

TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters
FROM: Dr. Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor
MEMO: Greetings & Information for Spring, 2018

On behalf of NYSSMA, I would like to extend to you both greetings and best wishes for a successful 2018 semester. 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.
- ✓ 2018 Collegiate membership registration instructions
Students can still join or renew by locating the "Membership" link on either one of the following websites:

National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
www.nafme.org
For membership (join/renew) go to www.nafme.org

OR

New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)
www.nyssma.org
For membership (join/renew), go to www.nyssma.org

COST to join or renew: \$38.00 [Covers both state and national dues.]

- ✓ Biennial State Collegiate NYSSMA Conference
WHEN: February 16 – 17, 2018
WHERE: Aaron Copland School of Music, CUNY-Queens College;
65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11367
Collegiate Chapter Advisor/Host: Dr. Susan Davis

SEE ATTACHED ANNOUNCEMENT (ENCLOSED)

COST: \$40.00

- ✓ Annual NYSSMA Summer Conference
WHEN: August 13 - 15, 2018
WHERE: Hilton Hotel, 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207
COST: \$30.00
For more information: www.nyssma.org

I look forward to your participation at these exciting events scheduled for this 2018. 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. 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:	Shoko Nagami (Syracuse University) [snagami@syr.edu]
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Province Rep Area 7:	Krissy Murnieks (Buffalo State University) murnieks01@mail.buffalostate.edu

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

I wish you a very successful school year and hope to see you and your students at the Rochester Convention Center for the Winter Conference in November & December or at Queens College CUNY in February!!

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

2018 BIENNIAL C-NYSSMA/NAFME COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR COLLEGIATE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

Please Join us for the 2018 NYS NAFME Collegiate Conference - *Moving Forward in Music Education - Diverse and Inclusive Communities* - at Queens College on February 16-17th, 2018!

The Biennial NAFME-Collegiate Conference is an event where students studying music education from all over New York come together under one roof to learn more about the field they are entering. With a variety of sessions and exhibitors, students are never left empty handed. This conference also allows students to network with each other and share ideas. It is the first time in a number of years that the conference will be hosted "downstate", and we have a collection of awesome presenters from Long Island and the tri-state area! This includes past NYSSMA board members, as well as current President Michael Salzman!

Friday Night is a busy night of entertainment and education! We have the pleasure in hosting **TWO MASTER CLASSES**: one in choral conducting, and another with our Grammy Nominated guests, the Catalyst Quartet. If you are a string player interested in participating in a solo Master Class with the group, or a choral student interested in working with our conducting "master" please send an email to menc504@gmail.com for more information!

After these master classes, we will be hosting a FREE concert at 8:00pm featuring Grammy nominated Catalyst Quartet. In addition, the quartet will be hosting a pre-concert lecture at 7pm.

Saturday will be chock-full of sessions like conducting with Alexander Technique, mock interviews with Long Island administrators, a panel with teachers who have recently and successfully passed the edTPA and more!!

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!

To get the ball rolling, we're entering the first 50 people to register into a raffle for a *\$25 Amazon Gift Card*!!!! Click on the registration link below to secure your spot.

<https://menc504.wixsite.com/conference2018>

Greetings Faculty Advisors and Students:

I hope your second semester of the school year is off to a great start! I stressed at the NYSSMA Winter Conference in Rochester that community between collegiate students is essential to developing a strong, vibrant community of C-NYSSMA/NAfME members. I hope this is something we can work on together this semester!

One of the events that NYSSMA Collegiate is excited about this semester is the Biennial NYSSMA Collegiate Conference. Dr. Susan Davis at CUNY Queens College has been putting together an amazing lineup of sessions and experiences that we believe will benefit collegiate students.

Another event is Joe Sugar Day which will be held in beautiful Albany, NY. In collaboration with a team of passionate supporters of music education, we can make a difference to demonstrate the mission and power of music in our schools. Joe Sugar Day will help kick start Music in Our Schools Month, which C-NYSSMA plans to celebrate by participating in the Harry Chapin Practice-A- Thon. More information about these events are detailed in this newsletter and can also be found on the NYSSMA Collegiate homepage at www.nyssma.org

We'd like to help you and your chapter members realize your goals and support your activities during this Spring semester. So, if I can be of any assistance this year, please let me know. My email address is snagami@syr.edu. If you are a chapter president, please reach out and say hi! Our C-NYSSMA E-board would love to stay updated on what your chapter is up to. You can email your Province Representative using the emails listed above.

Please stay in touch, and I hope to see you at Queens College for the Collegiate Conference and in Albany for Joe Sugar Day.

Musically yours,
Shoko Nagami
NYS NAfME Collegiate/C-NYSSMA President
Syracuse University
snagami@syr.edu

Happy New Year, and welcome back for another great semester!

With the holiday celebrations fresh in our heads, here is some news worth celebrating - the CUNY Queens Conference is just around the corner! I cannot wait to see members I previously saw at the Rochester Winter Conference, as well as some new faces.

2018 marks the year that Leonard Bernstein will officially have been 100 years old. We are in the midst of the Bernstein Centennial, a two year celebration of his life and career being celebrated on all 6 continents. Bernstein was an unparalleled conductor, composer, and educator. In a recently published article, his daughter, Jamie Bernstein, described her father as possessing an intense "*Torah Lismah*", a Hebrew phrase meaning "a raging thirst for knowledge". He thirsted for music, arts, literature, and more. His daughter commented that this made him the best kind of educator, and that he desired nothing more than to teach the things he found in his thirst-fueled searches. I think that "*Torah Lismah*" is something we should strive to kindle inside of ourselves to be the best educators that we can.

Curiosity is contagious, and the more questions we ask as teachers, the more our students will be inspired to explore the things that both interest and confuse them. We have no need to stop learning simply because we have earned a degree. There is no shame in reading a Wikipedia article, and realizing that you have gone down a two-hour rabbit hole of clicking hyperlinks that intrigued you throughout a series of previous articles. That's curiosity, and that's the stuff that education is made of.

Here's a toast to Bernstein, and a toast to a year full of "*Torah Lismah*"!

Kiersten Hecht
Nazareth College
NYSSMA/NAfME President-Elect

Information

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Membership

Please share & post

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

Rainamei Luna, NAFME/NYSSMA State Secretary/Treasurer

Any Questions? E-mail Rainamei at:

rluna@u.rochester.edu

- ♪ Go to 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 with a very similar procedure

Important C-NAfME/NYSSMA Dates 2018

Mark your Calendars!

February 16, 17, 2018

State Collegiate Conference (Biennial event)
WHERE: Aaron Copland School of Music
Queens College - CUNY
65-30 Kissena Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11367

March **TBA**

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH (MIOSM)

PRACTICE-A-THON EVENT
www.hcpracticeathon.com

*For more information, please contact State
Collegiate President, Shoko Nagami at:
snagami@syr.edu*

March 5, 2018

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

NOTE: *Need a place to stay? There may be lodging
available courtesy of collegiate members from the
College of Saint Rose Chapter. For more information,
e-mail Province 4/5 Rep: Megan Vanacore at:
Vanacorem366@strose.edu*

March 25, 2018

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

NOTE: *Instructions for running for state office are
included in this newsletter.*

April 1 - 8, 2018

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, 2018 at midnight.**

Results will be announced on April 15, 2018.

June 26 – 28, 2018

NAfME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC and Tysons Corner, VA
For more information, e-mail Mr. Alan Orloff (NYSSMA Government Relations Chair):
grc@nyssma.org
Follow #NAfMEHD18 on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for updates.

August 12 - 14, 2018

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

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 NYSSMA/NAfME Links

Gmail: nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com

Facebook: Click [here](http://www.facebook.com/groups/nafmecollegiateny) www.facebook.com/groups/nafmecollegiateny

Instagram: Click [here](https://www.instagram.com/nafmecollegiateny) [@nafmecollegiateny](https://www.instagram.com/nafmecollegiateny)

Twitter: [@nafmecollegeny](https://twitter.com/nafmecollegeny)

Wordpress (Blog): <https://nafmecollegiateny.wordpress.com>

Website: www.nyssma.org

Buffalo State University Chapter Links

Email: buffalostatnafme@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/

Department page: <http://music.buffalostate.edu>

Advisor: *Kerry Renzoni*

College of Saint Rose Chapter Links

Email: strosenafme@gmail.com
Facebook: NAFME at the College of Saint Rose
Instagram: st.rose_NAfME
Website: www.strose.edu
Advisor: Michael Levi

Eastman School of Music Chapter Links

Email: eastman.nafme@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EastmanNAFME/>
Instagram: eastmannafme
Website: <https://www.esm.orchester.edu/mth/cmenc/>
Advisor: Mara Culp

Hofstra University Chapter Links

Email: hofstra.nafme@gmail.com
Facebook: NAFME-Hofstra Chapter
Twitter: Hofstra_NAfME
Department Page: <http://www.hofstra.edu/academics/colleges/hclas/music/>
Advisor: Cindy Bell

Manhattanville College Chapter Links

Email: McNAfMEMville@gmail.com
Facebook: McNAfME, https://www.facebook.com/mvillenafme/?ref=br_rs
Instagram: McNAfME
Website: www.mville.edu
Advisor: Jerry Kerling

Nazareth College Chapter Links

Email: nafme@mail.naz.edu
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Nazareth-College-NAfME
Twitter: twitter.com/NazNafme
Instagram: www.instagram.com/naznafme
Department page: www.naz.edu/music
Advisor: Keith Koster

Queens College-CUNY Chapter Links

Email: menc504@gmail.com
Facebook: Facebook.com/nafmeqc
Twitter: @nafmeqc
Instagram: @nafmeqc
Department page: <http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/music/>
Advisor: Susan Davis

SUNY-Fredonia Chapter Links

Email: grab3024@freodnia.edu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/145618501559

Instagram: www.instagram.com/FredoniaNAfME

Department page: home.fredonia.edu/music/

Advisor: Christian Bernhard

Syracuse University Chapter Links

Email: dhknapp@syr.edu

Facebook: NAFME Cuse Chapter 215:

www.facebook.com/Nafme-Cuse-Chapter-215-524505964237817/

Advisor: David Knapp

Your school is not on the list? Send your information to Keith Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu).

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

<p>Here are the steps to run for State Office DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 25, 2018 at midnight</p>	
1.	<p>Complete the application form below and scan and send it to Dr. Koster via e-mail at: kkoster@naz.edu OR via USPS (postmarked by March 25, 2018):</p> <p>Dr. Keith Koster Music Department Nazareth College 4245 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14618</p>
2.	<p>A brief letter of recommendation from your chapter's faculty advisor. This document can be e-mailed directly to Dr. Koster [kkoster8@naz.edu].</p>
3.	<p>Your statement of your experience, background, and qualifications (300-word maximum) for the position for which you are running. This can be either (a) an e-mail or an attached document (in Microsoft Word); either one should be e-mailed to Dr. Koster [kkoster8@naz.edu].</p> <p>NOTE that this statement may be printed in <i>School Music News</i>.</p>

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STATE OFFICE APPLICATION FORM

1. Office for which you are running (Circle ONLY one; If you wish to run for additional offices, please submit separate applications.)

State President Elect*
Secretary Treasurer
Web Editor
Province Representative (For which area? Circle ONE)
#1: SUNY Buffalo; SUNY Fredonia; SUNY Buffalo State
#2: Roberts Wesleyan University; Houghton College; Eastman School of Music; Nazareth College
#3: Ithaca College; SUNY Potsdam; Syracuse University
#4/5: College of Saint Rose; Hartwick College; Manhattanville College; Nyack College
#6: Brooklyn College; City College of New York; Hunter College; Lehman College-CUNY; New York University; Queens College-CUNY; Teachers College-Columbia University; York College-CUNY
#7: Adelphi University; Five Towns College; Hofstra University; Long Island University/CW Post; Nassau Community College; Molloy College

2. Your Name: _____

3. Year in School: _____
(First, Second, Third, Fourth, Grad Student)

4. School you attend: _____

School Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

5. Please don't forget to **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 25, 2018**.

*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.