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Nominate Classroom Heroes by Oct. 27

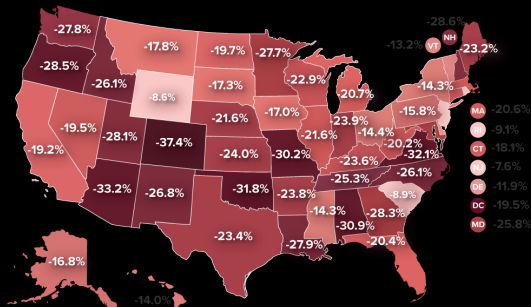
**MIZZOU Athletics and Missouri NEA
are teaming up for the Classroom Heroes Awards.**

Nominate teachers who've made an impact in the lives of others as Classroom Heroes. There will be a total of four winners selected. Each of the winners will receive the following:

- Two tickets to a Mizzou home football game.
- Two passes to the Mizzou Sports Properties corporate hospitality tailgate.
- Parking pass.
- Two pre-game on-field passes.

- Pre-game tour for two of the football facilities.

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'Pay Penalty' for Teachers Reaches High

Report shows Missouri teachers are paid more than 30 percent less than other college educated workers in the state.

According to the report published by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), the wage divide between teachers and other college graduates grew to a record high of 26.4% in 2022. In 1996, the pay gap was only 6.1%.

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How do you get your MNEA, NEA news?

We know your life is busy and there isn't a lot of time to check the website for news and resources that could benefit you. So, why not download the Missouri NEA mobile app? It displays a notification when there is a new professional training, new story, podcast, or calendar event.

It's all at your fingertips. Download the mobile app today.

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Being a Teacher Cost This Retiree \$111,384 **#RepealGPOWEP**

GPO/WEP has deprived millions of public servants of the social security benefits they and their spouses have earned. Former Missouri NEA president (1986-1995) Martha Karlovetz and other NEA-Retired members have been leading the charge to repeal Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), enacted in 1977 and 1983 respectively.

NEA Today's October issue features Martha's story, which sadly is the same for so many other educators across the United States.

- Read Martha's story.
- Tell Congress to repeal GPO-WEP.
- Share your story with hashtag #RepealGPOWEP

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Missouri NEA

FALL CONFERENCE
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

- REGISTRATION & EXHIBITS
- REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
- TEACHER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON
- FALL CONFERENCE

2023 Missouri NEA FALL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY & TEACHER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

NOV 18
8AM- 5PM

REGISTER BY OCT. 25

www.mnea.org/fallra

MNEA brings back Fall Conference

The Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Hotel
Sat., Nov. 18

Beginning in 2023, Missouri NEA is changing the format of the Fall Representative Assembly to include trainings/conference in the afternoon.

All MNEA members are welcome to attend the MNEA Fall Conference (free) and Fall Luncheon (\$40).

Please pre-register for each by Oct. 25.

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Missouri NEA's I CAN DO IT!
Beginning Teacher Assistance Program

Virtual or In-Person

2023-2024 PROGRAM DATES

Missouri NEA
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REGISTER TODAY

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Beginning Teacher Assistance

Space is limited.

MNEA's "I Can Do It" Beginning Teacher Assistance Program has in-person and virtual options available. The virtual option is highly interactive and requires participants to complete each component of the On-Your-Own tasks AND a 4-night virtual series. Advance registration is required.

Choose from In-Person or Virtual Training

- Virtual: Mondays (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Nov. 6, 13, 20, and 27.
- St. Louis: Sat., Dec. 9, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Virtual: Thursdays (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



How will you celebrate American Education Week?

Nov. 13-17, 2023

Share with @MissouriNEA on social media how your school community celebrated American Education Week, using hashtag #AEW2023. Share why you feel public education in America is important.

- Mon., Nov. 13: Kickoff Day
- Tues., Nov. 14: Family Day
- Wed., Nov. 15: Education Support Professionals Day
- Thur., Nov. 16: Educator for a Day
- Fri., Nov. 17: Substitute Educators Day

Visit mnea.org/aew for social media sharable images and content.

[READ MORE & REGISTER](#)



Why Union Matters

Missouri NEA is proud to represent educators, education support professionals, and higher education faculty in Missouri public schools. MNEA stands up for our members' rights every day. In their off-hours, MNEA leaders and members are taking time to support other union workers at the picket lines.

The **United Auto Workers** have been on strike since **Sept. 15**, calling for fair wages with COLA adjustments, restoration of retirement benefits, overtime pay, and an end to the tiered pay scale that underpays new employees. UAW began contract negotiations in March 2023.

Come show your support Sat., Oct. 28.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

Together, we're stronger. Together, we're heard.



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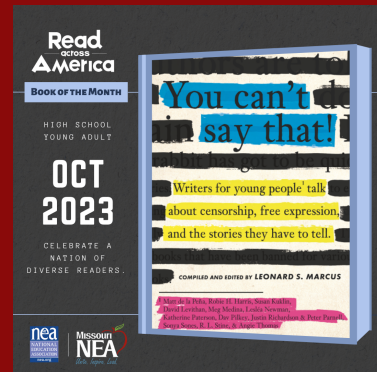
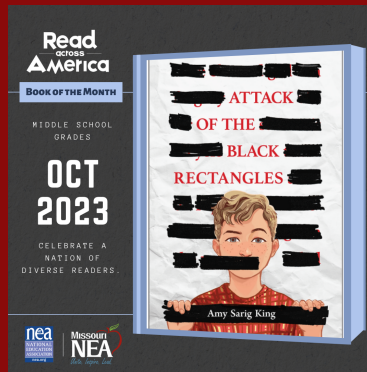
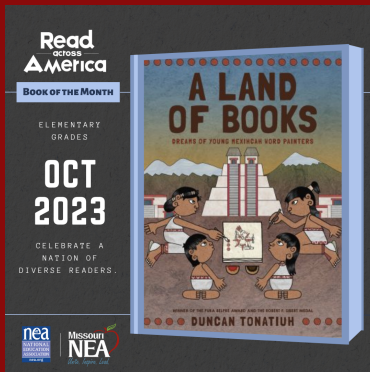
Celebrate NEA's Read Across America all year

Book-of-the-Month

Each month NEA features three books as part of the NEA Read Across America book series that explore topics related to diversity and inclusion.

Help us celebrate. Share the books you're reading this month on social media using the hashtags below.

#ReadAcrossAmerica #RAA2024



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Horace Mann®

What does your retirement look like?

Less than one-third of American workers feel very confident in their ability to have enough money to live comfortably throughout their retirement. Starting early can help get you on track, but is that enough?

Long-time corporate supporter, Horace Mann, is hosting several informational sessions that provide the education you need to plan for your dream retirement.

Space is limited. Click on the links below to register for one of these discussions today!

Want FREE BOOKS?

First-come, first-served opportunity for \$75 worth of Magic Tree House titles from First Book Marketplace.



[Oct. 20 at 11:00 am](#)
[Oct. 24 at 6:00 pm](#)
[Oct. 26 at 4:00 pm](#)
[Oct. 30 at 3:00 pm](#)



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Here's How...

As part of NEA's Read Across America, Mary Pope Osborne, author of the Magic Tree House series, has teamed up with NEA and First Book to provide NEA members with up to \$32,000 in credits to order Magic Tree House titles. When you use the promo code to order your books from First Book Marketplace, you may be able to receive \$75 worth of Magic Tree House titles.

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THE NEA
FOUNDATION

Did you know?

You could receive up to \$5,000 in grant funding from The NEA Foundation for your innovative ideas.

Apply by Feb. 1

The NEA Foundation Grant Winners

It's time to apply for grant from The NEA Foundation.

For more than five decades, The NEA Foundation has funded more than 62,000 grants to support the work of educators from every state in the country impacting more than 1.5 million students. The NEA Foundation supports NEA members' innovative ideas and professional development through three different grants.

- [Student Success Grants](#) for initiatives to improve academic achievement.
- [Learning and Leadership Grants](#) for high-quality educational professional development activities.
- [Envision Equity Grants](#) enable educators to test creative new ideas and innovations, demonstrating exemplary teaching and learning.

Congratulations to the latest grant recipients from Missouri NEA.

Grandview NEA: Ebitimi Igbaseimokumo and Dairee Njie received \$3,456 to

purchase Palo SEL life skill building program for middle-schoolers.

Fort Zumwalt EA: Steven Schlarman received \$4,869 to purchase equipment for Biomedical Innovation Education for high school students.

Do you qualify for the SAVE Plan?

In August, the Biden administration launched the new student loan SAVE Plan. It is the most affordable student loan repayment plan ever created, and it could help you reduce your monthly payments. This plan will:

1. Cut many borrowers' monthly payments to zero.
2. Save other borrowers an estimated \$1,000 per year.
3. Prevent balances from growing because of unpaid interest.
4. Get more borrowers closer to forgiveness faster.

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#SAVEonStudentDebt

With the new **SAVE Plan**, your federal loan payment could be as low as **\$0/month**.

NEA is a proud partner of the **SAVE On Student Debt** campaign with the U.S. Department of Education and other non-federal partners.

Apply at StudentAid.gov/save



Coming Soon MNEA-Brand Store

MNEA-branded gear shows you're "Public School Proud."

Missouri NEA is excited to announce we launch a new image item store next month. You will be able to order from a union shop, have the items shipped directly to you, and order as little as one item or enough for your entire local association. Watch the MNEA.org/store page for more information.

MNEA Member Benefits Save You Money.

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**Travelers is the NEW
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Travelers Insurance offers superior coverage, significant savings, and outstanding service. NEA members and their family members residing in the household can receive a quote by contacting Travelers at 1-866-605-6045 or visiting the NEA Auto and Home Insurance Program webpage.

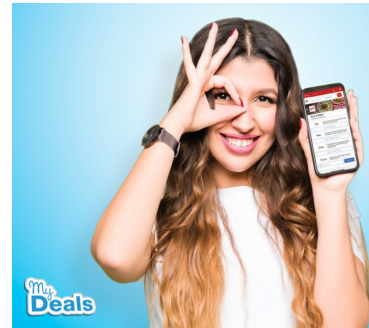
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**Summer travel season
will be here before you
know it**

Do you have the travel bug? Find the cure for your wanderlust by booking a guided tour with NEA Member Benefits Travel Program. You choose the destination—England, France, Italy, Peru, Brazil, Thailand. We will provide the planning, so you can enjoy a worry-free vacation.

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