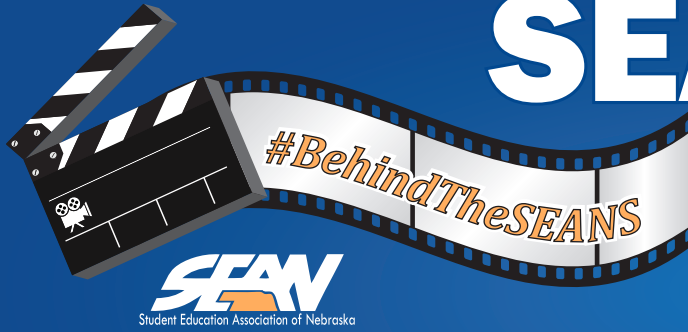


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IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING CONFERENCE & SEAN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY **NEB. WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

March 31, April 1, 2017

Details to come...

NSEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY **LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER**

April 21-22

Details to be announced

NEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP **BOSTON, MA**

June 27-30, 2017

NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY **BOSTON, MA**

July 1-5, 2017

No-Cost Mentoring for Teachers-to-Be!

Sign Up Now for Intergenerational Mentoring Program

Multiple studies have shown that mentoring of young teachers by veteran teachers can do much to enhance student learning, teacher skills and retention of teachers in the profession.

Now, members of SEAN can participate in a program that will pair them with a veteran teacher/mentor for as long as the SEAN member desires.

The 14th edition of the NSEA-Retired Intergenerational 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.

Here is what Peru State's Keri Andersen said following the March 2015 Intergenerational Mentoring: "My highlight was getting to know myself as a person at a deeper level and getting to know the people that I did. It was very amazing how we could spend only a day or less and develop relationships that we can carry for life."

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Rolling Along: Nebraska Wesleyan University's Sarah Bailey coats an Emerson-Hubbard High School bleacher with paint during SEAN's annual Outreach to Teach event last month. Nearly 100 SEAN members from across Nebraska participated. Details inside.



Off to a Good Start: As the Intergenerational Mentoring program opened in February 2016, smiles were the norm. From left are Stefanie Williamson, College of Saint Mary; Hannah Rice, Wayne State College; and Nicole Reznicek, Peru State College.

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 nonjudgmental 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 Duane Obermier at 1-800-742-0047. To sign up, go to:

www.nsea.org/2016IGM



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Proudly Displayed: Attendees at SEAN's 2016 Spring Conference display the t-shirts they received from Nebraska Loves Public Schools.

Spring Conference, DA Offer Opportunity

The annual SEAN Delegate Assembly can open up a world of opportunity for those student members willing to step up to a leadership position.

For instance, five members of the SEAN Executive Committee were in Washington, D.C., in June for the three-day NEA Student Leadership and Professional Issues Conference. Three stayed longer for the NEA Representative Assembly.

All SEAN members in good standing will have similar opportunities at the 2017 SEAN Delegate Assembly, which is scheduled on Friday evening, March 31 at Nebraska Wesleyan University. The following day, April 1, will be filled with professional development opportunities at the annual SEAN Spring Conference.

Delegate Assembly is the association's annual business meeting, where members elect officers and decide the Association's course of action for the coming year.

Every Association office – from the regional representatives to president-elect – will be open for election. Eligibility requirements for election are minimal: Candidates must be a member of SEAN no later than Wednesday, Feb. 15. Candidates for president-elect, secretary and underclass representative must declare their intention to seek office no later than Wednesday, Feb. 1. To file, candidates must complete a Candidate Declaration Form by that date. The form seeks basic profile information, as well as a brief biographical statement that will be shared with SEAN members eligible to vote. The form will go online on Jan. 1, 2017.

All SEAN delegates in attendance will elect those officers.

Representatives from the four SEAN regions – Western, Metro, Southeast and Northeast – will be selected during the Delegate Assembly by representatives from those regions.

Also elected at SEAN's Delegate Assembly will be up to eight SEAN members to serve as student representatives to the larger NSEA Delegate Assembly, planned for Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, in Lincoln. The SEAN delegation will attend with up to 300 active service teachers from across the state. That event is a great networking opportunity for SEAN members.

Finally, members will also select up to three delegates and alternates to attend the NEA Representative Assembly in Boston, MA, in July.

For more details, watch coming editions of the SEAN Scene; the NSEA website at nsea.org, or speak with your lo-

cal chapter advisor.

Bylaws, Officer Term Changes

For the second time in SEAN's 61-year history, members this year will elect a candidate who will essentially commit to a two-year term in office with the Association.

A Bylaw change approved at SEAN's 2015 Delegate Assembly changed the title of the second-in-command from vice president to president-elect. The change also determines the president-elect "shall be a student with at least four semesters of study remaining at the time of election." The candidate would serve a year as president-elect and would presume to step into the role as president the next year.

Other terms of office are for one year. These offices will be up for election at the SEAN Delegate Assembly on March 31: president-elect, secretary and underclass representative (SEAN Bylaws dictate that candidates for this position "shall be a freshman or sophomore at the time of election").

SEAN's regional representatives will be selected by delegates from each region. Candidates who seek, but are not elected, to any of the offices above, may seek election as a regional representative. This listing indicates the campuses represented in each region.

- **Metro Region Representative**

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

- **Northeast Region Representative**

- Wayne State College
- Northeast Community College
- Midland University

- **Southeast Region Representative**

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

- **Western Region Representative**

- Chadron State College
- University of Nebraska-Kearney
- Hastings College
- York College
- Central Community College (all campuses)



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.

\$1k Stipend for Your Student Teaching Semester

Three Scholarships Supplied by NSEA-Retired

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. Applications must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Download the current application from this website:

www.nsea.org/SEAN

For details, contact Mick at 1-800-742-0047 or via e-mail at:

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And the 'Sean' Goes to... Playing off the Academy Awards, three SEAN Chapters won a 'Sean' statuette at the Association's Fall Conference in Wayne in November. The awards were presented for the #BehindtheSEANs contest that asked for chapter photos that spread the word about the Association. From left, representing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Kira Hess holds the award for Best Picture. Center, the University of Nebraska-Omaha's Elizabeth Milliken and Rebecca Burkhardt hold the award for Chapter in a Leading Role. At right, Wayne State College's Jaci Jenkins displays the award for Best Dramatic Series.

Attention Graduates!

Have you been an officer, active in your chapter or at the state level in the Student Education Association of Nebraska?

Are you about to graduate? Consider that graduates-to-be with records of participation are eligible to wear graduation cords or sashes over their graduation gowns.

If you're interested in recognizing your participation in SEAN during your graduation ceremonies, visit with your campus advisor for details.



CHAPTER REPORTS

Wayne State College

Wayne State College SEAN Chapter President Jaci Jenkins reports that members in there have had a busy fall semester.

In late October, members enjoyed the chapter's Administrator Seminar. Wayne Community Schools Superintendent Mark Lenihan spoke to students about expectations for clinical work, student teaching and interviews.

In early November, members held a Scholastic Book Fair. Members worked at the fair and sold scholastic books.

From the end of November through early December members will host a Giving Tree as part of the 2016 Festival of Trees at the college Student Center. The Wayne SEAN Christmas tree is decorated with school supplies that will allow the chapter to give back to the college. Those in need

of school supplies are encouraged to take an item from the chapter tree.

As noted, Jenkins is the chapter president. Laura Moxness is vice president and Judy Moeller is chapter sponsor.

Northeast Community College

Northeast Community College Chapter President Heather Eggers has held two events in the past five weeks.

In late October, members participated in the Spooktacular Halloween event coordinated through the college. Members hosted a game booth as their share of the event.

Also in late October, members participated in the Norfolk Coalition Suicide Awareness Walk by handing out water to walk participants.

Mary O'Boyle is the chapter advisor.

Dec. 8 is Deadline for Orlando Leadership Summit

The NEA Student Program will sponsor up to 25 Aspiring Educators (student members) to attend the 2017 NEA Leadership Summit to be held Feb. 25-27, 2017 in Orlando, FL.

The purpose of the summit is to develop activist leaders and prepare them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to lead a relevant and thriving association. Activist leaders are from all segments of the association that demonstrate, through action, a deep commitment to the goals, values, and vision of the NEA.

More than 2,000 Educators from across the country will attend to participate in insightful breakout sessions, keynote speakers, and networking with other participants. Attendees will gain invaluable tools and best practices and will leave feeling empowered to engage in your chapter, local, and state Association using the skills you gain.

Among other objectives, the goal is to deliver a unified, strategic, and interdisciplinary approach to leadership devel-

opment that reinforces and supports key leadership competencies in six strategic areas, including:

- Development of a growing active leadership via the student program.
- Fostering of student program members as they prepare to move into the active association, targeting for growth of future NEA leaders via the NEA Student Program.

Participants must be a current member of the NEA Student Program possessing leadership skills or potential to become future leaders; must complete application, essay, and provide letters of recommendation; and meet other requirements.

The NEA Student Chair will select recipients from the competitive pool of applicants. NEA Student Program will provide registration, travel, and housing.

Additional information can be obtained at:

www.nea.org/leadershipsummit

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SEAN Outreach '16

Importance of Teaching Stressed

The importance of teaching was emphasized and re-emphasized at the 2016 Fall Conference of the Student Education Association of Nebraska in early November.

Former Nebraska All American football player and current University of Nebraska-Omaha Athletic Director Trev Alberts told about 100 SEAN members that a teacher made an incredible difference in his life.

"I hope you all know how important your roles are," he told students.

NEA Student Program Chair Ashley Muscarella re-emphasized the importance of teaching when she said teachers "have the power and impact to set the tone" for a student's life.

That all came before SEAN members left the Wayne State College campus and headed to Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools where they made a real difference in short order during the annual Outreach to Teach Project. They painted walls, cupboards, bleachers and playground equipment; added murals to walls; cleaned and scrubbed; pulled weeds and more.

Alberts said he was not serious about school until a sixth grade teacher pulled him aside and said he was "getting by."

"That was the first time I thought I should be doing more," he said. "The impact you can have on young people can make a real difference."

Muscarella agreed. "Every lesson is the most important keynote address. Teachers give those keynotes every day," she said.

Teachers, she said, make a difference.

"By teaching today's students, we're teaching tomorrow's doctors, teachers, philosophers and others. That's the change we can be, and we need to be an advocate for that."

School work: Members of the Student Education Association of Nebraska came from across the state in November to give a quick facelift to the Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools. At top left, Wayne State College's Haley Guenther gives a fresh coat of paint to playground equipment. At left, York College's Sierra Valerio freshens a set of drawers. Below, this Peru State College team pulled weeds from a landscaped area. From left are Logan Zeleny, Megan Wallace, Elly Lempka, Marissa Wusk and Amanda Antholz.





Seen at SEAN: Clockwise, from top left, NSEA President Nancy Fulton visits with retired Wayne State College Education Professor and former NSEA President Dennis Lichty; College of Saint Mary's Hannah Muroski gives a fresh coat of paint to a classroom wall; a mural at the Emerson-Hubbard Elementary School was painted by Cody Schnebel of Northeast Community College,

NSEA Elkhorn District President Tracia Blom of South Sioux City, Emily Jones of Hastings College, and Kayla Bahle of the University of Nebraska-Omaha; keynote speaker and former All American football player Trev Alberts poses with Wayne State's Karissa Rudloff and College of Saint Mary's Hannah Muroski and Katie Golka.