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



Recruiting Today's Students as Tomorrow's Teachers

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'Standing Room Only' at NJFEA Middle School Conference!



Thanks to all who made the March 20th NJFEA Middle School Conference at Rowan University another great success! Nearly 325 middle school students attended the conference to explore teaching as a possible future career—a new attendance record for NJFEA middle school conferences!



The students and their advisors were given a special welcome by the Dean of Rowan University's College of Education, Dr. Monika Williams Shealey, and were treated to a lively, engaging, and interactive presentation by Dr. Reginald Davenport, President of the New Jersey Association for Middle Level Education. Students also chose from among nearly 10 breakout sessions for more in-depth looks at educational technology, language learning, diversity in education, special education, etc.



Special thanks goes to Ms. Chanelle Wilson-Poe, Instructor and Teacher Education Recruiter at Rowan University. Ms. Wilson-Poe coordinated the conference logistics on behalf of Rowan University and worked tirelessly at the conference to ensure that the sessions ran smoothly. Ms. Wilson-Poe also presented an exciting breakout session at the conference: "DIVE into Diversity: Different Individuals Valuing Education."



Finally, a very special thanks goes to Ms. Marianne Titus as she stood in for Mr. Larry Fieber, who was on temporary medical leave. Ms. Titus, herself an exceptional teacher having tremendous rapport with students, recognized Mr. Fieber for his unparalleled and ceaseless dedication to education and inspiration to young people. We have eagerly awaited Mr. Fieber's return and we thank the many, many of you who have offered their heartfelt well wishes for his speedy recovery.



Mark your
calendars!

Programs & Events Upcoming in 2017



May 9, 2017—National Teacher Day

May 31, 2017—NJFEA Conference, Monmouth University

June 1, 2017—Urban Teacher Academy Orientation, The College of New Jersey

June 15, 2017—Annual NJFEA Recognition Dinner, NJEA Headquarters, Trenton, NJ

July 10-11, 2017 —Tomorrow's Teachers Training, Fairleigh Dickinson University

July 10-20, 2017—Summer Teacher Academy, Fairleigh Dickinson University

July 10-21, 2017—Urban Teacher Academy, Stockton University

July 12-13, 2017 —Tomorrow's Teachers Training, Fairleigh Dickinson University

July 17-28, 2017—Urban Teacher Academy, The College of New Jersey

Summer 2017 (TBA) - Rowan University Urban Teacher Academy-Bridgeton Teacher Academy

All events/programs are posted on the Center for Future Educators website under "Mark Your Calendar and under the [Events](#) pulldown menu on the homepage.

May 31st NJFEA Conference—Few Spaces Still Left!



We are pleased to extend an invitation to students in grades 9-12 who are exploring careers as future teachers to attend the New Jersey Future Educators Association (NJFEA) Conference at Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

Online registration is available at <http://www.oksignmeup.com/njfea/monmouth> and is on a first-come-first serve basis. Please see the [conference flyer](#) on the Center for Future Educators website.

Students must be registered and accompanied to this conference by a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. Students may not register themselves. Students will select one workshop for each of two break-out sessions. The first break-out session is from 10:40-11:25 a.m. The second break-out session is from 11:35 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Each high school is invited to bring 15-20 students who are interested in becoming future teachers. There is no charge for attending this conference. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Dress is smart casual.

Please e-mail Mr. Larry Fieber, Executive Director of the Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey and State Director of the New Jersey Future Educators Association at fieber@tcnj.edu with any questions.

Take the Lead! Become a NJFEA Student Officer!



The New Jersey Future Educators Association is recruiting applicants to become 2017-18 NJFEA State Officers. Serving as a State Officer is an honor and a significant responsibility to help advance the interests of New Jersey high school and middle school students who aspire to become tomorrow's teachers. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please see the [NJFEA Officer Application – 2017-18](#), which includes a description of each of the officer positions.

Applications are due [Friday, May 5, 2017](#), and the term of service for new officers will be July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

NJFEA Achievement Award Applications Due May 5th!



The New Jersey Future Educators Association is pleased to announce that three (3) \$750 awards will be awarded in June to three high students who aspire to become future teachers. These students will be recognized for achievement and demonstration of leadership, service, commitment, and excellence to promoting and representing their NJFEA chapters and/or their Tomorrow's Teachers course electives.

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 5, 2017](#). (Download the [2017 NJFEA Achievement Award Application](#) here.)

The successful award recipients will be honored at a special dinner at the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) on Thursday, June 15, 2017

Please email or fax your NJFEA Student Achievement Award Application to:
Mr. Larry Fieber at feiber@tcnj.edu or [609-637-5065](tel:609-637-5065).

2017 NJFEA Service Project Ends June 1st—Join In!



Open Hearts. Open Books.

We invite our NJFEA chapters 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.

Please set a high goal for your club and collect as many books as possible because the more today's children read the better they will be in the future!

See the [service project flyer](#) for full details.

Still Time to Register for Tomorrow's Teachers Training!



The Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), The New Jersey Education Association, and the New Jersey Department of Education are pleased to invite high school teachers to participate in a **Tomorrow's Teachers** instructor training opportunity. **Tomorrow's Teachers**, an elective course for high school juniors and seniors who aspire to become teachers, was developed by the Center for Education, Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA) in South Carolina.



Please see the [2017 Tomorrow's Teachers Invitation Letter and Registration Form](#) for complete information. During July's trainings, we will introduce the 11th edition of **Experiencing Education**. If you would like to participate in the **Tomorrow's Teachers** training (at one of the two sites below), please complete the registration form and email (fiieber@tcnj.edu) or fax it (**609-637-5065**) to Larry Fieber, Executive Director, Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey, by **Friday, May 12th**.



Fairleigh Dickinson University (Teaneck)

Monday, July 10th (9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, July 11th (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Rider University (Lawrenceville)

Wednesday, July 12th (9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, July 13th (9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

The cost for the **Experiencing Education 11th edition course curriculum** is **\$560** to be paid by each participating high school. Invoices for this curriculum will be sent directly to each school district upon registration confirmation. There are no training fees associated with the sessions. Please note that the **Experiencing Education** curriculum may not be implemented at a high school unless training has been completed by certified CERRA a course instructor.



Four New Jersey universities offer college credits to high school students who successfully complete the Tomorrow's Teachers course elective: [Fairleigh Dickinson University](#), [Rider University](#), [Stockton University](#), and Kean University (beginning fall 2017).

Join teachers from schools that have already registered for this year's training sessions:

Academy for Urban Leadership CS
Oakcrest HS (Greater Egg Harbor)
Steinert HS (Hamilton)
Matawan-Aberdeen HS
Morris Hills HS
Point Pleasant Borough HS
Alexander Hamilton Prep (Elizabeth)
Montville Twp HS
Pequannock Twp HS

Cumberland Regional HS
East Brunswick HS
Hamilton Twp West HS
Nottingham HS (Hamilton)
New Brunswick HS
Washington Twp HS
Cedar Grove HS
Newark Prep Charter School
Vernon HS

Delran HS
Keansburg HS
Lawrence HS
Monroe Twp HS
Pemberton HS
Plainfield HS
Clifton HS
Sparta HS



Get Ready for Summer Teaching Experiences!



The College of New Jersey's (TCNJ) Urban Teacher Academy (UTA) is offered to high school juniors who meet rigorous admission criteria and are interested in becoming teachers. Special consideration is given to students interested in teaching in urban schools and/or high shortage subject areas. The [UTA brochure and application](#) for the 2017 UTA @ TCNJ is available for the program that will run from **July 17th through July 28th**. Applications are being accepted through Friday, May 5, 2017. See also our [UTA YouTube video](#).

Also, be sure to check out the Summer/Urban Teacher Academy programs at our partner institutions:



July 10-20, 2017

Summer Teacher Academy, Fairleigh Dickinson University
[Brochure](#)

July 10-21, 2017

Urban Teacher Academy, Stockton University
[Brochure](#)

Summer 2017 (Dates to be announced)

Rowan University Urban Teacher Academy-Bridgeton Teacher Academy
[Preliminary Flyer](#)

(For more information about this program, please contact Monika Williams Shealey, Ph.D., Dean, College of Education, Rowan University at shealey@rowan.edu.)

Scholarship Opportunities for Minority Students

"As of 2016, 41.8 million Americans have outstanding student loan debt totaling over \$1.2 trillion dollars. That's an average of approximately \$28,700 per individual. You don't have to join the millions of people taking on loans in an effort to further their education."

(AffordableColleges.com)

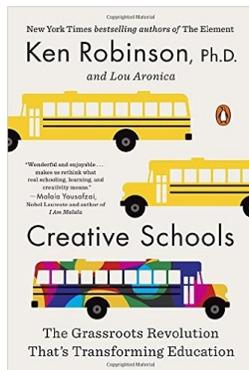


Despite our country's ongoing economic volatility and increased college costs, the financial aid picture for minorities has never looked brighter. Currently, billions of dollars are set aside each year specifically for Asian Americans, African American, Hispanic American, and Native American students. This funding is open to minorities at any level (high school through postdoctoral) for a variety of activities including study, research, travel, training, career development and creative projects.

While numerous listings provide general financial aid opportunities, there seems to be a lack of online scholarship listings specifically for minority groups. As a result, many advisors, librarians, scholars, researchers and students often have been unaware of the extensive funding opportunities available for minority groups.

AffordableColleges.com provides an extensive listing of scholarships exclusively for minority students on its website at: <http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/>.

Summer Reading Recommendation



Creative Schools: The Grassroots Revolution That's Transforming Education Paperback – April 19, 2016 by [Ken Robinson Ph.D.](#) (Author), [Lou Aronica](#) (Author)

"Ken Robinson is one of the world's most influential voices in education, and his 2006 TED Talk on the subject is the most viewed in the organization's history. Now, the internationally recognized leader on creativity and human potential focuses on one of the most critical issues of our time: how to transform the nation's troubled educational system. At a time when standardized testing businesses are raking in huge profits, when many schools are struggling, and students and educators everywhere are suffering under the strain, Robinson points the way forward. He argues for an end to our outmoded industrial educational system and proposes a highly personalized, organic approach that draws on today's unprecedented technological and professional resources to engage all students, develop their love of learning, and enable them to face the real challenges of the twenty-first century. Creative Schools will inspire teachers, parents, and policy makers alike to rethink the real nature and purpose of education."

~Amazon.com

Ted Talks Video Recommendations

The Ted Talks videos below are recommended for aspiring future educators. They

Watch, think, discuss!



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Victor Rios—[Help for Kids the Education System Ignores](#)

John McWhorter—[4 Reasons to Learn a New Language](#)

Gonzalo Vilarino—[How Argentina's Blind Soccer Team Became Champions](#)



Victor Rios,
educator and
author (Photo:
Ted Talks)



John
McWhorter,
linguist (Photo:
Ted Talks)



Gonzalo
Vilarino, lawyer
and coach
(Photo: Ted Talks)

Urban-Suburban School Exchanges Open Dialogue



The New Jersey Future Educators Association sponsored another successful Urban-Suburban School Exchange on February 24th. Participating in this exchange were aspiring future educators from Henry Snyder High School (Jersey City) and North Brunswick High School. The exchanges are important for opening dialogue between diverse schools and diverse students who aspire to become tomorrow's teachers.



The Value of Membership

2017-18



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 the NJFEA Advisory Board (for Chapter Advisors and 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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Follow us: <https://twitter.com/NJFEA> Join us: <https://www.thinkregistration.com/feaaff/nj/>



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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 with your ideas. We want to hear from you!



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