SCMEA Collegiate Newsletter



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

SCMEA Collegiate Members,

I hope this message finds you all well as you enter into a new year and a new semester.

Thank you all for purchasing your collegiate membership early in the year! Our collegiate executive board works together for the benefit of the collegiate members. An effect of a growing collegiate membership is the presence of collegiate-specific sessions at the SCMEA Professional Development Conference in February 2023. This year's conference includes four collegiate-specific sessions, as well as a collegiate luncheon and a collegiate business meeting. The content of these sessions include: the building blocks of directors, building a career that lasts a lifetime, recruitment and retention techniques, and the first five years of teaching.

Remember to stay connected with us via our social media accounts. Our Instagram is @scmea.collegiate and our Facebook page is SCMEA Collegiate Membership. Also, visit <u>https://www.scmea.net/divisions/collegiate/</u> to check out information on our executive board, as well as other resources for your local chapters!

> Sincerely, Abby Jones Charleston Southern University









CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT Winthrop University, Chapter 344

In April of 2022, the students of Winthrop University's chapter of the National Association for Music Education hosted a professional development conference. The conference included speakers from around the state. It was attended by students from Winthrop University as well as Furman, Charleston Southern, North Greenville, and Limestone University. Choral directors spoke on how to effectively use solfège in the classroom and technology in the secondary music room. Instrumental directors gave their presentations on how to stay organized as a music educator and how to balance work and life as a new teacher. The elementary music education speaker gave a presentation on using play through Orff methodology. The general speaker gave students tips and advice on how to navigate the interview process. Winthrop University was proud to welcome back four of their alumni as speakers for this event. This conference was a great success and the chapter is excited to be hosting another one in the coming year!

Winthrop hosts many other professional development events throughout the year and strives to give their music education students as many opportunities as possible to grow as educators. Many of the events that the school hosts are similar to the ones that are presented during the conference. Winthrop University NAfME has also created a mentor program. The program gives their upperclassmen the opportunity to guide their younger counterparts through their degree. Winthrop believes in the importance of supporting each other through the difficult aspects of this career path and celebrating each other's victories.

Want to be the next chapter in the spotlight?

Visit <u>https://www.scmea.net/divisions/collegiate/chapter-</u> <u>resources/chapter-spotlight-form/</u> to fill out information about what your chapter has done this semester/year!

WINNER ANNOUNCED

At the beginning of the Fall 2022 semester, SCMEA Collegiate held a membership competition between each college/university in South Carolina. The school with the highest percentage of its music education majors holding NAfME/SCMEA Membership by December 15th won, and five of the members from that school were chosen at random to receive FREE registration to the conference in February!

The winner of the competition is Lander University! Congratulations to the Lander University chapter!





SCMEA Conference Details: Collegiate-Specific Sessions

FRIDAY, 2/3/23

12:00 PM Collegiate Membership Luncheon Location: Congaree B





12:30-1:15 PM The First Five Years: Laying Your Foundation with Tips, Tricks, and Tales from the Trenches Location: Senate Clinician: Neil Anderson

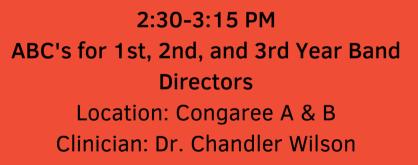
2:15-3:00 PM Recruitment and Retention Techniques for Band and Orchestra: Capturing the Hearts of African-American Students Location: Richland A Clinician: Dr. Sharese Pearson-Bush



SCMEA Conference Details: Collegiate-Specific Sessions

SATURDAY, 2/4/23

9:15-10:00 AM Smooth Sailing: Building a Career that Lasts a Lifetime Location: Congaree A & B Clinician: Lauren Castellano



3:30 PM Collegiate Division Business Meeting Location: Congaree A & B Presiding: Abby Jones

NAfME Collegiate Membership/Fees

Have you renewed your NAfME Collegiate membership? If not, take advantage of the collegiate discount and get the fullest out of your membership by renewing today!



Renewed and joined memberships for NAfME Collegiate will expire on June 30th, 2023.

> SCMEA Conference fees for Collegiate members are as follows: On or before January 15th, 2023: \$15 After January 15th, 2023: \$30

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