



# The Smartboard

*"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart."*



Recruiting Today's Students as Tomorrow's Teachers

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## "Majority of U.S. Public School Students are in Poverty"

*"For the first time in at least 50 years, a majority of U.S. public school students come from low-income families, according to a new analysis of 2013 federal data, a statistic that has profound implications for the nation."*

The Southern Education Foundation [reports](#) that 51 percent of students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in the 2012-2013 school year were eligible for the federal program that provides free and reduced-price lunches. The lunch program is a rough proxy for poverty, but the explosion in the number of needy children in the nation's public classrooms is a recent phenomenon that has been gaining attention among educators, public officials and researchers.



(Mark Ralston/AFP/Getty Images)

*The shift to a majority-poor student population means that in public schools, a growing number of children start kindergarten already trailing their more privileged peers and rarely, if ever, catch up. They are less likely to have support at home, are less frequently exposed to enriching activities outside of school, and are more likely to drop out and never attend college."*

The above excerpt was taken from the Washington Post article by Lindsey Layton (1/16/15). Read the full article [here](#).

## Your Best Resource as a Future Teacher: Membership!



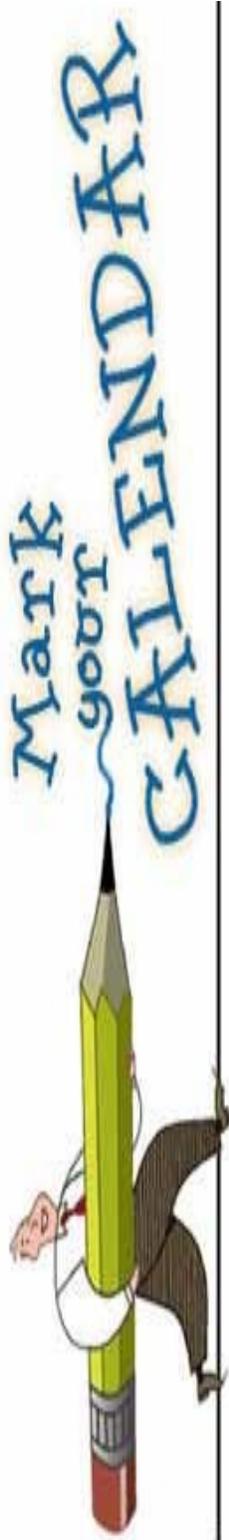
Join YOUR **New Jersey Future Educators Association** and become a part of our growing network of today's high school students and middle school students across our state and nation who aspire to become tomorrow's teachers!

**Become a member today at: <https://www.thinkregistration.com/teaaff/nj/>.**



The NJFEA is a supporter of the national Educators Rising organization for aspiring future teachers. Visit the [Educators Rising website](#) for more information.

Upcoming NJFEA Events/Programs for 2016



**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY**

**NJFEA Middle School Conference @ Montclair State University, June 7, 2016**

Check the [Center for Future Educators website](#) for upcoming registration information.



**FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY**

**Tomorrow's Teachers Training @ Fairleigh Dickinson University, June 27-28, 2016**

Get your Tomorrow's Teachers [invitation letter](#) and register by May 6, 2016.



**RIDER UNIVERSITY**

**Tomorrow's Teachers Training @ Rider University, June 29-30, 2016**

Get your Tomorrow's Teachers [invitation letter](#) and register by May 6th.



**FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY**

**[Summer Teacher Academy @ Fairleigh Dickinson University, July 5-14, 2016](#)**

Apply by May 27, 2016.



**RIDER UNIVERSITY**

**[Summer STEM Academy @ Rider University, July 11-22, 2016](#)**



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**[Urban Teacher Academy @ The College of New Jersey, July 18-29, 2016](#)**

Apply by April 22, 2016.



**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**

**[Urban Teacher Academy @ Stockton University, June 27-July 8, 2016](#)**

Apply by May 31, 2016.



Be sure to see the Center for Future Educators website [Events page](#) for all important dates in 2016. The Events page is updated regularly, so check back often!

## Monmouth University NJFEA Conference

On March 14, 2016, more than 300 students and advisors attended our 2016 NJFEA Conference at Monmouth University — our first-ever conference at that location!

Participants were welcomed by NJFEA State Director, Mr. Larry Fieber; NJEA Secretary-Treasurer, Mr Sean Spiller; and, Dean of the School of Education at Monmouth University, Dr. John Henning.

Students had a choice of nearly 20 breakout sessions covering a wide range of education topics of interest to aspiring future teachers, including special education, social studies education, STEM education, multiple intelligences, etc.



## Rutgers University-Newark NJFEA Conference

The NJFEA was very pleased to offer an exciting and successful NJFEA Conference at Rutgers University-Newark on April 6, 2016. The nearly 300 students and NJFEA advisors/teachers were treated to a very special presentation by Mr. Wendell Steinhauer, NJEA President, and an exciting and inspiring keynote address by Mr. Ras Baraka, Mayor of Newark, NJ. During the day, students attended a rich variety of breakout sessions addressing such topics as teachers as social activities, earth and environmental education, teaching language arts, physics education, physical education for adolescent girls, future teachers as advocates, identifying norms of inner city youth, identity and success of Black and Latino males, creating tomorrow's scientists, discovering the mathematician in you and culturally responsive math education, and becoming powerful leaders now.

This was an exciting, productive day and we are pleased to have had this opportunity to work with Rutgers University-Newark to offer such a rich program for such an impressive audience of prospective future teachers!



## Teaching & Learning Conference 2016



The 2015-16 NJFEA State Officers attended the Teaching & Learning Conference in Washington, D.C., on March 9-11. As part of their trip to the nation's capital, the officers visited the U.S. Capitol and sat in the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives; visited the National Archives; visited the U.S. Supreme Court, the bench of which was draped in memory of Justice Scalia; took a guided tour of Arlington National Cemetery, visiting the grave sites of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Edward Moore Kennedy, and other government and military officials, as well as seeing the changing of the guard and wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown soldier; took a nighttime walking tour to see and photograph the White House, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and many other sites.



At the Teaching & Learning Conference, the officers attended two high profile plenary sessions with prominent speakers on emotional intelligence, literacy, diversity, etc. They also attended breakout sessions of their choice during the conference. Throughout their time in Washington, D.C., Mr. Larry Fieber, NJFEA State Director, with his expert knowledge of the city, American government, and American history gave the officers detailed information and history on each of the sites visited. This was a great experience for our NJFEA officers — our future teachers — our future leaders.

## Urban-Suburban Student Exchanges

The NJFEA Urban-Suburban Student Exchanges are going strong! We have had three exchanges in 2016 — with more to come. Schools involved in the first three exchanges on January 22, March 7, and April 12 were Morris Hills High School, Henry Snyder High School (Jersey City), Hunterdon County Polytech, and Martin Luther King Elementary School (Trenton).

These exchanges are designed to open dialogue and build bridges between aspiring future educators from diverse backgrounds.



***“Those who exert the first influence on the mind, have the greatest power.”***  
**—Horace Mann**

## 2016 NJFEA Student Achievement Award



The NJFEA Student Achievement Award was instituted to recognize outstanding New Jersey future teachers for achievement and demonstration of leadership, service, commitment, and excellence to promoting and/or representing their NJFEA chapters and/or Tomorrow's Teachers course electives in a professional manner.

### General Information:

To qualify, an award recipient must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a current high school junior or senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Be an active member of NJFEA or enrolled in a Tomorrow's Teachers course
- **Complete and submit the application by Friday, May 6, 2016.**

### Award:

Three (3) awards will be made in 2016. Each winner will receive:

- A prize of \$750; and
- An invitation to a special awards dinner at the New Jersey Education Association in Trenton in June 2016.

*"In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something else."  
—Lee Iacocca*

Mail, email, or fax your

**[NJFEA Student Achievement Award Application](#)** to:

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## 2016-17 NJFEA State Officer Application

We are very pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for 2016-17 NJFEA Student State Officers. This is a great future teacher leadership opportunity for current high school sophomores/juniors who aspire to become future teachers.

The [2016-17 NJFEA Student State Officer Application](#) provides a description of the requirements, roles, and responsibilities of the officers. Selected students will participate in leadership training, assume leadership roles at NJFEA conferences/activities, spearhead a state-wide service project(s), contribute to our newsletters, and attend a national conference. Much of our communication and meetings are conducted by conference call. All expenses are paid by NJFEA.

Student state officers are nominated by their NJFEA chapter advisers and/or Tomorrow's Teachers instructors. **Applications are due by Friday, April 29th.**

E-mail or call Mr. Larry Fieber at [feiber@tcnj.edu](mailto:feiber@tcnj.edu) or 609-771-2464 with any questions.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR NJFEA STUDENT STATE OFFICERS:

- Be a current high school sophomore or junior.
- Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.
- Be a current and active member of NJFEA or Tomorrow's Teachers.
- Be recommended by your NJFEA chapter adviser or Tomorrow's Teachers instructors
- Demonstrate leadership on your high school campus and/or in your local community
- Be willing and able to serve for the full term and fulfill the duties of your NJFEA officer role, as described on the attached "Term of Service and Duties of NJFEA State Officers."

**"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."  
—Anne Frank**



### OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

**President**

**Vice-President**

**Secretary**

**Northern Region Representative**

*(Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Morris, Essex, Hudson Counties)*

**Central Region Representative**

*(Hunterdon, Union, Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer, Monmouth Counties)*

**Southern Region Representative**

*(Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May Counties)*





Katelyn Page

## Reflecting on a Year of Service to the NJFEA

**Katelyn Page:** Being a state officer has been an amazing experience. From all the conferences, to the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City, to the Teaching & Learning Conference in Washington, D.C., this has been a life changing experience. When I applied to be an officer I never thought I would actually get accepted, let alone be elected president. I have made friendships and connections with people which will last a long time. This experience has helped me get into college and to get scholarships. Thank you to Mr. Fieber and the NJEA for this amazing opportunity. This will be a very hard part of my life to say goodbye to.



Makenzie Kern

**Makenzie Kern:** Being the NJFEA Vice President has been a very rewarding job. I have learned many things through all of the conferences I have been able to go to, as well as being able to meet so many new people. I have enjoyed my time being a student officer and hope the best for the incoming officers. It is extremely worth it!



Joely DeMonte

**Joely DeMonte:** Being the NJFEA Secretary allowed me to visit colleges and learn from the students directly about the school and the programs offered. At all our conferences, I was able to meet high school students from all parts of New Jersey. We spent two days in Atlantic City for the NJEA Convention. There, I was able to meet the Assistant Dean of Education of Stockton, the school I hope to attend. Through the program, I was also able to go to the Teaching & Learning Conference in Washington D.C., which was amazing. We attended a pre-conference workshop where we learned about the Women's Suffrage Movement and then had a special screening of "He Named Me Malala." Overall, it has been an incredible opportunity that I am glad to have been a part of.



Nicholas Quintero

**Nicholas Quintero:** Being a part of NJFEA has been one of the best experiences in my life. This program has enabled me to overcome my shyness and fear of speaking in public, while also giving me tools to better my speaking engagements. It has also given me the opportunity to meet hundreds of future teachers while also making close friends with the other officers. I was a little apprehensive at first to join but I am over the moon glad that I did! NJFEA means the world to me and I am very glad that this organization has remarkable people running it. I also know that this was an amazing experience for a future teacher that is unprecedented anywhere else.



Samantha Nielsen

**Samantha Nielsen:** When I was first told I should apply for a position on the board, I was not liking the idea at all. I didn't know what to expect. I can honestly say that I don't regret applying for the position. Throughout this past year, we have been to many different colleges in New Jersey, along with seeing Atlantic City and Washington D.C. I've learned a lot, met a lot of important people, and had a fantastic time on all of our trips. Meeting future teachers from all over New Jersey has been such an honor. It means the world to me that I have gone through this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Thank you to Mr. Fieber, Ms. Thompson, and the rest of the officers for a great experience.



DJ Hager

**DJ Hager:** I'm incredibly grateful my chapter adviser brought this opportunity to my attention at the end of my junior year last year. The Tomorrow's Teachers class allowed me to become more understanding of the education community and how to be a better and more effective leader. My experiences as a NJFEA officer inspired me to effect change in the world from visiting Washington D.C. for the first time, being inspired by New Jersey's teachers at the Annual NJEA Convention, to all of the conferences where I had the opportunity to meet the highest quality of educators and some very passionate young people who aspire to educate. Wherever life takes me I will always remember that "Children are children everywhere, and every child is sacred."

## 5 Overlooked Habits of Great Leaders



*“Most leaders want to be great at what they do, but far too many fall short. Why is that? What do great leaders have that not-so-great ones don’t?”*

*There are many ingredients that go into the leadership mix: organizational skills, effective communication, and character traits like courage, confidence and clarity. But while each of these ingredients is important for great leadership, none are the starting point. For leaders to be truly great, they must start with personal habits—because the right personal habits act like a mixing bowl for enhancing skills and character traits.”*

The above is an excerpt from “5 Overlooked Habits of Great Leaders.” Find out what those habits are. Read the full article [here](#).



## TED Talks and YouTube Video Recommendations



### [Truly Amazing Teacher](#)

The greatest life lesson ever taught in a matter of 10 minutes by an extraordinary man! Must watch!

## “Education Activism Begins with Teachers”



*“[E] activism begins at the individual level. Without an intimate understanding of the people involved in our education system, no meaningful change can be made. Teachers are uniquely positioned to understand what individual students truly need and to determine meaningful responses to these needs. Teachers are on the ground level of the fight for educational equity in a way that nonprofit workers, policymakers, or even administrators often are not..”*



The above is an excerpt from an article in *Education Week Teacher* (8/20/14). Read the full article [here](#).

## “He Named Me Malala”



**HE NAMED ME MALALA** is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan’s Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls’ education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls’ education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Learn more about the movie, about Malala Yousafzai, her life, and her family at the “He Named Me Malala” [website](#).

## Classroom Close-up NJ

Classroom Close-up NJ is a half-hour television program that features innovative projects in New Jersey public schools. The [14-time Emmy®](#) award-winning show is in its 22nd 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 show is the only half-hour program in the country devoted to featuring the positive things happening in public schools.



Visit Classroom Close-up NJ [online](#).

Search the Classroom Close-up NJ [Video Library](#).

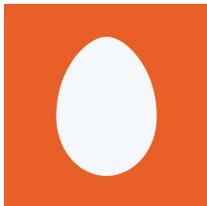


Classroom Close-up NJ [shares lesson plans](#):

Educators who appear on Classroom Close-up NJ do so because they want to share what they are doing in their classrooms. For those who have appeared on the show, you can go one step further and upload your lesson plans to the website. See also the lesson [plan search](#) feature online.



See What's [Featured this Month](#) and [Next Month](#) on Classroom Close-up NJ:



From Camden to Newark, from Gloucester Township to Hazlet, Classroom Close-up NJ features professional development ideas from the NJEA Convention to inspirational stories about teachers and their students.

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School is a  
building which  
has four walls  
with tomorrow  
inside.

- Lon Watters



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**Recruiting Today's Students as Tomorrow's Teachers**

The Center for Future Educators (CFE) at The College of New Jersey was established in 2010 to inspire, encourage, and recruit high school and middle school students who are considering teaching as a future career. The CFE especially seeks future educators interested in teaching in high poverty and hard-to-staff schools and/or high shortage subject areas such as math, science, special education, world languages, technology, bilingual and ESL. The CFE works collaboratively with New Jersey's high schools and middle schools, colleges and universities, corporate, governmental, and community agencies to develop an exemplary model of future teacher recruitment.

The CFE also hosts the New Jersey Future Educators Association. Beginning on July 1st, the NJFEA became an independent organization that continues to be funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). The NJFEA remains in association with Educators Rising (formerly, FEA), our new national network for future teachers.

In addition to supporting local chapter activities, the NJFEA sponsors a variety of statewide events including annual regional conferences for high school and middle school students who aspire to become future teachers, as well as leadership and service project programs and activities. Future teachers and their NJFEA advisers from more than 75 high schools register for these events annually.

Other statewide and regional NJFEA programs for high school and middle school students, student leadership trainings, and state and local service projects are sponsored each year.

The CFE and NJFEA are funded by the New Jersey Education Association.

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**We Want to Hear from YOU!**

The Smartboard newsletter is one of many ways that we seek to get important information to NJFEA chapter members, NJFEA advisors, Tomorrow's Teachers course students and instructors, and all high school and middle school students across New Jersey who aspire to become tomorrow's teachers — tomorrow's leaders. This newsletter is about you and for you. So, we invite you to contact us and let us know what you would like to see in YOUR newsletter. What is important to you? What do you need to know more about as you explore teaching as a future career? What do you want to know, as a NJFEA advisor, about starting and running a local chapter? Please email Mr. Larry Fieber at [feiber@tcnj.edu](mailto:feiber@tcnj.edu) with your ideas. We want to hear from you!



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