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Mini Summer Issue

We hope you enjoy this brief summer issue.

A regular issue of The Smartboard returns in the fall.

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The Smartboard

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



Recruiting Today's Students as Tomorrow's Teachers

Summer 2016

Upcoming NJFEA Events/Programs for 2016

June 27-28, 2016..... Tomorrow's Teachers Training at Fairleigh Dickinson University

June 29-30, 2016..... Tomorrow's Teachers Training at Rider University

July 7, 2016..... 2016-17 NJFEA State Officer Leadership Training, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

July 18-29, 2016..... Urban Teacher Academy, The College of New Jersey

October 11, 2016..... NJFEA Conference, The College of New Jersey Get the [conference flyer](#) and register at <http://www.oksignmeup.com/njfea/tcnj>.

November 11, 2016... Annual NJFEA Field Trip to the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Convention in Atlantic City (Details and registration information coming soon.)



Mark your calendars!

Be Inspired to Do Great Things! Be Inspired to Teach! Check out the Penns Grove High School "Future Teachers Making a Difference" episode from the 2015-16 season of Classroom Close-Up NJ.



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/feaaff/nj/>.
Also, see page 6 of this issue of The Smartboard.

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



Meet the 2016-17 NJFEA State Officer Nominees

On June 22, 2016, the new 2016-17 NJFEA State Officers will be installed as part of the Annual NJFEA Recognition Dinner to be held at the New Jersey Education Association Headquarters in Trenton. Our new officer nominees are:

A genuine leader
is not a searcher
of consensus
but a molder
of consensus.

Martin Luther King

- **Shannon Brogan**, Burlington Township High School, Burlington Township School District
- **Naomi Campbell**, Liberty High School, Jersey City Public Schools
- **Irvic Gondor**, Nottingham High School, Hamilton Township School District
- **Clifford Kyei**, American History High School, Newark Public Schools
- **Julia Melao**, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark Public Schools
- **Emily Normand**, Allentown High School, Upper Freehold Regional School District

We look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead with our new officers.

New NJFEA Officers' Leadership Training at Lehigh U

The new NJFEA State Officers will participate in a special orientation and outdoor education leadership training program at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, on July 7, 2016. The NJFEA began taking new officers to Lehigh's program two years ago and was very pleased with how well the program allowed new officers to get to know each other, while also learning critical leadership skills.

As part of the program at Lehigh University, the specific officer positions will be decided and the information publicized on the Center for Future Educators website and Facebook page shortly after the program.

2016 NJFEA Achievement Award Winners

Also at the June 22nd Annual Recognition Dinner the 2016 NJFEA Achievement Award Winners will be acknowledged. Each winner will receive a certificate and a \$750 scholarship. For 2016, the NJFEA is pleased to announce that the selected winners to be recognized on June 22nd are:

- **Sophia Adelson**, West Orange High School
- **Catherine Delsandro**, Cranford High School
- **Joely DeMonte**, Hamilton High School North
- **Nia Houston**, American History High School
- **Nicholas Vollaro**, Middletown High School South

Congratulations to all of our winners!





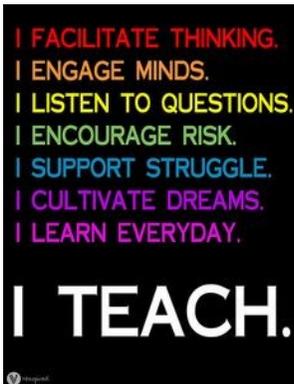
New Website for Tomorrow's Teachers Instructors!

Our new [website](#) is up and running for all Tomorrow's Teachers instructors. Please upload any new and innovative lesson and resources to share with colleagues across our state. Your efforts will contribute greatly to the excellence of our program. **Get the [Step-By-Step Guide](#) and get started today!**

This website will be a great opportunity for collaboration between our Tomorrow's Teachers instructors to enhance the quality of this course elective. While the 10th edition of Experiencing Education is highly effective in many respects, I have received important feedback from many of you that there topics that are not included that if added, will significantly enhance this program. Some topics include but are not limited to the following:

- The disparities between high and low socioeconomic schools
- The integration of technology into instruction
- More focus on middle school and high schools
- Recruiting future teachers for STEM
- The Common Core—pros and cons of the current standardization movement
- Our state and national student drop-out problem
- Tips for applying for teacher preparation in college
- Current hot topics faced by teachers
- Parental/community involvement
- History of education in NJ
- TED Talks and You Tube videos as resources
- Compiling a list of recent movies for future teachers
- The role of the superintendent, Child Study team, guidance counselors, child psychologists, social workers in schools and LDTC's
- Diversity in our classrooms
- Recruiting diversity to our teaching force
- LGBTQ students
- Additional topics on ESL and teaching foreign languages

This website is a great beginning for us to share and collaborate with each other.



Meet the Summer 2016 UTA Class at TCNJ



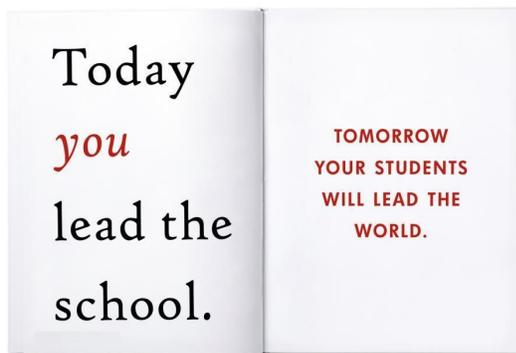
This year, the Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey had its largest applicant pool ever! As in all past years, the selected students for the 2016 UTA were exceptional in their academic preparation, their service and leadership experience, and in their commitment to pursuing careers as tomorrow's teachers! We are excited to introduce these students to the Urban Teacher Academy, with its prominent speakers, eye-opening field experiences, thought-provoking discussions, and unique opportunities to put their learning to practice — all in the span of two packed-full weeks on the TCNJ campus!

For a list of the 2016 UTA students, click [here](#).

Seventeen Things that Matter Most



1. Great teachers never forget that it is people, not programs, that determine the quality of a school.
2. Great teachers establish clear expectations at the start of the year and follow them consistently as the year progresses.
3. Great teachers manage their classrooms thoughtfully. When they say something, they mean it.
4. When a student misbehaves, great teachers have one goal: to keep that behavior from happening again.
5. Great teachers have high expectations for their students, but have higher expectations of themselves.
6. Great teachers know that they are the variable in the classroom. Good teachers consistently strive to improve, and they focus on something they can control: their own performance.
7. Great teachers focus on students first, with a broad vision that keeps everything in perspective.
8. Great teachers create a positive atmosphere in their classrooms and schools. They treat every person with respect. In particular, they understand the power of praise.
9. Great teachers consistently filter out the negatives that don't matter and share a positive attitude.
10. Great teachers work hard to keep their relationships in good repair to avoid personal hurt and to repair any possible damage.
11. Great teachers have the ability to ignore trivial disturbances and the ability to respond to inappropriate behavior without escalating the situation.
12. Great teachers have a plan and a purpose for everything they do. If plans don't work out the way they had envisioned, they reflect on what they could have done differently and adjust accordingly.
13. Before making any decision or attempting to bring about any change, great teachers ask themselves one central question: What will the best people think?
14. Great teachers continually ask themselves who is most comfortable and who is least comfortable with each decision they make. They treat everyone as if they were good.
15. Great teachers have empathy for students and clarity about how others see them.
16. Great teachers keep standardized testing in perspective. They focus on the real issue of student learning.
17. Great teachers care about their students. They understand that behaviors and beliefs are tied to emotion, and they understand the power of emotion to jumpstart change.



www.inspirational-picture-quotes.com

Source: *What Great Teachers Do Differently –17 Things That Matter Most*, 2nd Edition, by Todd Whitaker, Routledge, NY (2012)

Tomorrow's Teachers College Credit: It Counts!



The Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey is pleased to announce that, again for the 2016-17 academic year, students who enroll in their high school's Tomorrow's Teachers program are eligible to receive college credits from Rider University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, or Stockton University upon successfully completing the course. This is a great opportunity that not only allows students to explore the teaching profession, but

begin their college careers with credits already completed at one of these three nationally accredited institutions.

For **Rider University**, see the [Memorandum of Understanding](#).

For **Fairleigh Dickinson University**, see the following for full information:

[2016-17 Middle College Program Facts](#)

[2016-17 MCP College Credit Requirements](#)

[2016-17 MCP-TT FAQs](#)

[2016-2017 Letter for Parents](#)

For **Stockton University**, updated details will be coming soon and will be posted on the Center for Future Educators [website](#).

**I WANT TO
INSPIRE
PEOPLE.
I WANT SOMEONE TO
LOOK AT ME AND SAY
"BECAUSE OF YOU
I DIDN'T GIVE UP."**

Record Attendance at the 2016 NJFEA Middle School Conference!

The New Jersey Future Educators Association would like to thank all who participated in the 2016 NJFEA Middle School Conference at Montclair State University. Our very first middle school conference was held at Montclair State University with approximately 100 students attending. This year, returning to Montclair, more than 300 middle school students seeking to explore teaching as a career option attended the June 7th conference.

Attendance at the NJFEA high school and middle school conferences grows each year. To accommodate the greatly increased interested in the conferences, the NJFEA now hosts multiple regional high school conferences annually, in addition to one annual statewide middle school conference. These events are important opportunities for aspiring future educators to learn about a career in teaching, while also being able to network with peers who have similar interests and goals.

IF YOU ASK ME WHAT I
CAME INTO THIS WORLD
TO DO, I WILL TELL
YOU WITHOUT
HESITATION:

**I WAS BORN
TO BE A
TEACHER.**

- Robert John Meehan

teachingwithsimplicity.com

The Center for Future Educators and The New Jersey Future Educators Association Wish You All a Great Summer!

The Value of Membership



New Jersey
Future Educators
Association

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

Register today at: <https://www.thinkregistration.com/feaaff/nj/>.

The benefits of membership in the New Jersey Future Education include all of the following, which are available to only NJFEA members and at no additional cost:

◆ No-Cost Attendance at:

- Annual Regional NJFEA Conferences
- Annual NJFEA Convention in Atlantic City

◆ Free Resources, including:

- Bimonthly Official Newsletter of the NJFEA, "The Smartboard"
- NJFEA Chapter Advisor Handbook
- Videos, Interactive On-Line Activities, & Programs from Educators Rising, our National NJFEA affiliate

◆ Eligibility for:

- NJFEA Achievement Award Recognition
- NJFEA Chapter Incentive Grants and Scholarships
- Recognition by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA)
- Service as NJFEA State Officers (including Special Leadership Training for State & Chapter Officers)
- Service on NJFEA Advisory Board (for Chapter Advisors & NJFEA State Officers)

◆ Opportunities to:

- Network Statewide with other NJFEA Chapters and Individual Members
- Participate in Future Teacher Leadership Training
- Participate in the Annual NJFEA Recognition Dinner (for NJFEA State Officers and Achievement Award Winners, their Families, and Guests)
- Participate in Urban-Suburban Student High School Exchanges
- Participate in Statewide Service Projects
- Receive Advance Notification & Application Packages for Urban Teacher Academies



**TODAY'S
STUDENTS**

**TOMORROW'S
TEACHERS**

**TOMORROW'S
LEADERS**

\$10 per individual membership – a cost of only \$1 per month from September 1st – June 30th. Includes membership in the NJFEA and free membership in the new national "Educators Rising."



Membership is open to NJ high school and middle school students. Students may register online as part of their NJFEA chapter or as individuals. There is no chapter fee.



NJFEA chapter advisors and other individuals wishing to support NJ's aspiring educators may also register at the \$10 rate.

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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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Recruiting Today's Students as Tomorrow's Teachers!

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 with your ideas. We want to hear from you!



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