TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters
FROM: Dr. Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor
MEMO: Greetings & Information for 2017 – 2018

On behalf of NYSSMA, I would like to extend to you greetings and best wishes for a successful 2017-2018 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.

✓ 2017-2018 Collegiate membership registration instructions

   Students can 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) click here

   OR

   New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)
   www.nyssma.org
   For membership (join/renew) click here

   COST to join or renew: $40.00 [Covers both state and national dues.]
   DEADLINE to join: October 31, 2017¹

✓ State NYSSMA Conference

   WHEN: November 30 – December 3, 2017
   WHERE: Rochester Convention Center
   COST: $35.00 (pre- and on-site registration fee is the same)
   Online Registration is available at this link:

   Click here for information

✓ Biennial State Collegiate NYSSMA Conference

   WHEN: February 16 – 17, 2018
   WHERE: Queens College – CUNY
   Collegiate Chapter Advisor/Host: Dr. Susan Davis
   COST: Pre-registration through February 1, 2018, $30.00
   After February 1 through onsite registration: $40.00
   CONTACT: Dr. Susan Davis for details, susan.davis@qc.cuny.edu

¹ 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.
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.

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]

State President-Elect: Kiersten Hecht (Nazareth College) [khecht4@mail.naz.edu]

Secretary-Treasurer: Rainamei Luna (Eastman School of Music) [rluna@u.rochester.edu]

Web Editor: Tayler Kochan (Nazareth College) [tkochan4@mail.naz.edu]

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Province 1 Chapters:
SUNY Buffalo (Elizabeth Etopio, Advisor)
SUNY Fredonia (Christian Bernhard, Advisor)
SUNY Buffalo State (Kerry Renzoni, Advisor)

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Houghton College (Floyd Richmond, Advisor)
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Nazareth College (Keith Koster, Advisor)

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SUNY Potsdam (Mark Campbell, Advisor)
Ithaca College (Daniel Isbell, Advisor)
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Vanacorem366@strose.edu

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Hartwick College (Meghan K. Sheehy, Advisor)
Manhattanville College (Jerry Kerlin, Advisor)
Nyack College (Joan Mallory, Advisor)

Province Rep Area 6: Joel Touranjoe (Nazareth College)
jtouran2@mail.naz.edu

Province 6 Chapters:
Brooklyn College (Claudia Cali, Advisor)
City College of New York (Shaun O’Donnell, Advisor)
Hunter College (Victor Bobetsky, Advisor)
Lehman College – CUNY (Diana Mitter-Battipaglia, Advisor)
New York University (Nancy Shankman, Advisor)
Queens College – CUNY (Susan Davis, Advisor)
Teachers College, Columbia University (Kelly Parkes, Advisor)
York College – CUNY (Mark Adams, Advisor)

Province Rep Area 7: Krissy Murnieks (Buffalo State University)
murnieks01@mail.buffalostate.edu

Province 7 Chapters:
Adelphi University (Georgia Newlin, Advisor)
Five Towns College (William Fortgang, Advisor)
Hofstra University (Cindy Bell, Advisor)
Long Island University/CW Post (Jennifer Miceli, Advisor)
Nassau Community College (Garry Ouellette, Advisor)
Molloy College (Michelle Rampal, Advisor)

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 by dialing (585) 730-4165 or electronically at: kkoster8@naz.edu. If you notice any inaccuracies in what I have listed above, please contact me so that we can update our records.

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
Hello Faculty Advisors and fellow Collegiate NAfME members,

Classes are back in session and school is in full swing. The corridors of our universities smell of high hopes and energy. I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to a new year so far. My name is Shoko Nagami and I am starting my junior year at Syracuse University. My primary instrument is the saxophone, the love of my life, and I am studying for a B.M. in Music Education. Last year I spent time serving as President-Elect of the NYSSMA collegiate board, and this year I am excited to lead the team as President.

Our E-board is ready to take action on several projects and ideas that we hope will take effect this year. One idea we have is for our Province Representatives to plan province-wide service projects or social events to bring chapters together. Hopefully, this can facilitate inter-chapter communication and help create a community of future music educators.

C-NYSSMA is also trying to increase its social media presence by taking advantage of the various accounts we hold. We are encouraging New York State NAfME chapters to send us stories on the projects they are doing so that we may spotlight their hard work on our social media. You can reach out to your province representative, whose name is listed in this newsletter, and you may also reach out to me at: snagami@syr.edu.

Remember that our emails are listed for you to contact us, and not just for show. We wish to provide meaningful opportunities to every student’s collegiate experience through NAfME. The Eboard is here to give any support and provide any opportunities for all of our experiences and future aspirations as music educators. Please feel free to send me or anyone on the Eboard an email about what your chapter is up to, any feedback about what our Eboard can do to increase music education opportunities for the state, or even just a simple message as a musical friend.

I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you at the Winter NYSSMA Conference in Rochester, NY!! I hope the rest of the semester runs smoothly for everyone. Good luck with your many secondary instruments and education courses, and I hope to hear from you soon!

Musically yours,
Shoko Nagami
NYSSMA/C-NAfME President
Syracuse University ’19
Greetings Faculty Advisors and Students:

My name is Kiersten Hecht and I am the State Collegiate President-Elect of C-NYSSMA/NAfME. School is back in full swing, and I hope everyone was able to enjoy their summers and prepare themselves for this next semester!

September 16th was the 130th birthday of famous French composer and music educator Nadia Boulanger. Some of her more notable students included Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, Philip Glass, and Astor Piazzolla. The most important thing she gave to her students - other than an amazing and expansive education of theory, form, and analysis - was the ability to explore what made their music theirs. She encouraged them to find their own soul in their writing, and find what made their music unique. Today, we hear that sentiment spoken on when we listen to the music of the greats she taught. I think, in celebration of 130 years, we should all take a moment to consider how we can, or will eventually, give our students that desire to explore the human soul in the arts, and how to express themselves in the ever changing language of music.

This year, it is my hope to further the connections between our provinces, together sharing our thoughts and ideas. On November 30th, we begin our NYSSMA Winter Conference at the Rochester Convention Center, and it will be very exciting to see our new and returning faces from all over the state. Throughout the year, please contact me if you have news to share, or need help in any way. You can reach me at my email:

khecht4@mail.naz.edu

I hope to continue to hear from you all, and thank you so much for being a member of C-NYSSMA/NAfME. Stay tuned for newsletters and updates, and best of luck for a great semester!

Sincerely,
Kiersten Hecht
President-Elect, Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME
Nazareth College

“Nothing is better than music; when it takes us out of time, it has done more for us than we have the right to hope for: it has broadened the limits of our sorrowful life, it has lit up the sweetness of our hours of happiness by effacing the pettinesses that diminish us, bringing us back pure and new to what was, what will be, what music has created for us.” - Nadia Boulanger
Information about Collegiate Membership

Please share & post
Renew Your C-NAfME/NYSSMA Membership Online: Here’s how!

Provided by:

Rainamei Luna, Collegiate 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 $40.00.
- 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.
Information about the 2017 State NYSSMA Conference
In-Service Conference

Welcome! The 2017 State Winter Conference will take place November 30 – December 3, 2017 at the Rochester Convention Center (www.nyssma.org). Last year, over 300 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

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. 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 NAfME ID when they register on-site.

For the most current information about conference proceedings, please check the following website: 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.

2017 NYSSMA Winter Conference
COLLEGIATE SESSIONS

Thursday, November 30; 7:00 p.m.
Presenter: Bradley Hartman
Session: The Art of Teaching Music: Creating a Vital Toolbox for New Teachers
Location: CC Riverside Court

Friday, December 1; 9:30 a.m.
Presenter: Jennifer Diana
Session: Staying Professional When Facing Adversity in the Workplace
Location: CC Riverside Court

Friday, December 1, Noon
Meeting for State Collegiate Eboard
Location: CC Riverside Court

Friday, December 1, 1:15 p.m.
Presenter: Dr. Cindy Bell
Session: Student Teaching with the edTPA: It's just good teaching!
Location: CC Riverside Court

Friday, December 1, 2:30 p.m.
Presenter: Douglas McCall
Session: “You Want Me to do What?” What I wish I knew then…
Location: CC Riverside Court

Friday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.
Collegiate Business Meeting and Dinner
Presenter: State Executive Board Members
Location: CC Riverside Court

Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.
Presenter: Christopher Tubbs
Session: Teaching Music with Purpose: 25 things you can do to improve your ensemble
Location: CC Highland CH

Saturday, December 2, 8:15 a.m.
Presenter: Joseph Ianconi
Session: A Comparison of Teaching in Rural, Suburban, and Urban Schools
Location: CC Riverside Court

Saturday, December 2, 9:30 a.m.
Presenter: NYSCAME
Session: Speed Interviewing Session
Location: CC Riverside Court

Saturday, December 2, 12:00 p.m.
NEW!! NYSSMA Collegiate Advisor & Chapter Presidents Meeting
Presenter: NYSSMA Collegiate
The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss collegiate issues, activities and new initiatives. This meeting is specifically for Collegiate Chapter Advisors and Collegiate Chapter Presidents. NOTE: If the President cannot attend, another officer is welcome to attend in their absence.

A few additional notes regarding the 2017 NYSSMA Winter Conference this year.

1. The NYSSMA Winter Conference is November 30 – December 3 in Rochester, NY at the Rochester Convention Center. Collegiate Day is slated for Friday, December 1, 2017. All sessions are 1 hour in duration. Make sure that your students attend the Business Meeting with free pizza on Friday, December 1 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 Queens, NY, Albany, NY and Washington DC.

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

2. As in the past, current Collegiate NYSSMA members will be eligible for scholarships provided by NYSSMA. Up to eight $50 scholarships will be awarded to students from each chapter. The number of scholarships available will be based on chapter membership as of November 5, 2017. Scholarship students will need work a minimum of 2 hours 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, 2017.

3. As another incentive to encourage collegiate attendance at the 2017 Winter Conference, we will once again be reimbursing student drivers outside the Rochester area who carpool with four or more students in their vehicle (one of those four includes the driver). The reimbursement will be $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 your chapter, please respond. It will only take a moment of your time. They have the thankless job of gathering information to report to collegiate membership at NYSSMA Executive council meetings. 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

2017-2018

Mark your Calendars!

August – October 31, 2017
Complete your chapter Membership Drive by getting students to join or renew their memberships at www.nyssma.org OR www.nafme.org
[Step-by-step instructions are included in this packet.]

September 30, 2017
Greater Rochester Area Orff-Schulwerk Association In-Service
WHERE: Leary Elementary School; Rush, NY
[5509 East Henrietta Road; Rush, NY]
WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
COST: Free with a valid college ID
NOTE: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

November 5, 2017
Deadline for submitting names of Winter Conference Scholarship candidates

November 15, 2017
Winter Conference Scholarship Winners will be announced electronically.

November 30 – December 3, 2017
Annual NYSSMA Winter Conference
WHERE: Rochester Convention Center
COST: $35.00

February 3, 2018
Greater Rochester Area Orff-Schulwerk Association In-Service
WHERE: Shults Forum (Nazareth College)
WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
COST: Free with a valid college ID
NOTE: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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
COST: Pre-registration through February 1, 2018, $30.00; After February 1 through onsite registration: $40.00
CONTACT: Dr. Susan Davis for details, susan.davis@qc.cuny.edu
March TBA

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH (MIOSM)

PRACTICE-A-THON EVENT
www.hcpracticeathon.com
Contact your Province Rep for more information.

March 3, 2018
Greater Rochester Area Orff-Schulwerk Association In-Service
WHERE: Leary Elementary School; Rush, NY
[5509 East Henrietta Road; Rush, NY]
WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
COST: Free with a valid college ID
NOTE: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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

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)

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.
Information: nafme-eastern.org

June 26 – 29, 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
August 13 - 15, 2018

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 NYSSMA/NAfME Links
Gmail: nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com
Facebook: Click here www.facebook.com/groups/nafmecollegiateny
Instagram: Click here @nafmecollegiateny
Twitter: @nafmecollegeny
Wordpress (Blog): https://nafmecollegiateny.wordpress.com
Website: www.nyssma.org

Buffalo State University Chapter Links
Email: buffalostatenafme@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/
Department page: http://music.buffalostate.edu
Advisor: Kerry Renzoni

College of St. 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: Maria 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's not on the list? Send your information to Keith Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu).
NAfME Collegiate NYSSMA

Driver Reimbursement Form
2017

[Please print all information clearly.]

Driver’s Name: ____________________________________________

Driver’s Phone Number & E-mail address: _______________________

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College/University: ____________________________________________

Advisor’s Name: ______________________________________________

Driver’s Mailing Address (Where do you want the check to be sent?)

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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: ____________________________________________

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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 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.*