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FEATURE

The NJFEA State  
Officers take on our  
Nation's Capitol!

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## BECOME A 2014-15 NJFEA STATE OFFICER!

We are pleased to invite New Jersey Future Educators Association (NJFEA) student members who are current sophomores or juniors to apply for NJFEA student officer positions for the 2014-15 school year. Open positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Northern, Central, and Southern Regional Representatives. A description of each of these positions is included with the [application](#).

NJFEA officers play important leadership roles representing future teachers from every region of our state. They plan and spearhead state-wide service projects, contribute to our monthly NJFEA newsletters, plan and facilitate state-wide high school and middle school conferences, attend the NJFEA fall leadership conference, the fall NJFEA Convention, and a national conference for future teachers.

Expenses are covered for officers thanks to funding provided by the New Jersey Education Association. Most of our meetings take place by evening conference calls to minimize travel for officers. Applications are welcome from future teachers who meet the qualifications as described on the attached application and who want to play an important leadership role in our future teachers network.

The application deadline for 2014-15 student officers is **Friday, April 25, 2014**. Please email or call Mr. Larry Fieber, NJFEA State Director, at 609-771-2464 or [fieber@tcnj.edu](mailto:fieber@tcnj.edu), with any questions.

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## GOT NEWS? GOT IDEAS?

Tell us what is important to you. Email your news or ideas to: Mr. Larry Fieber, NJFEA State Director, at [fieber@tcnj.edu](mailto:fieber@tcnj.edu). We will include them in our newsletter, and/or post them on the Center for Future Educators website or on the CFE-NJFEA Facebook page!

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*"A person empty of images, without imagination and without the necessary sensitivity to allow the inner unfolding of ideas and feelings will see nothing."*

—Anton Taples



# NJFEA STATE OFFICERS TAKE ON THE NATION'S CAPITOL!



As their capstone experience for their year of service, the NJFEA State Officers participated in the Teaching and Learning 2014 (T&L) Conference in Washington, D.C., from March 12-14, 2014. This inaugural conference was sponsored by The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. T&L covered a broad range of issues that affect students and teachers -- from Pre-K to college, from teacher leadership to issues of equity, and from global learning to technology to the Common Core. Read the NJFEA State Officers' reactions (below) to this rich and valuable experience for future educators.

*"In mid-March, the NJFEA officers traveled to the Teaching and Learning Conference in Washington, DC. This was an incredible event filled with special speakers, interesting breakout sessions, inspiring presentations and activities designed to shine a positive spotlight on the education professional. As future teachers, the NJFEA officers were exposed to many ideas and shared our thoughts with different attendees. Mr. Fieber made sure we didn't miss anything and he provided us with many opportunities to share our thoughts and impressions."*

**—Chris Muzi, NJFEA Secretary**

*"I am so grateful to have been given the chance to attend this conference because I was able to meet teachers from across the country, attend workshops, and listen to wonderful speakers, such as Bill Gates. As a future history teacher, I was given the chance to attend a session in the Library of Congress about primary sources and how to incorporate them into the classroom. Due to the Conference's location in Washington, DC, I was able to tour the US Capitol and attend a House of Representatives session. This is something that I will never forget because nothing can teach you more than experience, which is why I think the NJ Future Educators Association is so instrumental in building great future teachers."*

**—Jennifer Simone, NJFEA Vice President:**

*"Among the many opportunities I was afforded to have on this trip, one of my favorites was to visit the Arlington Cemetery on Thursday morning. I was blown away by the thousands and thousands of our nation's slaves, soldiers, and leaders standing at full attention for the rest of eternity. I learned so much about the cemetery and I was most intrigued by the fact that soldiers from every war in U.S. history. I was so honored to watch the changing of the guards ceremony in person after learning about it in school this year."*

**—Stephanie Coleman, NJFEA Central Region Representative**

*"The trip to Washington D.C is an experience I will never forget. It wasn't the big building or the great hotels that made Washington D.C special. It was the history that makes the capital an amazing learning experience of a lifetime. During the trip, I learned many historical facts and events that are engraved in the capital. My favorite part of the trip was going inside of the capital building. The art, history, and the importance of the capital made this my favorite part of the trip. It was like entering a history book and learning how historical events took place."*

**—Odalis Romero, NJFEA Northern Region Representative**

Throughout the few days that we were there, the bonds that I already had with my fellow State Officers grew intensely. When I attended the Holocaust Museum, I was so immensely touched by the exhibit I was able to go through. I didn't just learn more about the Holocaust, I learned to how teach "the big picture" about to students of all ages. During the breakout sessions, there were sophisticated speakers in each one teaching us how to use various techniques and lessons to keep students engaged.

**—Kelsey Baron, NJFEA Southern Region Representative**



(Above, L-R) Stephanie Coleman, Odalis Romero, Chris Muzi, Jennifer Simone, Rachel Redelico, & Kelsey Baron



(Above) Bill Gates speaks at the T&L Conference.

## Teens for Jeans Service Project Update

Through the efforts of our NJFEA State Officers and local NJFEA chapters across the state, thousands of pairs of jeans were collected and donated as part of the Teens for Jeans Service Project.

Here are some of the successes that NJFEA chapters have reported:

Verona High School – 121 pairs  
Lindenwold High School 152 pairs  
Collingswood High School – 137 pairs  
Middletown High School South – 113 pairs  
West Windsor-Plainsboro HS South – 121 pairs  
Hunterdon County Regional HS – 128 pairs  
Bloomfield HS – 102 pairs  
Manchester Township HS – 138 pairs  
Passaic Valley Regional High School – 290 pairs  
Allentown High School – 336 pairs  
Dumont High School – 175 pairs



*Dumont High School NJFEA Chapter members pose with the jeans they collected for the Teens for Jeans Service Project.*

## More Summer Teacher Programs for Future Educators!

The Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) is pleased that the original Urban Teacher Academy model developed and implemented at TCNJ has been replicated at four other institutions of higher education across the state.

Challenging and exciting summer teacher academies for future educators are now available in Summer 2014 at:

[Fairleigh Dickinson University](#)  
[Rider University](#)  
[Rowan University](#)  
[Kean University](#)

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## Summer 2014 Urban Teacher Academy @TCNJ

The College of New Jersey's Urban Teacher Academy is offered to high school juniors interested in becoming teachers. Special consideration is given to students interested in teaching in urban schools and/or high shortage subject areas. A national shortage of teachers is predicted over the next decade due to student enrollment increases, teacher retirements, turnover, and career changes. The US Department of Education estimates that between now and 2018, the nation will need to hire one million new teachers. Teacher shortages will be particularly acute in high poverty schools, and in subjects such as math, science, special education, world languages, bilingual, and early childhood. TCNJ's Urban Teacher Academy aims to encourage today's high school students from diverse backgrounds to become tomorrow's teachers as a strategy toward resolving this shortfall.

High school juniors who meet the rigorous criteria for admission are invited to apply to the Urban Teacher Academy.

Get the [2014 UTA Brochure and Application](#) on the Center for Future Educators at TCNJ website today!

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## NJFEA Suburban-Urban Student Exchange Experience

NJFEA Chapter members from West Windsor-Plainsboro High School-South, Lawrence High School, and South Brunswick High School took part in the NJFEA's first-ever suburban-urban student exchange experience. The NJFEA members from the three chapters spent a day at Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City, meeting students, talking with teachers, and participating in classroom experiences. This was a powerful experience for all students involved! Future exchanges will be planned.



# WHAT IS THE COMMON CORE?



## What are educational standards?

Educational standards are the learning goals for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Educational standards help teachers ensure their students have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful, while also helping parents understand what is expected of their children

## What is the Common Core?

State education chiefs and governors in 48 states came together to develop the Common Core, a set of clear college- and career-ready standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Today, 45 states have voluntarily adopted and are working to implement the standards, which are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to take credit bearing introductory courses in two- or four-year college programs or enter the workforce.

## Why are the Common Core State Standards important?

High standards that are consistent across states provide teachers, parents, and students with a set of clear expectations to ensure that all students have the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college, career, and life upon graduation from high school, regardless of where they live. These standards are aligned to the expectations of colleges, workforce training programs, and employers. The standards promote equity by ensuring all students are well prepared to collaborate and compete with their peers in the United States and abroad. Unlike previous state standards, which varied widely from state to state, the Common Core enables collaboration among states on a range of tools and policies, including the:

- ◆ Development of textbooks, digital media, and other teaching materials
- ◆ Development and implementation of common comprehensive assessment systems that replace existing state testing systems in order to measure student performance annually and provide teachers with specific feedback to help ensure students are on the path to success
- ◆ Development of tools and other supports to help educators and schools ensure all students are able to learn the new standards

Learn more about the Common Core at: <http://www.corestandards.org/>.



Join your peers, aspiring future educators, from across the state and the nation! Become a member of the national Future Educators Association and the New Jersey Future Educators Association. If your school has a FEA/NJFEA chapter, renew your chapter membership now. If you want to start a chapter or join as an individual member, see our [new NJFEA membership flyer](#).



## 2014 Service Project: Summer Literacy Book Drive!

Our NJFEA student officers are pleased to announce our second statewide service project for 2014, "Summer Literacy."

**This project kicked off Monday, March 10th  
and ends on Friday, May 30th.**

Collect and donate books to elementary schools in your area to enhance literacy skills!

We invite future teachers and their advisers to collect and donate new or slightly used children's books to enhance literacy in their local elementary schools. We especially encourage donating books to children at low-income New Jersey schools to help prevent a summer slide in reading.

See our service project flyer for full details [here](#). For those who are in the Trenton/Mercer County area, see our special request book drive flyer [here](#).



## Important News Articles for Future Teachers!

<<Click on titles for links to articles.>>

★ ["Autism Diagnoses Surge by 30 Percent in Kids, CDC Reports"](#)

by Maggie Fox  
NBC News, 3/27/14



★ ["School Data Finds Pattern of Inequality Along Racial Lines"](#)

by Motoko Rich  
NY Times, 3/21/2014



## JOIN US ON MAY 22ND FOR THE ANNUAL NJFEA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE!

## Get Ready for NJFEA Regional Conferences!



On behalf of the New Jersey Association of Middle Level Educators, Montclair State University, and the New Jersey Future Educators Association, the Center for Future Educators at TCNJ is very pleased to invite middle students in grades 6-8 who are thinking about becoming future teachers to the fourth annual New Jersey Middle School Conference on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at

Montclair State University, Room 1020, 1 Normal Avenue, Montclair New Jersey, between 9:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Each school is invited to bring between 15-20 students. Registration is open and on a first-come-first-serve basis. This event is being planned for 150 middle school students.

Students must be registered and accompanied to this conference by a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. Students may not register themselves. Registration is done on-line at <http://www.oksignmeup.com/njfea/ms>. Get a copy of the brochure on the Center for Future Educators website at: [http://futureeducators.pages.tcnj.edu/files/2014/03/NJFEA\\_MID\\_SCHL2014.pdf](http://futureeducators.pages.tcnj.edu/files/2014/03/NJFEA_MID_SCHL2014.pdf).

There is no charge for attending this conference thanks to funding provided by the New Jersey Education Association. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Dress is smart-casual.

Chaperones and students are requested to register for one break-out session between 10:45 a.m. -11:45 a.m. Availability for breakout sessions will be based upon space.

Please call Mr. Larry Fieber, Executive Director of the Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey at 609-771-2464 or e-mail him at [fieber@tcnj.edu](mailto:fieber@tcnj.edu) with any questions.

To help expand opportunities for our NJFEA chapter members statewide to participate in our popular annual conferences, the New Jersey Future Educators Association will begin hosting three regional conferences annually!

The three conferences in 2014 will be held at Rowan University (south), Rider University (central), and Kean University (north). Check the 'Mark Your Calendar' section on the home page of the Center for Future Educators website at <https://futureeducators.pages.tcnj.edu/> for these and other important upcoming events!

## Rules of Conduct for Teachers in 1872 and 1915

### 1872

#### Teachers...

- Will fill lamps, clean chimneys, and clean wicks each day.
- Will bring a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the day's session.
- Will make pens carefully, whittling nibs for the individual tastes of their students.
- Who are male may take one evening a week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they attend church regularly.
- Should spend time reading the Bible or other good books after ten hours in school.
- Who are female and marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
- Who smoke, use liquor in any form, frequent pool or public halls, or get shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect their worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty.
- Should lay aside from each day a goodly sum of their earnings for their benefit during their declining years so they will not become burdens to society.
- Who perform their labors faithfully and without fail for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in their pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

*And just for fun!*

### 1915

#### Teachers...

- Will not marry during the term of their contract.
- Are not to keep company with men.
- Must be home between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM unless attending a school function.
- May not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
- May not travel beyond the city limits unless they have the permission of the chairman of the board.
- May not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is the father or brother of the teacher.
- May not smoke cigarettes.
- May not dress in bright colors.
- May, under no circumstances, dye their hair.
- Must wear at least two petticoats.
- Must wear dresses no shorter than two inches above the ankle.
- Must keep the schoolroom neat and clean. They must sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day; and start a fire at 7 AM so that the room will be warm by 8 AM.



Source: West Virginia, Cabell County Board of Education.