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Collegiate Opportunities Abound

Hello, all! I hope you have had a wonderful year so far. I hope everyone is just as excited for the upcoming winter conference as I am!

Before we talk conference, let's talk about what is even farther down the road. While you are doing some planning as a chapter, keep in mind that March is Music in Our Schools Month, and it is packed with opportunities for collegiate members! On March 7, NYSSMA® will be convening in Albany for Joe Sugar Day, the annual day of advocacy for music education, where we will have the chance to meet with our state's top lawmakers and discuss the future of music in our schools. If your chapter is interested in sending members, please reach out to me or Dr. Koster for more information.

On March 25 and 26, Syracuse University will be hosting the Biennial State Collegiate Conference. We highly encourage every chapter to send some membership to be represented among NYSSMA® Collegiate as we take the time to make important decisions, network, and just get the chance to all be together. You can find all the information that you need at NYSSMA.org under the Collegiate tab.

NYSSMA® Collegiate at the winter conference

The highly anticipated return of the winter conference is here, and NYSSMA® Collegiate is out in full force. If you are reading this before the conference and have not taken the chance to register yet, you can do so right now by going to NYSSMA.org and clicking on the winter conference page. We have so many great opportunities to collaborate as a collegiate unit and I hope everyone takes advantage.

Here is what to expect!

NYSSMA® Collegiate Events

Student Teaching Panel
Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., CC Riverside Court

Collegiate Dinner and Business Meeting
Friday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., CC Riverside Court

Collegiate Interaction Hour
Friday, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CC Riverside Court

Collegiate Sessions

So, You Got a Job in an Urban School. Now What?

Jennie Knight
Thursday, 4:15-5:15 p.m.,
CC Riverside Court

Advocacy In Your Collegiate Setting
Christopher McAfee
Friday, 8:15-9:15 a.m.,
CC Riverside Court

It's More Than the Music: Lessons I Learned as a Novice Teacher in an Urban Classroom
Jing Tian Ngjau
Friday, 10:45-11:45 a.m.,
CC Riverside Court

Standing Out in Order to Get In – How To Land That First Job
Margaret Thiele
Friday, 1:15-2:15 p.m.,
CC Riverside Court

If Only I Knew Then...
Jennifer Paisley
Friday, 2:30-3:30 p.m.,
CC Riverside Court

Taking the Extra Step: Getting the Most from Your Student Teaching Experience
Jason Giachetti
Saturday, 8:15-9:15 a.m.,
CC Highland CH

Surviving AND Thriving: Success in The Initial Years
Nicole Davidson
Saturday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.,
CC Highland CH

The Ins and Outs of Interviewing
Courtney Sack
Saturday, 1:15-2:15 p.m.,
CC Highland EF

Financial aid available

For Collegiate members planning to attend the conference, NYSSMA® will be providing many opportunities to help make sure your experience is not only enriching, but also affordable. NYSSMA® offers scholarships to a set number of Collegiate members at each university with an active NAFME Chapter. Your Collegiate Advisor has been contacted with the information needed to distribute those scholarships. Each student who receives this scholarship will be asked to join us at the NYSSMA® Collegiate booth to help during the conference.

NYSSMA® also provides opportunities for students interested in working the stage crew for the many performances happening throughout the weekend. These students will also have their time at the conference paid for, and your Collegiate Advisor has received this information as well.

Finally, if you are carpooling to the conference with multiple Collegiate members, you are eligible to receive gas reimbursement for helping to make sure everyone makes it there and back safely. These forms will be distributed at the Collegiate booth, as well as having been distributed to your Collegiate Advisor.

We, the NYSSMA® Collegiate Executive Board, are so excited to meet and mingle with every single one of you. If you have any trouble with getting to the conference, please reach out to me or Dr. Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu) as soon as possible. We hope you are as excited as we are to just be together again as NYSSMA® and NYSSMA® Collegiate. See you soon! ||

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