

TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters  
FROM: Dr. Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor  
MEMO: Greetings & Information for 2016 – 2017

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On behalf of NYSSMA, I would like to extend to you greetings and best wishes for a successful 2016-2017 academic year. Please find enclosed the following information:

- ✓ Welcome letter and contact information for your State Collegiate Officers  
*Please pass or duplicate and distribute this letter to your collegiate officers and members.*
- ✓ 2016-2017 Collegiate membership registration instructions  
*Students can join or renew by locating the “Membership” link on either one of the following websites:*

[www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)  
[www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org)

COST to join or renew: \$38.00 [Covers both state and national dues.]  
DEADLINE to join: October 31, 2016<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ State NYSSMA Conference information  
WHEN: December 1 – 4, 2016  
WHERE: Rochester Convention Center  
COST: \$35.00 (pre- and on-site registration fee is the same)  
Online Registration is available at this link:

[www.nyssma.org/event/2016-nyssma-winter-conference/](http://www.nyssma.org/event/2016-nyssma-winter-conference/)

- ✓ Eastern Division NAFME In-Service Conference information  
WHEN: April 5 – 8, 2017  
WHERE: Atlantic City, NJ  
COST: TBA

Online Registration will be available at this link:

[www.nafme-eastern.org](http://www.nafme-eastern.org)

I look forward to your participation at these exciting events scheduled for this year. C-NYSSMA will continue to be successful as more collegiate chapters make a commitment to be visible and active participants at these in-services and conferences. Please mark your calendars and encourage your chapter members to get involved this year.

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<sup>1</sup> While students can join and renew at any time past October 31. This deadline is helpful for NYSSMA and NAFME in managing enrollment for mailing lists, NYSSMA scholarship awards to attend the Winter Conference, etc.

Should you need any assistance in getting your chapter members to attend in-services and conferences scheduled this year or if you need any suggestions about how to establish or maintain an active chapter, please feel free to contact our State Collegiate officers:

President:	Joseph Franzino (Queens College - CUNY) josephfranzino@gmail.com
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Province Rep Area 3:	Jesse Wilhelm (Syracuse University) jnwilhel@syr.edu
Province Rep Area 6:	Monica Fox (Queens College – CUNY) <a href="mailto:monica.fox92@gmail.edu">monica.fox92@gmail.edu</a>

By all means, let me know as well. I would be delighted to visit your campus and visit with your collegiate members or arrange for state collegiate officers to be present. I can be reached via telephone (585) 730-4165 or electronically at: [kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu)

I wish you a very successful school year and hope to see you and your students at the Rochester Convention Center and/or in Atlantic City!

With best wishes,  
Keith Koster, Ph.D.  
NAfME Collegiate New York State Advisor  
Program Director, Undergraduate Music Education  
Nazareth College

Greetings Faculty Advisors and Students:

My name is Joseph Franzino and I am the State Collegiate President of C-NYSSMA/NAfME. I hope that the beginning of your school year is off to a good start!

I want to welcome you to C-NYSSMA/NAfME this year and hope that you plan on joining or renewing your collegiate membership by October 31, 2016. We've included in the packet a lot of information so that you are informed about the many opportunities available to you this year. We hope to see you at the many conferences, workshops and events that are scheduled.

If you're hosting any chapter events, please let me OR Dr. Koster (our advisor) know so that we can post the information on the collegiate link on the NYSSMA website ([www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)).

Several goals that we hope to initiate this year include (a) improving communication about events and activities between chapters, (b) creating a new handbook that outlines suggested activities for collegiate members, and (c) improving the visibility of collegiate members throughout the state and Eastern region.

New York state has traditionally included a strong vibrant community of C-NYSSMA/NAfME members. I'd like to help you and your chapter members realize your goals and support your activities during the 2016-2017 academic year. So, if I can be of any assistance this year, please let me know. Here's my e-mail address:

[josephfranzino@gmail.com](mailto:josephfranzino@gmail.com)

Stay in touch and behalf of C-NYSSMA/NAfME, I hope to see you at the Winter Conference in Rochester, NY in December and next April, at the Eastern Division Meeting of NAfME in Atlantic City, NJ, if not sooner. Thank you for making the commitment to music education by joining or renewing your membership!!

Have a good year!

Musically yours,  
Joseph Franzino  
President, Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME  
CUNY-Queens College

Information

about

Collegiate

Membership

*Please share & post*

# Renew Your C-NAfME/NYSSMA Membership Online: Here's how!

Madison Hanel, NAFME/NYSSMA State Secretary/Treasurer  
Nazareth College, New York  
Mhanel5@mail.naz.edu

- ♪ Go to [www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org)
- ♪ Click on the Renew tab link (located on the top right hand side).
- ♪ Enter your e-mail address \*NOTE enter the e-mail address that you gave to NAFME (The one you receive e-mails from them at).
- ♪ Enter your member ID \*NOTE this is your 9-digit NAFME member ID, including all the zeros. If you do not remember this number, you can click "I can't access my account" right below the blank member ID box. From there, you can choose to have the site email you your member ID number.
- ♪ A screen will open with options to check out your information.
- ♪ Make sure to update or double check all information, especially your addresses so that documents and newsletters arrive at the proper place.
- ♪ If you wish, you can choose between two subscriptions to music journals offered at a special price for NAFME members. You may also choose to make a donation.
- ♪ Make sure to select "Collegiate" membership and to input your college into the college selection box.
- ♪ Once you arrive at the "Complete" tab, your total cost will be displayed. If you just chose a basic renewal of membership and no additional items, your total should be \$38.00.
- ♪ Enter your credit card or payment information below that.
- ♪ Click the blue "Submit and process credit card payment" at the bottom right of the page.
- ♪ Confirm and finish - You should receive an email acknowledging your renewal. Congrats! You are good to go.

\*Note: NAFME and NYSSMA are a joint membership. If you belong to one, you belong to both. You can also renew on [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org) with a very similar procedure

Any questions, comments, or concerns?  
Contact Madison Hanel, State Secretary-Treasurer  
[mhanel5@naz.edu](mailto:mhanel5@naz.edu)

# Information about the 2016 State NYSSMA Conference In-Service Conference

Welcome! The 2016 State Winter Conference will take place December 1 – 4, 2016 at the Rochester Convention Center ([www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)). Last year, over 200 collegiate members attended the state conference. We're hoping that even more collegiate members will attend the conference this year!

For more information about the location, parking, and adjacent hotels:

**[www.rrcc.com](http://www.rrcc.com)**

The full range of collegiate offerings appears below and will again include collegiate sessions, meeting for your chapter officers and Executive Board, and a pizza night event that includes a collegiate-wide business meeting. There is so much to be gained by attending our state in-service conference, so please mark your calendars! Online registration can be completed at the following e-mail address: [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org). Cost to attend this year is \$35.00 and as usual, scholarships are available as well as reimbursement for student drivers who bring 4 or more members to the conference. That information is included in this packet.

**ON SITE REGISTRATION---ADVISORS PLEASE NOTE:** If your students have not pre-registered, they must show their NAME ID when they register on-site.

For the most current information about conference proceedings, please check the following website: [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org) and find the Winter Conference links.

**Here are just a few of the many great sessions that are scheduled this year!  
Please share with your members.**

## 2016 NYSSMA Winter Conference COLLEGIATE SESSIONS

**Thursday, December 1; 4:15 p.m.**

Presenter: Thomas Gellert and others

Session: *Teachers Roundtable: Experienced teachers share their strategies for success [Panel Discussion]*

Location: CC Riverside Court

**Thursday, December 1; 7:00 p.m.**

Presenter: Thomas Gellert

Session: *Mock Interviews for Collegiate Students*

Location: CC Riverside Court

**NOTE: We're limiting this session to 5 mock interview candidates. If you have a student who is willing to participate in this experience, please e-mail State Collegiate President, Joseph Franzino ([josephfranzino@gmail.com](mailto:josephfranzino@gmail.com) by November 5, 2016).**

**Friday, December 2; 9:30 a.m.**

Presenter: Katrya Cichanowicz, Lead panelist

Session: *A Teacher's Third Year – How does it look? [Panel Discussion]*

Location: CC Riverside Court

**Friday, December 2, Noon**

Meeting for New York chapter officers and State Executive Board

Location: CC Riverside Court

**Friday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.**

Presenter: Meghan Cabral

Session: *Q & A for New and Future Teachers [Interactive technology session, bring your device(s).]*

Location: CC Riverside Court

**Friday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.**

**Collegiate Business Meeting and Pizza**

Presenter: State Executive Board Members

Location: CC Riverside Court

**Saturday, December 3, 8:15 a.m.**

Presenter: Keith Koster

Session: *edTPA for Cooperating Teachers & Student Teachers*

Location: CC Riverside Court

A few additional notes regarding the 2016 NYSSMA Winter Conference this year.

- I. The NYSSMA Winter Conference is December 1 – 4 in Rochester, NY at the Rochester Convention Center. **Collegiate Day** is slated for Friday, December 2, 2016. NOTE that we have 2 wonderful collegiate sessions on Thursday, December 1 as well. All sessions are 1 hour in duration. Make sure that your students attend the Business Meeting with free pizza on Friday, December 2 at 6 p.m. in the CC Riverside Court. There, they will be informed about collegiate activities throughout the State as well as upcoming opportunities to attend events in New Jersey, Albany, NY and Washington DC.

Students can register and pay on-line to attend the Conference. Go to [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org), locate and click the Winter Conference link. NOTE: Both online and onsite registration is \$35.00.

2. As in the past, chapters who report membership to Dr. Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu) by **November 5, 2016**, will be eligible for scholarships from NYSSMA. From one to four \$50 scholarships will be awarded to students from each chapter to help defray conference costs depending on chapter membership size. Details of the scholarship qualification include 2 hours of work at the conference and mandatory attendance at the Friday evening dinner/business meeting at 6 p.m. in the CC Riverside Court. Scholarship winners will be notified on November 15, 2016.
3. As another incentive to encourage collegiate attendance at the 2016 Winter Conference, we will once again be reimbursing student drivers outside the Rochester area who bring four or more students in a vehicle. The reimbursement is \$50.00 per vehicle. NOTE: Make sure that student drivers who are eligible for this payment see Dr. Koster at the conference to confirm their travel arrangements and complete paperwork in order to be reimbursed.
4. If you are contacted by any one of our Province Representatives requesting information about the doings in your chapter this year, **please respond**. It will only take a moment of your time. They have the thankless job to gather that information to report to collegiate membership. Help make their positions rewarding, valued, and fulfilling. If you don't feel that you have the time to respond, pass that request on to your collegiate chapter officers or another responsible student member. Thank you.

# Important C-NAfME/NYSSMA Dates 2016-2017

*Mark your Calendars!*

- August – October 31, 2016 Complete your chapter Membership Drive by getting students to join or renew their memberships at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org) OR [www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org)  
[Step-by-step instructions are included in this packet.]
- September 24, 2016 Greater Rochester American Orff-Schulwerk (GRAOSA) Workshop at Crane Elementary School (Rush-Henrietta CSD), Henrietta, NY  
COST: Free  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break.
- October 1, 2016 NY-GIML Workshop at Lindbergh Elementary School; Kenmore Town of Tonawanda School District; 184 Irving Terrace, Buffalo, NY 14223  
COST: \$10.00  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Contact: Lynn Grossman for details  
[miss.lynn.grossman@gmail.com](mailto:miss.lynn.grossman@gmail.com)
- November 5, 2016 Send roster of collegiate members including e-mail addresses to Keith Koster ([kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu))
- November 15, 2016 Winter Conference Scholarship Winners will be announced electronically.
- December 1 – 4, 2016 Annual NYSSMA Winter Conference  
WHERE: Rochester Convention Center  
COST: \$35.00
- January 21, 2017 Greater Rochester American Orff-Schulwerk (GRAOSA) Workshop at Crane Elementary School (Rush-Henrietta CSD), Henrietta, NY  
COST: Free  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break.
- March 6, 2017 Joseph Sugar Day in Albany, NY  
NYSSMA members as well as collegiate students meet with State Legislators to promote music education, arts education. It's also a celebration of

New York Music Education in the Capitol Building.  
For more information, e-mail Mr. Alan Orloff  
(NYSSMA Government Relations Chair):  
grc@nyssma.org

March 25, 2017

Greater American Orff Schulwerk Association  
(GRAOSA) Workshop at Nazareth College (in the  
Forum), 4245 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618  
COST: Free  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break.

March 25, 2017

Deadline to run for State Executive Board;  
Application and letter of recommendation are due  
by midnight. Send to Dr. Koster  
(kkoster8@naz.edu)

April 1 - 8, 2017

Annual E-Elections for State Executive Board;  
*Terms run from May to May*  
NOTE: Each collegiate chapter advisor will be sent  
a secure link to the ballot. Send the link to your  
student members so that they can vote. VOTING  
ENDS ON APRIL 8, 2017 at midnight.  
Results will be announced on April 15, 2017.

April 4 – 7, 2017

Eastern Division of NAFME; "All Eastern Regional  
Conference" Atlantic City, NJ  
Information: nafme-eastern.org

June 28 – 30, 2017

NAFME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC and  
Tysons Corner, VA  
For more information, e-mail Mr. Alan Orloff  
(NYSSMA Government Relations Chair):  
grc@nyssma.org

July 24 – 28, 2017

Music Education Week at Nazareth College  
Rochester, NY  
[week long workshops for music educators]  
COST: Free for college students

August 13 - 15, 2017

Annual NYSSMA Summer Conference  
WHERE: Hilton Hotel, 40 Lodge Street, Albany,  
NY 12207  
COST: \$30.00  
For more information: www.nyssma.org

**NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD  
LIKE POSTED TO THIS CALENDAR, SEND THE INFORMATION TO  
Keith Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu). We'll post this information on the C-  
NYSSMA website. Thank you.**

## **IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHAPTERS?? HERE'S HOW!**

Collegiate Links  
*Follow us!*

### **State Collegiate (C-NYSSMA/NAfME) Links**

Gmail: [nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com](mailto:nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/nafmecollegiateny](http://www.facebook.com/groups/nafmecollegiateny)  
Instagram: [@nafmecollegiateny](https://www.instagram.com/nafmecollegiateny)  
Twitter: [@nafmecollegeny](https://twitter.com/nafmecollegeny)  
Wordpress (Blog): <https://nafmecollegiateny.wordpress.com>  
Website: [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)

### **Buffalo State University Links**

Email: [buffalostatnafme@gmail.com](mailto:buffalostatnafme@gmail.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/](http://www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/)  
Department page: <http://music.buffalostate.edu>

### **College of St. Rose Links**

Email: [strosnafme@gmail.com](mailto:strosnafme@gmail.com)  
Facebook: NAfME at the College of Saint Rose  
Instagram: [st.rose\\_NAfME](https://www.instagram.com/st.rose_NAfME)  
Website: [www.strose.edu](http://www.strose.edu)

### **Nazareth Collegiate Chapter Links**

Email: [nafme@mail.naz.edu](mailto:nafme@mail.naz.edu)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Nazareth-College-NAfME](http://www.facebook.com/Nazareth-College-NAfME)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/NazNafme](https://twitter.com/NazNafme)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/naznafme](https://www.instagram.com/naznafme)  
Department page: [www.naz.edu/music](http://www.naz.edu/music)

### **Queens College-CUNY**

Email: [menc504@gmail.com](mailto:menc504@gmail.com)  
Facebook: [Facebook.com/nafmeqc](https://www.facebook.com/nafmeqc)  
Twitter: [@nafmeqc](https://twitter.com/nafmeqc)  
Instagram: [@nafmeqc](https://www.instagram.com/nafmeqc)  
Department page: <http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/music/>

### **SUNY-Fredonia**

Email: [grab3024@freodnia.edu](mailto:grab3024@freodnia.edu)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/145618501559](https://www.facebook.com/groups/145618501559)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/FredoniaNAfME](https://www.instagram.com/FredoniaNAfME)  
Department page: [home.fredonia.edu/music/](http://home.fredonia.edu/music/)

Your school's not on the list? Send your information to Keith Koster  
([kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu)).

**NAfME Collegiate NYSSMA**

***Driver Reimbursement Form  
2016***

[Please print all information clearly.]

**Driver's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's Phone Number & E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**College/University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's Mailing Address** (Where you want the check to be sent.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Name of Passengers** (other than the driver; NOTE: to qualify, there must be 4 people in the vehicle, including the driver)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Form for  
NAfME Collegiate NYSSMA State Executive Board**

***Once completed, either mail OR scan and send to:***

**Keith Koster  
Music Department  
Nazareth College  
4245 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14618**

**OR**

**kkoster8@naz.edu**

1. Office for which you are running (Circle ONLY one)

President Elect\*

Secretary-Treasurer

Web Editor

Province Representative

2. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Year in College: \_\_\_\_\_

4. School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Form continues on the next page.***

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please **attach the following:**

**A.** Statement of your experience, background, and qualifications (300-word maximum) for the position for which you are running. NOTE that this statement may be printed in *School Music News*.

**B.** A brief letter of recommendation from your chapter's faculty advisor.

NOTE:

All members of the Executive Board are expected to attend the Executive Council Meeting and the dinner/ business meeting at the NYSSM Winter Conference. In the event of an emergency or conflict, it is the officer's obligation to appoint a replacement for those meetings and provide the alternate with the relevant report.

Candidates must mail this form with attachments to Dr. Keith Koster; Nazareth College; Music Department; 4245 East Avenue; Rochester, NY 14618, postmarked no later than **March 15, 2017**.

\*Please note that the President-elect shall serve in that office for the term of one year, and shall succeed automatically to the office of President for the term of one year. Hence, the candidate must be currently a Freshman or Sophomore or Junior.