



A newsletter by and for members of the Student Education Association of Nebraska.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FALL CONFERENCE & OUTREACH TO TEACH
PERU STATE COLLEGE
November 3-4

2ND ANNUAL SEAN LOBBY DAY
NSEA, LINCOLN
Date TBD based on Legislative Calendar

SPRING CONFERENCE & DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
TENTATIVE: UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, KEARNEY
April 13-14

NSEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2018
CORNHUSKER HOTEL LINCOLN, NE
April 27-28

NEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
June 27-30, 2018

NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
June 30 - July 5, 2018

2017 Fall Conference & Outreach to Teach

With LGBTQ and DACA on the agenda, the 2017 Fall Conference for the Student Education Association of Nebraska is shaping up as another winner.

The conference will be held the evening of Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov 4, on the campus of Peru State College. Speakers this year will focus on social justice issues – LGBTQ and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

A highlight of the conference this year will be the unveiling of the Change of Change results. Local SEAN chapters have been urged to collect change to donate to a school in the hurricane ravaged areas of south Texas and Florida. Those totals will be revealed on Friday night. The chapter which raises the most will win a prize – SEAN will provide the meal of their choosing at the chapter’s next meeting.

“There is great need for monetary assistance in all areas where these hurricanes landed,” said SEAN President Madison Kinney, a student at York College. “Every penny counts, and we hope to collect a great amount of pennies and make a real difference.”

See the related story (inside, page 2) to learn more.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Those chapters sending members to the conference should register no later than Tuesday, Oct. 24 at this website: www.nsea.org/2017Outreach

Other details include:

- **Rooms:** Chapters in need of hotel rooms must contact Tamra Mick at NSEA at 1-800-742-0047 by Tuesday, Oct. 24. 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.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday Night:

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Peru State College
7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:45 p.m.	Keynote Speaker

Saturday:

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	DACA Panel discussion and small groups
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Outreach Project: Focusing on Hurricane Harvey Relief

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collecting CHANGE FOR CHANGE

A community outreach project by the Student Education Association of Nebraska

Gandhi said “Aspire to be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Now, members of the Student Education Association of Nebraska can use pocket change to cause societal change.

The 2017-18 theme for SEAN is “Aspire to be the Change.”

In lieu of a traditional Outreach to Teach project this fall, SEAN leaders have opted for a fundraising event to assist public school students affected by the disastrous hurricanes that hit the south recently. Funds raised through the project will be targeted to an elementary school in the Port Arthur School District in Texas.

As part of this effort, SEAN chapters are encouraged to begin to gather spare change as part of the campaign. The methods of gathering change are at the chapter’s discretion, but could include setting up a table or booth at Homecoming events, having a jar for collection set in the Education Department offices or the school cafeteria, trick or treating for pennies... the possibilities are endless.

Chapters are encouraged to continue these efforts **through Wednesday, Nov. 1**. Please share photos of the efforts on the SEAN social media accounts listed on the front page of the October SEAN newsletter. The collection successes will be celebrated at Fall Conference Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Peru State College. The chapter that raises the most throughout this campaign will be treated to a group dinner at the chapter’s next meeting. Also of note, an anonymous donor has pledged to match funds up to \$250.

Chapters are also asked to bring the following items to Peru on November 3, which will be packed and sent to the school in Texas: Pencils/Pens; Sharpies; Dry Erase Markers; Kleenex; Hand Sanitizer/ Antibacterial Wipes.

If you have questions or need more details, contact SEAN state advisors Kristen Sedlacek (kristen.sedlacek@nsea.org) or Kristi Capek (kristi.capek@nsea.org) or associate staffer Tamra Mick (tamra.mick@nsea.org) at 1-800-742-0047.

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GRANT FUNDING FOR EVENTS & PROJECTS NOW AVAILABLE

Does your chapter need to add some spice and pizzazz to a meeting, or have the need for cash to finance a special project?

Beginning now, NSEA will offer grant funding to local chapters of the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) on a first-come, first-served basis for Chapters with financial needs. Chapters can apply for grants to assist with local events or community service projects/outreach events. Grants will be awarded to Chapters that apply using the online request form found at:

www.nsea.org/SEANGrant

All fields in the grant request form must be completed. SEAN representatives will contact the campus chapter advisor to ensure the funding request is legitimate. Funds will be made payable to the chapter and not directly to an advisor or student member.

Up to \$100 each semester may be awarded to a chapter. Funding for chapter events may include, but are not limited to: food/prizes for chapter meetings; chapter social events or parties; chapter recruitment events.

Up to \$500 annually may be awarded to chapters for community service projects or outreach events. Those events may include, but are not limited to: supplies for an outreach event at a local public school; an outreach event at your college/university; community service fair.

Remember, funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the budgeted funding has been exhausted, additional grant applications will not be accepted.

Questions? Contact SEAN State Student Organizer Kristen Sedlacek at (800) 742-0047 or at: kristen.sedlacek@nsea.org



INTERGENERATIONAL MENTORING

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 15th edition of the mentoring program will take shape again next year. Rather than meeting in one location at Lincoln, the NSEA-Retired organization hopes to bring the program to college and university students on a regional basis. Those plans are still in the works – you'll learn more at SEAN Fall Conference; the NSEA magazine, *The Voice*; and the NSEA website at www.nsea.org.

Here's how the program works: College students training to become teachers 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 sophomore or junior year in teacher education. The NSEA-Retired members act as mentor to the students 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.

Registration for this no-cost program will soon open! For details, call NSEA's Mike Wiesen at (800) 742-0047.

To sign up, go to: www.nsea.org/2018IGM



SEAN Program Sweeps Awards at NEA Student Program Gala

“Nebraska Night” would have been a much shorter name for the 2017 National Education Association Student Program Student Leadership Conference Awards Banquet. It would have been apropos, too!

Members of the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) – NSEA’s student program – took the stage several times to accept awards for work during the 2016-17 year, and swept social justice categories.

“It was an incredible honor and truly indicates our student leaders achieved their goals of focusing on social justice issues this year,” said SEAN Advisors Kristen Sedlacek, an organizational specialist for NSEA, and Kristi Capek, NSEA’s graphic artist and webmaster.

Among the awards to SEAN:

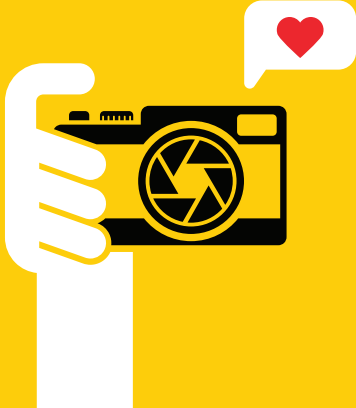
- **Outstanding State Student Leader:** Went to past SEAN President Denton Beacom. The Wayne State senior was cited for enthusiasm in his work in building membership and for leadership in planning statewide conferences. He organized the first SEAN Lobby Day at the Legislature, and led 27 members to the capitol to meet with senators. He testified against a bill to reduce retirement benefits for teachers hired after July 1, 2018.
- **Excellence in Social Justice:** The Hastings College chapter was cited for efforts to bring social justice awareness to future teachers. The chapter defined social justice as “fair is not equal...fair is providing what is needed.” The nomination said “we believe our purpose is to provide what students need to ‘even the playing field’ so that every child from every diverse population has an equal chance for success. When children need accommodations in the classroom, they should be provided without question.”
- **Excellence in Social Justice:** The state organization was cited for a social justice panel at SEAN’s spring conference. Beacom found three high school students to participate in a panel on social and racial justice. SEAN members listened as panelists explained their hopes, dreams, concerns and experiences as students of color. The panel experience was described as “incredibly powerful” for all.
- **Outstanding State Achievement:** The state chapter was cited for organizing the first SEAN Lobby Day in March. More than two dozen students attended and learned about pending legislation that would affect them and their classrooms. Students then identified their senators, and each student committed to talking to several senators about education issues.



Winning in Boston: Back row, from left: NSEA Vice President Paul Schulte; NSEA Past President Nancy Fulton; Casey Molifua, Steven Dunham, Ann Auten, Hastings College; SEAN President Madison Kinney, York College; SEAN Secretary Megan Wallace, Peru State College; SEAN Western Region Representative Tommy Eckhart, York College; NSEA President Jenni Benson; SEAN State Organizer Kristi Capek, NSEA Executive Director Maddie Fennell; SEAN State Organizer Kristen Sedlacek; SEAN Underclass Representative Alicia Laufenberg, UNO.

Front row, from left: Tahj Willingham, Hastings College; SEAN Past President Denton Beacom, SEAN Northeast Representative Bailey Schlueter, Wayne State College; SEAN Metro Region Representative Elizabeth Milliken, UNO.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE




Being in Beantown: It wasn't all work – SEAN members had some fun and got to see various sites while in Boston in June. Clockwise from top: Discussion during the NEA Student Leadership Conference (SLC); Celebrating a social justice award at the SLC; Community Outreach Legacy Project at Everett Elementary; SEAN members with NEA President Lily Eskelsen-García; at the site of the first public school in Boston.