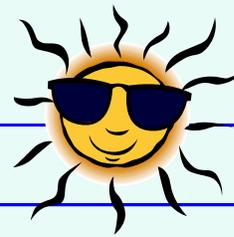


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TEACH!  
**FEATURE**  
LEAD!

The New Jersey Future Educators Association (NJFEA), the New Jersey Education Association, and the National Education Leadership Training Center invite you to attend NJFEA Adviser & Student Leadership Conference.

This program is being sponsored for NJFEA chapter student leaders and their advisers. Each high school chapter is invited to register up to six participants.

Get the [program flyer](#) on the Center for Future Educators website.

◆ September 20, 2014 ◆

## THE NJFEA OFFERS THREE REGIONAL CONFERENCES THIS FALL!

The New Jersey Future Educators Association is offering three regional conferences this fall in order to expand opportunities for students from across the state to participate. Mark your calendars for the conference in your region and stay tuned to the [Center for Future Educators website](#) for registration information.

**October 10, 2014** – NJFEA Southern Regional Conference, Rowan University

**October 17, 2014** – NJFEA Northern Regional Conference, Kean University

**October 23, 2013** – NJFEA Central Regional Conference, Rider University

### Mark Your Calendars!

Stay up to date on all upcoming events offered by the Center for Future Educators/New Jersey Future Educators Association. Check the "Mark Your Calendar" Section on the Center for Future Educators [home page](#) or the Events page "[Upcoming in 2014.](#)"

### 2013-14 NJFEA STATE OFFICERS

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## FREE MEMBERSHIP OFFER! MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL FEA



The National Future Educators Association has announced that it will waive the \$125 fee for all new chapters that join between July 1, 2014 and November 1, 2014. This is a great opportunity to become part of the National FEA and New Jersey Future Educators Association and to expand opportunities for our aspiring future educators!

For information about joining, please see the [NJFEA/FEA membership flyer](#).



### GOT NEWS? GOT IDEAS?

Tell us what is important to you. Email your news or ideas to: Mr. Larry Fieber, NJFEA State Director, at [feiber@tcnj.edu](mailto:feiber@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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★ "He who opens a school door,  
closes a prison."  
~Victor Hugo

## Bridgewater-Raritan HS NJFEA/FEA Chapter Helps Local Schools

Danielle Nisenson, president of the Bridgewater-Raritan High School NJFEA/FEA Chapter reported that her Chapter teamed up with the Robotics Team at Bridgewater-Raritan High School to collect books. The NJFEA/FEA Chapter members and the Robotics Team members collected 450 books for the East Orange School District. Books were also collected for the James Monroe Elementary School that had recently experienced a tragic fire.



## Amanda Cassaday to Become an Elon Teaching Fellow

Mrs. Beverly Hovanec, advisor to the Hanover Park High School NJFEA/FEA Chapter, is pleased to share the exciting news that the Chapter's current co-president, Amanda Cassaday, has been awarded the opportunity to be a part of the Elon Teaching Fellows Program. Amanda is also a 2012-13 graduate of the Tomorrow's Teachers class.

The Elon Teaching Fellows Program is a national model for the preparation of teacher leaders and scholars who will contribute meaningfully and significantly to the quality of education in PreK-12 classrooms, and who will be influential in political decision-making on the local, state, national, and international levels. This program prepares future teachers who think critically and embrace diversity, who are leaders within and beyond the classroom, and who will participate meaningfully in a global society.

Learn more about the Elon Teaching Fellows Program [here](#).

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## Summer 2014 UTA Orientation

# UTA

Orientation for students selected to participate in the summer 2014 Urban Teacher Academy at The College of New Jersey will be held on Thursday, **June 5, 2014** in the School of Education Building. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Parents/guardians should also plan to attend the orientation program, as important information will be provided regarding the requirements and expectations of the program, including travel to/from the campus, field trips, etc.

Get the agenda [here](#)!

We look forward to seeing you on June 5th!



## An Unforgettable Day: A Teacher & Her Special Students

2011-12 Middlesex County Teacher of the Year Terri Thompson shares an unforgettable day with her students at the Piscataway Regional Day School, a facility for students with autism and severe multiple disabilities. None of her students is verbal or ambulatory, but with help of aids, nurses, therapists, and parental support, Terri changes the lives of her special students.

Watch the [Classroom Close Up NJ YouTube video](#).



## Annual NJFEA Awards Dinner



The Annual NJFEA Awards Dinner will be held on June 3, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The 2013-14 NJFEA State Officers will be recognized for their outstanding leadership during this past school year and the 2014-15 NJFEA State Officers will be welcomed. Also, the winner of the 2014 NJFEA Achievement Award will be recognized.



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

[The College of New Jersey](#)  
[Fairleigh Dickinson University](#)

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





Recent video from Classroom Close-Up: [Cafe Kids](#) - Students at Tulsa Trail Elementary School in Hopatcong learn life skills alongside math, language arts, speech, and art during their Cafe Kids course, funded by an ING Unsung Heroes grant. Each child is responsible for a job at the cafe, and smoothies are one of the favorites on the menu.

Classroom Close-Up is on [Facebook](#). Visit to see updates and new stories about what's happening in our public schools.

*Classroom Close-up, NJ is a half-hour television program that features innovative projects in New Jersey public schools. The Emmy-winning show is in its 20th season and airs on NJTV every Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 11:30 p.m.; and Saturdays at 5:30 a.m. The program is sponsored by PSE&G.*

## Lack of Diversity Within the Teaching Ranks

Almost half the students attending public schools are minorities, yet fewer than 1 in 5 of their teachers is nonwhite.

Read the full NBC news article [here](#).



## NJEA Partnerships and Contests

The NJEA has partnered with a number of organizations, including the NY Mets, NY Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, NY Giants, and the Trenton Thunder to offer opportunities, savings, and contests to schools, teachers, and students.

Read about all of these opportunities [here](#).



## State Officers on the Path to Becoming Teachers

**Our 2013-14 NJFEA State Officers close out their year of service this spring and begin on the path to becoming tomorrow's teachers this fall. Here are their plans:**

**Odalis Romero:** Odalis will attend New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ, where she will double major in elementary education and psychology.

**David Eggert:** David will attend Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ, where he will major in elementary education and either psychology or math with a minor in special education. David would like to teach in the elementary level either in general or special education.

**Chris Muzi:** Chris will attend La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA, where he will major in early elementary education and special education. Chris aspires to teach kindergarten.

**Kelsey Baron:** Kelsey will attend Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ, where she will major in elementary education.

**Stephanie Coleman:** Stephanie will attend Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ, and undertake the 4 + 2 program, studying elementary education, special education, and speech and language pathology. Stephanie plans to either teach 2nd grade special education or become a speech and language pathologist.

**Jennifer Simone:** Jennifer will attend Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA, majoring in secondary education history.



## NJFEA Urban-Suburban Student Exchange Visits

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 on Monday, March 24, 2014. 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!

On May 19, 2014, students from the Henry Snyder High School will travel to West Windsor to visit West Windsor-Plainsboro High School-South.



## Websites of Interest for Aspiring Teachers



- [www.teachnet.org](http://www.teachnet.org) (Teacher Resources)
- [www.teachingtolerance.org](http://www.teachingtolerance.org) (Diversity Education)
- [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) (Praxis Exam Information)
- [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org) (National Board for Professional Teaching Standards)
- [www.edweek.org](http://www.edweek.org) (Education Week)
- [www.nctaf.org](http://www.nctaf.org) (National Commission on Teaching and America's Future)
- [www.nctm.org](http://www.nctm.org) (Math Teachers)
- [www.nsta.org](http://www.nsta.org) (Science Teachers)
- [www.socialstudies.org](http://www.socialstudies.org) (Social Studies Teachers)
- [http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/?ar\\_a=1](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/?ar_a=1) (National Geographic Education)
- [www.ced.sped.org](http://www.ced.sped.org) (Special Education Teachers)
- [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org) (Language Arts Teachers)
- [www.edwebproject.org/edref.mi.intro.html](http://www.edwebproject.org/edref.mi.intro.html) (Multiple Intelligences)
- [www.highsmith.com/edupress](http://www.highsmith.com/edupress) (Teacher Resources)