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NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

*BEEhind every child who
BEElieves in themselves is a
TEACHER who
BEElieved in them first.*



Happy Teacher Day

Let's celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day.
Your work as educators matters today and every day.

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**NATIONAL
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NURSE
DAY**
MAY 10, 2023

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PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING
COMMUNITY

SUMMER 2023

1 **Micro-Credential**
which is the equivalent of 15 professional
development hours in Missouri

**DEVELOPING LGBTQ
ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM**

Deadline to Register: May 31
Cost: Free for MNEA members, \$75 non-members

www.mnea.org

School Nurse Day

May 10, 2023

Take time to show your appreciation to the
dedicated nurses in your schools on
Wednesday, May 10.

If you think school nursing is all about flu
shots, Band-Aids, and record-keeping, you
haven't been inside a school lately.

Summer 2023 Micro-Credential PLC

Developing LGBTQ Anti-Bias
Curriculum

Nothing great is ever done alone so
MNEA is offering a Micro-Credential

School health professionals juggle a complex array of medical and social issues, seeing thousands of students, and often moving from school to school throughout the district.

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Professional Learning Community (PLC) to work on the Developing LGBTQ Anti-Bias Curriculum summer micro-credential.

The PLC will meet virtually 5-6 times in the summer months to collaborate. An MNEA facilitator will help guide your work through the micro-credential.

Register by May 31.

[View the entire NEA Micro-Credential library.](#)

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Take the Survey

Missouri State Board of Education and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Strategic Planning Stakeholder Survey

Let your voice be heard. Take the survey to help the SBOE and DESE make informed decisions about the content areas and systems/processes that should be prioritized in the strategic plan.

Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2023

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



Apply for Perkins funding for "Grow Your Own"

Apply now for Perkins funding for your high school **Educators Rising** and **Grow Your Own** programs. These programs aid teacher recruitment by supporting high school students who aspire to become educators. Career and technical education (CTE) programs are supported by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), thus your school may be eligible for funds to support your Grow Your Own and Educators Rising programs.

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It's time to apply for The NEA Foundation Grants

Eight Missouri educators awarded grants in 2022.

Deadlines: April 28, Sept. 15, Feb. 1

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.

The NEA Foundation Educator & Student Success 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 2022 Missouri NEA Awardees

Read more about their grant projects at www.mnea.org.

Student Success Grants

Mary Blackwell, Lindbergh NEA
Jessica Delmont, Crawford Co. R-I
Angela Giammalva, Smithville NEA
Emily Hines, Lindbergh NEA
Stacia Slagle, Savannah EA

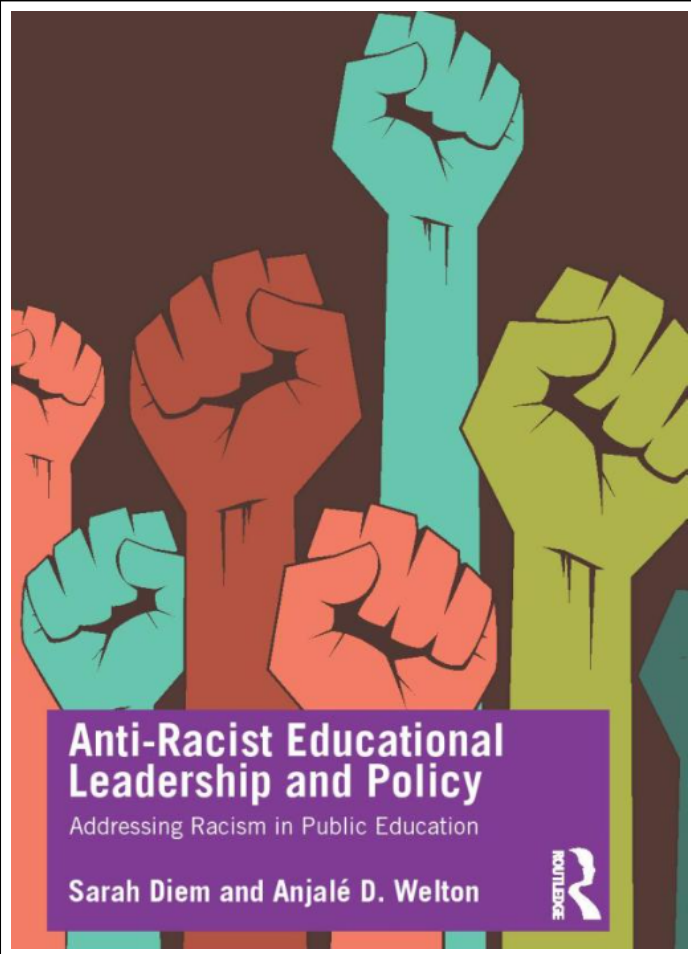
Envision Equity Grants

Rebecca Meinhardt, Northwest EA

Learning & Leadership Grants

Sequoia Beauchamp, Center EA
Gina Cavanaugh, Fort Zumwalt EA

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3-Part Virtual Training

Anti-Racist Educational Leadership and Policy

June 12, July 10, and Aug. 7
Free

We are all policymakers and it is vital that each of us has a critical lens through which to create, interpret, and practice the policy that impacts students every day. And now is your chance to begin developing a sharper vision to analyze policy that shapes learning environments in our schools.

In a training based on their work, *Anti-Racist Educational Leadership and Policy*, join Dr. Sarah Diem, Dr. Anjalé Welton, and MNEA for three synchronous, virtual training sessions, along with asynchronous on-your-own training work to develop a lens for which to analyze policy.

Registration Deadline: May 31

This training is open to MNEA members only.

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KANSAS CITY JUNE 12-13 | ST. LOUIS JUNE 15-16

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Missouri NEA Summer Leadership

KANSAS CITY JUNE 12-13, 2023

ST. LOUIS JUNE 15-16, 2023

Registration Deadline: May 26

Missouri NEA will have two, in-person, 2-day Summer Leadership trainings in 2023--Kansas City June 12-13 and St. Louis June 15-16. They will focus on helping build strong locals with an emphasis on team building through strategic planning. Locals are encouraged to invite a team of leaders such as the local president, treasurer, membership chair, bargaining chair, and anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the union.

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I thought I could just figure this all out, but after diving into each component and standard, I realized I couldn't navigate this half as easy without the expertise of the awesome MNEA/NBC facilitators.
-- NBC CANDIDATE

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Missouri NEA

Jump Start to National Board Certification

July 17, 18, 19, 2023 | Jefferson City, MO

Teachers report obtaining National Board Certification is one of the most rewarding experiences in their careers. It is a journey filled with self-exploration and examining practices that leads to more success as an educator. Let MNEA help you with your journey.

This workshop is for first-time, returning, and advanced candidates who plan to submit any components of National Board Certification in the 2023-2024 school year.

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Salute to Excellence in Education Gala

Friday, May 5, 2023

Every year, The NEA Foundation recognizes exceptional educators that have been nominated by their NEA state affiliate at the California Casualty Awards for Teaching Excellence Gala. On May 5, Missouri 2022 Teacher of the Year James Young, a music educator from Ferguson Florissant School District will be honored. Five remarkable teachers have been chosen to receive the \$10,000 [Horace Mann Award](#) and one will be announced at the Gala May 5 to receive the \$25,000 NEA Member Benefits Award.

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83%

OF MNEA-RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES WIN

SCHOOL BOARD

ELECTIONS APRIL 4

www.mnea.org/vote4education



Many MNEA recommended candidates win School Board Elections April 4

Missouri NEA local associations abide by a recommendation process that evaluates candidates based on their values, not party affiliation. They recommend candidates whose values closely align with MNEA's beliefs and resolutions, which include protecting the rights of students and education employees; ensuring every student has a qualified, caring teacher; and investing in public education so teachers have the tools they need to help drive student success.

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MNEA is seeking state committee volunteers

Are you a Missouri NEA member or leader who would like to serve the state association? Consider volunteering for a committee assignment. MNEA has seven standing committees and three advisory committees—each with specific functions to help develop and/or carry out Missouri NEA's programs.

Applications are due July 15. Committee appointments will be made this summer.

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MNEA announces 2023 scholarship winners

Missouri NEA is fortunate to be able to offer several scholarships to students pursuing college degrees and careers in education. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of members and leaders, who are passionate about public education, and funding tomorrow's educators.

MNEA is pleased to announce the 2023 scholarship recipients.

Karlovetz-Favero Scholarship
Cameron Carlson

Educators Rising Scholarship
Taylor Vandegrift

Cochran Scholarship
Madeline Hodgins

Gilbert Balderrama Minority Scholarship
Laila Saint Christopher

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retirement strategy? These days, you're probably thinking about the future more than ever. It may seem that saving for retirement has become incredibly hard. Are you following your retirement strategy, or do you even have one?

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\$580 for Classified

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Annual dues
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\$61 for Classified

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Join MNEA-Retired before Sept. 1, and rest assured that you will be covered by \$4 million liability protection and the 3 million member NEA while working in the public schools post-retirement.

Did you know you DO NOT need to be retired to join as a lifetime pre-retired member? Join anytime during your career, pay now, and just let us know when you retire. Your lifetime Retired membership will kick in, so you never lose your benefits.

Retiring this school year? [Let us know >>](#)

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MNEA-Retired Awards \$11K in CHEER Grants

Caring Help for Education Endeavors by Retirees was formed by MNEA-Retired to be a public benefit by enhancing the learning conditions of Missouri's students. The CHEER grant program provides an opportunity for MNEA-Retired members to reach out to public school district employees, particularly early career educators, and provide financial and material resources.

This spring, MNEA-Retired awarded 34 CHEER grants to MNEA members, totaling \$11,632.88.

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Up to 5 Months Free MNEA membership

**Know someone who is
interested in joining
Missouri NEA?**

Now is the time for new members to join—no payments until next school year! That is up to five months free membership.



By joining MNEA, they will also be a member of the National Education Association and your local association. Three unions—local, state, and national—working for you.

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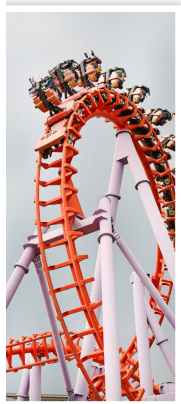
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Up to **5** MONTHS FREE membership* when you join during early enrollment April 1-Aug. 31.

www.mnea.org/5monthsfree

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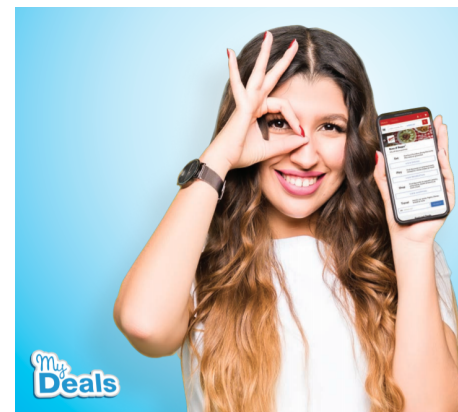
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NEA Member Benefits Memorial Day Travel Sale

This Memorial Day, we are celebrating by offering our well-deserving members **up to 60% off hotel stays!** It just takes a few minutes to enroll in the NEA Member Benefits Travel Program, so click now to lock in your summer



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Silver Dollar City & Branson attractions "Fire in the Hole" is taking its last ride this year. Don't miss your chance to be part of the legend. MNEA members and their immediate families are entitled up to a **15 percent discount** on Branson

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Having trouble logging in? Call (573) 634-3202.



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