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Student FEA News



Register for Student FEA State Conference Today!

The Eighth Annual Student Florida Education Association State Conference will take place on February 24th—26th at the Double Tree Westshore in Tampa Florida. All members of the Student FEA and Student NEA are encouraged to attend.

This year's conference theme is Under the Big Top. We will explore multiple best practices designed to help you manage your classroom time while integrating Art, Music, Physical Education, and Technology into instruction!

We will begin on Friday, February 24th with a 3:00 p.m. hotel check-in. A group dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. with a guest speaker and a social will follow. All conference learning sessions will take place between

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th and 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 26th.

On Saturday, Feb 25th you will have time to enjoy an evening out to enjoy the local scene. Check-out time is noon Sunday morning.

Our goal is to make this conference interesting, informative and fun. It is a great opportunity to network with your peers from other colleges and universities as well as representatives from the Florida Education Association.

A \$65.00 registration fee will cover your room in Tampa for two nights, (quad occupancy), dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, a SFEA tee shirt and all conference materials.

All travel expenses and incidentals are your responsibility. Space is limited so fill out the registration sheet below. **Send your completed form with a check for \$65.00 made out to the Florida Education Association and mail it to: Florida Education Association, Attn: Helen Mitchell, 213 South Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301.**

The Deadline for registration is January 20, 2011. Space is limited so register today. Questions? Contact Samantha Roberts, SFEA President at Samantha_Lee_Roberts@yahoo.com or Brian.phillips@floridaea.org.



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State Conference Registration Form

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

MAJOR/FIELD OF STUDY _____ AGE _____ Gender: FEMALE MALE

YEAR IN SCHOOL _____ ETHNICITY: CAUCASIAN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISPANIC ASIAN NATIVE AMERICAN

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL SPECIAL NEEDS (explain) _____

All rooms are non-smoking. Roommates will be assigned four (4) to a room unless the participant wants to pay for there own room. Please list roommate (s) preference (s) below: _____

Student FEA Attends FEA Delegates Assembly

By: Samantha Roberts, SFEA President

The Delegates Assembly was a great success! The Student Program sent 10 delegates to Orlando for a weekend of policy and politics. While at the DA the student program held a raffle for college themed gift baskets. SFEA raised over \$700.00. Students had the pleasure of hearing from a few amazing guest speakers, including Alex Sink, Senator Bill Nelson, and Vice President Joe Biden and his lovely wife Dr. Jill Biden. These speakers really



Student Delegates with Florida Education Association President Andy Ford, Vice President Joanne McCall, and Secretary/Treasure Clara Cook

got the assembly excited and pumped up for the upcoming elections. After a long day like a big talent show. We have some pretty talented teachers, some sang other played instruments and some did funny



skits about the politics of the union. We closed out the assembly with a pink out; the whole assembly wore our Pink Slip of Rick shirts. Overall the DA was informative and an exciting time for student members to see more of what the union does when everyone is together.

SFEA Attends NEA Connection Conference in Texas

By: Lindsey Taylor, UNF President

Leaders from NEA Student Programs nationwide came to Houston, Texas for about 72 hours to learn about Benefits. This event kicked off the weekend and the tradition of pin trading with other state student groups.



NEA Connections 2011 Conference Attendees

integrating arts into their curriculum. Students lodged at the Huston Hilton and were welcomed

Music, art, drama and physical education workshops reinforced the importance of praise in student

Brittney and Lindsey Staying Out of Trouble?



motivation and reminded us of the benefits students gain by being involved in the Arts.

To wrap up the weekend, students made their Political Action Committee (PAC) donations and were taken to Kemah Boardwalk, an hour away from Houston, for a night of fun and fireworks. Students got a taste of Texas while becoming more involved and resourceful in their profession.



Call for Nominations to the Student FEA Executive Board

It is time to begin the election process for student officers for the 2012/13 school year. In order to run for a position on the SFEA executive board you must be a member of SFEA/Student NEA and plan to be a member during the 2012/13 school year. Each position holds a one year term. To nominate yourself for a position on the Executive Board you must email the below information by February 1, 2012 to SFEA@Floridaaea.org. Once candidacy has been declared you have the opportunity to speak at the SFEA State Conference on February 24th in Tampa. Each candidate will be given three minutes to address the attendees of the conference and then voting will happen on the second day, February 25th. You are encouraged to attend the conference, but it is not required to run for office. If you do not attend, you are not allowed to have someone speak on your behalf. The follow positions with a brief description are open for election:

President: Serve as the chairperson of the SFEA executive board, work in conjunction with the state advisor and president to ensure the smooth functioning of operations, coordinate and attend the SFEA Annual Leadership Conference, attend all FEA Governance board meetings (four per year, expenses are paid), attend Regional Leadership meetings (some expenses are paid), attend the NEA Representative Assembly (some expenses are paid), communicate with all Chapter Presidents.

Vice President: Serve as a member of the SFEA executive board, work in conjunction with the state advisor and president to ensure the smooth functioning of operations, coordinate and attend the SFEA Annual Leadership Conference, create and edit monthly newsletter.

Secretary: Serve as a member of the SFEA executive board, work in conjunction with the state advisor and president to ensure the

smooth functioning of operations, coordinate and attend the SFEA Annual Leadership Conference, take notes at all meetings and disburse to SFEA executive board.

Treasurer: Serve as a member of the SFEA executive board, work in conjunction with the state advisor and president to ensure the smooth functioning of operations, coordinate and attend the SFEA Annual Leadership Conference, work with state advisor to determine budget and make changes as needed.

Webmaster: Serve as a member of the SFEA executive board, work in conjunction with the state advisor and president to ensure the smooth functioning of operations, coordinate and attend the SFEA Annual Leadership Conference, maintain SFEA website and other social media accounts.

Membership: Serve as a member of the SFEA executive board, work in conjunction with the state advisor and president to ensure the smooth functioning of operations, coordinate and attend the SFEA Annual Leadership Conference, create and update listserv of all SFEA members with support from state advisor, create and send messages and updates to listserv as needed with support from state advisor.

Nominate Yourself Today! By emailing the below information to SFEA@floridaea.org by February 1, 2011.

SFEA Declaration of Candidacy for Office

President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Webmaster Membership

CHECK ONE

Name: _____
 Permanent Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
 School Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 School Phone: _____
 College / University Attending: _____
 Academic Major(s): _____
 Certification Area: _____
 Class Status: _____
 When will/did you student teach/intern? _____
 Anticipated graduation date: (month/year) _____



University of North Florida SNEA NEWS

By: Lindsey Taylor, UNF President

This month the University of North Florida NEA Student Program has been focusing on professional development and team strengthening. Beginning with a presentation by Dr. Chris White, an education professor at UNF. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about tips for combating and preventing some of the most stressful classroom management situations. Students were able to draw on situations that had occurred in their field experiences, and many found that they had similar problems. However, since students had different teaching styles, students learned they needed to apply solutions that would work well with their abilities and the kind of students they

Mike showing his "true colors"!



would teach. At the second meeting of the month, students did the True Colors Assessment in order to find out what their leadership qualities looked like. The test was given by Treasurer Mike Naughton who is actually certified to give this test. President Lindsey Taylor said, "It was interesting to see the different colors members were. We learned our officers are a pretty diverse group, which explains why we each have so many different kinds of ideas for our chapter's activities." After everyone shared their top color, and the leadership styles were discussed, students decorated cookies with their color made by Vice President Brittany Groden. Currently, the UNF Chapter is working on beginning fundraising to attend the FEA State Conference and continuing to organize guest speakers and topics

relevant to member requests. At the end of this month, President Lindsey Taylor will be attending the Florida Delegate Assembly, followed by the NEA Connections Conference with Vice President Brittany Groden in November.



True Colors and Cupcakes at UNF!



UCF President Lindsey Taylor 2011 FEA Delegate Assembly

University of Central Florida SNEA NEWS

By: Stefanie Preston, UCF Chapter President

The UCF Chapter of SNEA has gotten off to an exciting start for the 2011-2012 school year. Our goals for this year are to increase membership and add to more service projects. An ongoing service project is helping out with Blessings in a Backpack, which is a program that provides donated food to students and their families from Grand Avenue Primary Learning Center in Orlando, Florida. Because there are several food drives that are sponsored by organizations in School of Education, our chapter chose to sponsor a different drive, which holds just as much importance. We've recently learned of the high and growing population of homeless children in Seminole County. There are programs in place to offer a meal, usually in the form of free and reduced lunch, but nothing to offer free toiletries. Thus, Bubbles in a Bag was born. It's a drive to collect Ziploc bags filled with toiletries. If a homeless mother has a choice of buying bread or a bar of soap for her child, she's going to buy the bread.



We will be collecting bags at school until December and plan to deliver to Spring Lake Elementary School in time for the

holidays. Hopefully, we can put something in place to have this effort be continuous.

Another exciting program that the UCF Chapter is embarking upon is a mentoring program with the Retired Orange County Classroom Teachers Association. The retired members will be

paired with education majors that are in their junior and senior year(s). The goal is to build a trusting mentoring relationship that has the potential to last after the student has graduated. A mentor can provide a listening ear and a ton of advice and ideas. There was a meeting with members of the UCF chapter and the retired teachers and it was calculated that there was over 700 years of experience in the room. That's both exciting and motivating. The mentoring program will be open to all education students, but members of SNEA will have priority. As they say, membership has its privileges.

As we go into 2012, we have many exciting events planned. We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair and screening of American Teacher, both in February. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday in March with the Read Across America event. And as always, we will have monthly meetings that promote professional development with guest speakers and exciting activities. Happy Holidays to you from the UCF Chapter.

Interest in Hosting a Screening of American Teacher?

The Student FEA is looking for Chapters that are interested in hosting a screening of **American Teacher**, the movie. **American Teacher** is the feature-length documentary created and produced by Vanessa Roth, Nínive Calegari, Dave Eggers, and Brian McGinn.

teachers themselves. By following these teachers as they reach different milestones in their careers, the film tells the deeper story of the teaching profession in America today. (<http://www.dynamiceregistration.com/americanteacher/default.asp>).

its content. Some chapters have even had a panel discussion with education experts from the community. The screening are free thanks to a sponsorship by Microsoft Partners in Learning. Microsoft Partners in Learning is a 10-year, nearly \$500 million commitment by Microsoft to

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The film includes a musical score by Thao Nguyen and is narrated by Matt Damon. The film chronicles the stories of four teachers living and working in disparate urban and rural areas of the country. Their stories are told through a mixture of footage and interviews with students, families, and colleagues, as well as the

If your SFEA Chapter is interested in hosting a screening at your university or college contact State Student Organizer Brian Phillips at brian.phillips@floridaea.org and he can help you get the process started. Typically screenings include the movie and then some dialog after the movie around

transform education systems around the world, empowering more than 9 million educators in over 115 countries to creatively and effectively use technology in their curriculum to help improve the way students learn. (www.microsoft/education.com).