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CFE WELCOMES ITS NEW TEAM!

The Center for Future Educators at TCNJ ended 2018 by welcoming its new Executive Director (and NJFEA State Director) Dr. Thomas Howard, Jr. With an extensive career in public school education, Dr. Howard has served as a classroom teacher in Lawnside and South Brunswick, NJ, and a principal in Trenton and Burlington City, NJ. He holds certifications as a teacher, principal, and school administrator.



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He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Winston-Salem State University in Music Education, a Master's Degree from Rider University in Education Administration, and a Doctorate Degree from Nova Southeastern University in Education Leadership.

After spending over 20 years in education, Dr. Howard ventured into nonprofit leadership in New York, NY as Executive Director at Boys & Girls Harbor. Together with the Board of Trustees, he helped to raise over \$20 million in public and private dollars to fund education and arts-focused programs, serving 500 students in East Harlem and The Bronx.

Dr. Howard knows the value of quality education and the role that teachers play in motivating the intellectual best of young minds. "The aspirations of future teachers are like seeds, planted by a single teacher and nurtured by many more. Teachers inspire teachers! CFE is here to support the further growth of that inspiration." It is his commitment to and belief in the youth that he will use to recruit, encourage, and mentor middle and high school students to aspire to be future educators in New Jersey.

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"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." – Albert Einstein
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At the beginning of 2019, Wambui Gilbert joined the CFE team as its Program Assistant. This new role was a homecoming, as Wambui is a TCNJ '15 graduate. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and graduated at the top of her concentration, International Business.



After graduation, Wambui took on positions in New York, NY and Trenton, NJ in which she was able to apply her degree and develop skills in sales, marketing, communications, and project management. She was excited to join the Center for Future Educators and use her knowledge and talents to further its goals of expanding and diversifying New Jersey's pool of teachers.

"This is an exciting new journey! Not only do I get to return to a place that greatly shaped me, I also get to contribute to this very worthwhile mission. I know that I benefited immensely from amazing educators in my K-12 and college years, and I believe all students should have access to passionate and well-trained teachers."

NJFEA HIGH SCHOOL TOUR

As NJFEA's new State Director, Dr. Howard felt it was important to get to know the NJFEA community, and for the community to know him. Therefore, CFE launched a February-April tour to allow Dr. Howard to personally visit NJFEA high schools across the state. Check them out below!

- Hightstown High School
- Hillsborough High School
- Robbinsville High School
- American History High School
- Ewing High School
- Notre Dame High School
- Nottingham High School
- Wayne Hills High School
- Passaic County Technical Institute
- Colonia High School
- Manchester Township High School
- Shore Regional High School
- Southern Regional High School
- Science Park High School
- Hamilton High School West

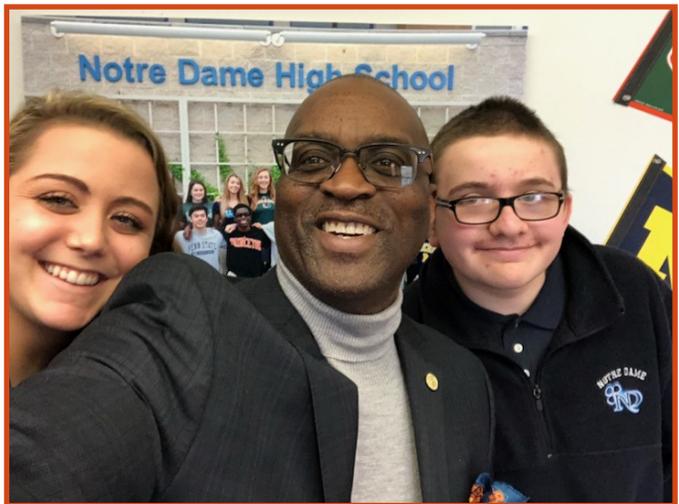


To see all of the tour photos,
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Robbinsville HS



Notre Dame HS



Passaic County Technical Institute



Shore Regional HS



NJFEA STUDENT AMBASSADORS

In this 2018-19 year, the *first* team of NJFEA Student Ambassadors was implemented in place of State Officers. NJFEA believes that these new roles will promote a less formal and more inclusive environment for the student leaders and their NJFEA peers. Student Ambassadors will continue to work to promote the general welfare of the NJFEA in their activities.



Ayoko Kessouagni

Ayoko is a junior at American History High School in Newark, NJ, and she is a member of her school's NJFEA chapter. She is a very dedicated teen activist, as well as a prominent leader in her school. She believes that every student has the right to learn from the best and skilled educators. In her free time, Ayoko loves to write and create art that expresses her feelings about real-world issues. In the future, she hopes to attend New York University or Brown University.

Kelsey McCann

Kelsey is a senior at North Brunswick Township High School. Aside from being a part of CFE's Tomorrow's Teachers course, Kelsey is the Vice President of her school's student government and has been a committed member of the executive board for 3 years. She is also the Treasurer of the German Club, a member of the National Honor Society and the Alchemist Theatre Company, and the captain of the fall cheerleading team. Following graduation, Kelsey will attend James Madison University to study Secondary Education & History.



Ayoko and Kelsey are currently working on a leadership project focused on service learning. They will be presenting their project to the CFE team in May and will share their activities at the NJFEA High School Conference at Monmouth University on May 21st.

NJEA PRESERVICE CONFERENCE

On April 13th, the New Jersey Education Association held its annual Preservice Conference, which provides education majors and new teachers with information and resources to support them on their teaching journey. The NJFEA team, along with Science Park High School's NJFEA chapter, was invited to attend the event. Chapter advisor Ines Davis-Parks brought 10 of her students to participate in a full day of pre-professional learning and discussion.



The CFE team, along with teacher Jennifer Skomial (2nd from left) and NJEA Rep. Marguerite Schroeder (center), pose with Ms. Davis-Parks and her students.



2019's New Jersey State Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Skomial, delivers her keynote address.

Science Park High School students participate in a candid discussion regarding social justice as it relates to the classroom.



Inspired! Science Park prepares to head back home after a long day of learning & networking.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6th-10th

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 21st

NJFEA Statewide High School Conference
Monmouth University

June 26th & 27th

Tomorrow's Teachers Training Session
Rider University
(spaces available)

July 8th–19th

Urban Teacher Academy at TCNJ
(application window is closed)



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Attention chapter advisors! Join the mailing lists below! These will become the official channels for information regarding NJFEA & Tomorrow's Teachers starting July 1st!

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