn more about WSEAN.

Finally, on Sept. 17, about 30 WSEAN members and other Wayne State College students traveled to Winside for the organization's first-ever Outreach to Teach. The agenda included painting/stripping the Winside school parking lot; installing fencing in a small area; simple landscaping near the football field; painting window trim; boxing up and moving technology equipment; and

cleaning up the teacher's lounge area.

"We hope to make it an annual event," said Jenkins.

The WSEAN report also noted that Laura Moxness is the chapter vice president.

## University of Nebraska-Lincoln:

About 50 education majors attended the first chapter meeting of the year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, reports 2016-17 President Lynsey Coufal.

The meeting included a visit by Kristen Sedlacek, an organizational specialist for NSEA, and the advisor to the SEAN program. Sedlacek talked about the benefits of Association membership. Attendees were treated to pizza and pop, and also enjoyed a photo booth and a Snapchat filter.

Earlier, the UNL Chapter officers met to finalize plans for that initial chapter-wide meeting, determining speaking roles, and lining up the food and photo booth activities.

On Oct. 11, UNL Chapter members will enjoy a visit from an ambassador representing I Love Public Schools, a Nebraska-based organization that has made dozens of films about the good work going on in Nebraska public schools. The chapter will provide food from Noodles and Co.

Evann Vrana, Underclass Representative on the SEAN statewide executive committee, is the vice president of the UNL Chapter.

## Nebraska Wesleyan University:

Nebraska Wesleyan University Chapter President Mikayla Nelson reports that the Oct. 2 first meeting of the chapter was a pizza and get-acquainted event. That was followed by a game with members answering questions based on the colors of M&Ms they had. A second contest had members use resources in the room to build an airplane, with the plane that flew the furthest earning first prize. Finally, members played teacher Pictionary and played a round of Kahoot about SEAN.

"Throughout the meeting we discussed what SEAN is, why you should join as well as what upcoming events SEAN is having both locally and at the state level," said Nelson.

Nelson said she was pleased that about 20 people attended, more than double the number at the previous gathering.

The Nebraska Wesleyan Chapter has two more events on the immediate calendar. A Giving Tree has become a tradition for the Chapter, and will be held in November and December. Each year the Chapter reaches out to a



local school and obtains the names of children with a want or need. They then set up a tree on campus and allow students campus-wide to pick an ornament off the tree and buy the gift for the student. The gifts are delivered to the Education Department, where the gifts are wrapped and then delivered to the school.

On Nov. 6, the Chapter will meet to discuss the schedule for the remainder of the school year, and will elect the executive committee for the coming year.

Maria Mendick is Chapter vice president.

## Peru State College

Members at Peru State College have already had a busy fall semester, according to Chapter President Allyson Scholl. Members have met three times.

On Sept. 22, members went to the school daycare and hung plastic cups on the fence to brighten the view and bring out school spirit.

On Oct. 4, members upheld a First Tuesday tradition and traveled to Calvert Elementary School in Auburn and read to third grade students.

"This event went very well," said Scholl. "The kids loved having us. We read to them and they read to us."

On Oct. 10, the chapter had a welcome back event for continuing and new members. "We plan to encourage the new members to stick with this club and engage in the activities," said Scholl.

On the calendar yet this year is a book fair during which the club sells books to the faculty, students and others. The goal is to raise enough money to buy books for the schools that attend the Chapter's annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash next spring.

The Peru State Chapter vice president this year is Amanda Antholz.



**2016-17 Scholarship recipients:** NSEA-Retired Vice President Tom Black, above left, center, presented scholarships to two SEAN members in April. At left is Haley Montgomery, a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. At right is Mariah Bigelow, a student at Peru State College. Also receiving a scholarship from NSEA-Retired was Peru State College's Caitlin Cassell, at right, who was unable to attend the presentation ceremony.

## Can You Use \$1,000? *Apply for NSEA-Retired Student Teaching Stipend*

If you are a Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) member who will soon enter your student teaching semester, keep this in mind: The NSEA-Retired Board of Directors has available three \$1,000 scholarships for use during your student teaching semester.

Applicants shall be college juniors or seniors who have been SEAN members for at least two years, including the current year. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and answers to essay questions.

Each application shall also require three letters of recommendation: one from a faculty or staff member of the college or university; one from a local SEAN chapter officer; and one from the local SEAN chapter advisor.

Scholarships shall be effective for the student teaching semester. Checks will be issued jointly to the student and his or her college or university.

Mail applications to Tamra Mick, NSEA, 605 South 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, and must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017. Download the current application from this website:

[www.nsea.org/SEAN](http://www.nsea.org/SEAN)

For details, contact Mick at 1-800-742-0047 or via e-mail at: [tamra.mick@nsea.org](mailto:tamra.mick@nsea.org)

# Six SEAN Members Travel to D.C. to Learn, Give Service

*Next Year's Site: Boston*

Six SEAN members traveled to Washington, D.C., in late June to attend the NEA Student Program Summer Leadership Conference.

Three of that group stayed another week to attend the NEA Representative Assembly, the largest democratic deliberative body in the world.

The Student Program event draws more than 300 teachers-to-be from across the country to learn more about teaching, about their association, about leadership and to elect leadership each year.

The event also allows for a daylong public service event, known as the Leaders Empowering Grassroots Advocacy for Communities and Youth (LEGACY) Project. Students and volunteers were busy with community service projects such as building Little Free Libraries (doll house-sized boxes that will be placed in communities to provide free access to books), putting together care packages for homeless shelters and creating beautifully decorated hand-puppets containing notes of inspiration for cancer patients. At the "Pencils of Hope" station, where the volunteers stuffed backpacks with school supplies, they also wrote notes to students wishing them well on their first days of school.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Evann Vrana, Nebraska Wesleyan University's Mikayla Nelson, and York College's Madison Kinney attended the Summer Leadership Conference.

Attending the SLC and staying longer to attend the NEA Representative Assembly as delegates were Denton Beacom, Bailey Schlueter and Hannah Smith, all of Wayne State College.



**Jumping for Joy:** Among the sites on the agenda for six SEAN members in Washington, D.C., this past summer was a tour of the U.S. Capitol.

Any eligible member of SEAN may apply to attend Summer Leadership Conference, or to serve as a delegate to NEA Representative Assembly.

The 2017 events will be held in Boston, MA. Watch future editions of the SEAN Scene for details.



**Meeting with the Senator:** Members of the SEAN Delegation to the NEA Student Program had an opportunity to meet with Nebraska U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer during the trip to Washington, D.C. From left are Mikayla Nelson, Evann Vrana, Madison Kinney, Sen. Fischer, Hannah Smith, Bailey Schlueter and Denton Beacom.





**Six of the Eight:** Six of eight SEAN Executive Committee officers made up the team that attended the NEA Student Program Summer Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., this past summer. Any eligible SEAN member can seek a leadership position or seek election to serve as a representative to the summer program. Watch future editions of the SEAN Scene for details. From left are SEAN President Denton Beacom, Wayne State College; Northeast Region Representative Bailey Schlueter, Wayne State College; Underclass Representative Evann Vrana, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Southeast Nebraska Region Representative Mikayla Nelson, Nebraska Wesleyan University; President-Elect Madison Kinney, York College; and Secretary Hannah Smith, Wayne State College.

## Are you a leader?

### *There are Benefits to Taking a Leadership Role*

Seven positions on the SEAN Executive Committee will be open for election at the Association's Delegate Assembly and Spring Conference March 31 and April 1 at a site in SEAN's Southeast Region, yet to be determined.

To be eligible for office, a candidate must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited institution; must be preparing for a career related to education; must be a member of SEAN by Feb. 15, 2017; and must be in good standing with their college or university.

The Executive Committee includes the Association president, president-elect, secretary and four region representatives, plus an underclass representative. Candidates for president-elect shall be a student with at least four semesters of study remaining at the time of his or her election. The underclass representative must be a freshman or sophomore at the time of election. The new members of the Executive Committee will take office for a one-year term on Aug. 1, 2017. Regional representatives are elected by area:

-- The Metro Region representative must come from Creighton University, the College of St. Mary, the University

of Nebraska-Omaha or Grace University.

-- The Southeast Region Representative must come from Peru State College, Doane College, Nebraska Wesleyan University or the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

-- The Northeast Region Representative must come from Wayne State College, Northeast Community College or Midland University.

-- The Western Region Representative must come from Chadron State College, the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Hastings College, York College or Central Community College.

The deadline to file for office is Monday, Feb. 6, 2017. To file, candidates must complete a candidate intent form by that date. That form will be posted to the SEAN pages of the NSEA website after Dec. 1. The form will include space for a brief biography, which will be shared with all SEAN members prior to the election.

Questions? Talk to your advisor, or call SEAN state advisor Kristen Sedlacek or associate staff member Tamra Mick at 1-800-742-0047, or e-mail them at: [kristen.sedlacek@nsea.org](mailto:kristen.sedlacek@nsea.org) or [tamra.mick@nsea.org](mailto:tamra.mick@nsea.org)

