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*Thank a teacher today and every day.*  
**NATIONAL TEACHER DAY | MAY 3, 2022**

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Arkansas educator Mattie Whyte Woodridge began communicating with leaders in the education system to form a day on which teachers would be honored. She ultimately began writing letters to Eleanor Roosevelt. Roosevelt decided the cause was worthy of her attention and took it to Congress.

Even with Eleanor Roosevelt taking the case to members of Congress and getting their help and support, it would take another 27 years to become an official national day. In 1980, the NEA joined together with the Kansas State and Indiana State Boards of Education and began to lobby Congress to have the day nationally recognized.



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## National Teacher Day | May 3

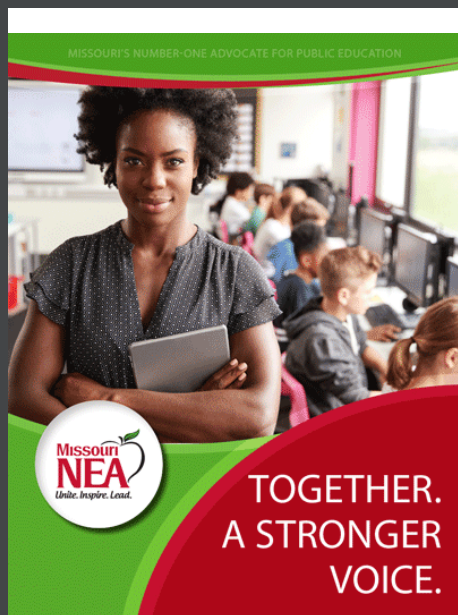
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Great teachers make great public schools. On National Teacher Day, Tues., May 3, 2022, thousands of communities take time to honor their local educators and acknowledge the crucial role teachers play in making sure every student receives a quality education.

Find the Teacher Day poster in the centerfold of the spring issue of Something Better magazine to hang in your classroom or workplace or download a poster at [www.mnea.org/teacherday](http://www.mnea.org/teacherday).

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A STRONGER  
VOICE.**

## Together. A Stronger Voice.

Invite a public school colleague to join Missouri NEA at [www.mnea.org/5monthsfree](http://www.mnea.org/5monthsfree).

As an educator, you are the expert on what is best for schools and students. That's why educators, not politicians and policymakers, should be making decisions about schools and students. Join Missouri NEA and fellow educators across the state and nation to make sure your voice is heard.



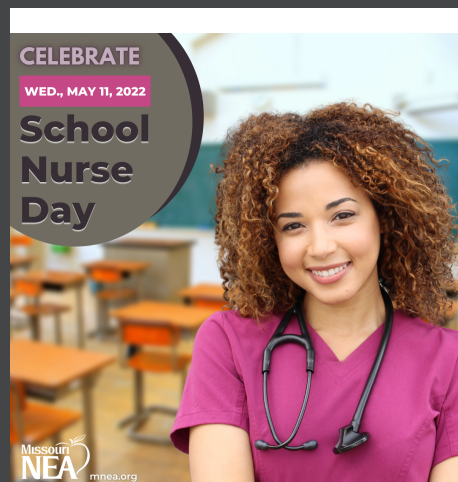
**75%**  
OF MNEA-RECOMMENDED  
CANDIDATES WIN  
**SCHOOL  
BOARD**  
ELECTIONS APRIL 5

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## MNEA wins 75 percent of elections Missouri School Board Elections were Tues., April 5, 2022.

Missouri NEA local associations abide by a recommendation process that evaluates candidates based on their values, not party affiliation. They recommend candidates whose values closely align with MNEA's beliefs and legislative platform, which include protecting the rights of students and education employees; ensuring every student has a qualified, caring teacher; and investing in public education so teachers have the tools they need to help drive student success.



**CELEBRATE**  
WED., MAY 11, 2022  
**School  
Nurse  
Day**

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## National School Nurse Day Wed., May 11, 2022 National Nurses Appreciation Week is May 6-12, 2022.

Take time to show your appreciation to the dedicated nurses in your schools on **Wednesday, May 11**.

If you think school nursing is all about flu shots, Band-Aids, and record-keeping, you haven't been inside a school lately.

School health professionals juggle a complex array of medical and social issues,

When you join, you will also be a member of the **National Education Association** and your **local association**. Three unions—local, state, and national—working for you.

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These pro-public education candidates have been interviewed by a committee that lives in your school district and knows the issues that are unique to your community.

Click the link below to view a list of wins in the April 5, 2022 election.

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seeing thousands of students, and often moving from school to school throughout the district.

[#ThankANurse](#)

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## Register for Summer Leadership

**UNITE. INSPIRE. LEAD.**

**KANSAS CITY JUNE 13-14, 2022**

**ST. LOUIS JUNE 16-17, 2022**

### IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

Missouri NEA will have two, in-person, 2-day Summer Leadership trainings in 2022--Kansas City June 13-14 and St. Louis June 16-17.

It will focus on helping build strong locals with an emphasis on team building through strategic planning. Locals are encouraged to invite a team of leaders such as the local president, treasurer, membership chair, bargaining chair, and anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the union. There will be special training for new local presidents and separate training for returning local presidents, skill-building training, ESP sessions, and many more trainings that would appeal to any new or experienced member or leader.

**Special Guest Speaker:** Kent Rader, Humorous Education Speaker and creator of the *Laughter Matters Blog*

**How much does it cost?** \$25 per person, but at the end of day two your registration fee will be refunded.



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**SUMMER  
LEADERSHIP**

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Read more and register at [www.mnea.org/news/register-summer-leadership](http://www.mnea.org/news/register-summer-leadership).

## PSRS-PEERS Board of Trustees Report

MNEA Legislative Director Otto Fajen attends the board meetings of the Public School Retirement/Public Education Employees System.

Read the report from the meeting held Feb. 7, 2022. The report summarizes investment returns during 2021, review of policies, asset allocation, and legislative update. Two MNEA members fill the open board positions.

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## State Board of Education Report

MNEA Vice President Rebeka McIntosh attends the State Board of Education meetings. Read the April 12 meeting report, which includes updates on the St. Louis Public Schools, Normandy, MSIP6, teacher recruitment and retention program, and DESE budget.

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## MACCE Report

MNEA Vice President Rebeka McIntosh attends the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators meetings. Read reports from the April 4 and Feb. 7 meetings.

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## Take a closer look

**Our insurance and retirement solutions help educators protect what they have today and prepare for a successful tomorrow.**

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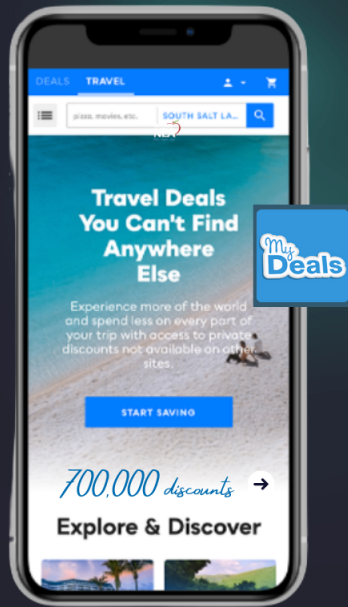
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## Take a closer look at Horace Mann

Horace Mann is not only an insurance provider, it offers student loan solutions, resources for educators, workshops, giveaways, recognition programs, and more. View all the Horace Mann Educator Programs at [www.horacemann.com/teacher-lounge/](http://www.horacemann.com/teacher-lounge/).

[Contact Horace Mann](#) for a rate quote on your auto insurance.

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## MY DEALS

mobile app  
in the month of April  
for a chance to win 2  
**Silver Dollar City**  
one-day tickets or season passes.



[www.mnea.org/mydeals](http://www.mnea.org/mydeals)

## Want a chance to win Silver Dollar City season passes?

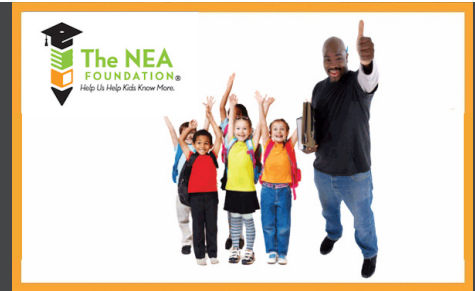
Download the My Deals mobile app.

Every Missouri NEA member who downloads and registers the “My Deals” app from April 1-30 will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win either two season passes or two 1-day tickets to Silver Dollar City theme park in Branson, MO. The tickets can be used anytime in 2022. Winners will be announced in May 2022.

The My Deals mobile app is one of Missouri NEA’s member benefits. By downloading the app, you will have access to more than 700,000 deals and discounts locally and nationwide. Find discounts at your favorite local restaurants, stores, and services. Find discounts on online purchases, hotels, condos, rental cars, entertainment, and other travel favorites.

### Features include:

- No printing! Just show your mobile coupon and save.
- Multiple-use coupons. Save as often as you wish.
- GPS search. Find deals near you—wherever you are.
- Deals near home, the office, or wherever you travel in the U.S.
- Up to 50 percent off on your everyday purchases.



## Apply for a NEA Foundation grant

The NEA Foundation has three grant opportunities open to NEA members that you and/or your fellow educators might be interested in. Applications to apply for [Student Success](#), [Learning & Leadership](#), and [Envision Equity](#) grants can all be found on the [NEA Foundation’s website](#).

The deadline to apply for the next grant cycle is May 1, 2022.

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## NEA Mental Health Program

This confidential, on-demand mobile app provides evidence-based tools that can help you learn to manage stress, relieve anxiety and feel happier over time. It has everything you need to feel better, anytime, anywhere.

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Only registered members can use this app and access these exclusive deals. Need help logging in to the app? Contact 1-800-331-8867.

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## National Board Jump Start 2022

**Are you ready for the challenge of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher?** Attend MNEA's Jump Start this summer. It is an intensive seminar geared for teachers pursuing National Board Certification, designed by trainers who have worked with thousands of candidates. During the workshop, you will learn techniques that result in better component submissions and how to organize your time and resources more efficiently.

### Choose which days to attend:

Foundations 1: Mon., July 18, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Component 2: Mon., July 18, 1-4 p.m.

Component 3: Tues, July 19, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Foundations 2: Tues., July 19, 1-4 p.m.

Component 4: Wed., July 20, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Component 1: Wed., July 20, 1-4 p.m.

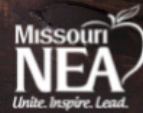
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# MNEA COMMITTEES

2022-2023



## Volunteer to serve on an MNEA state committee

Missouri NEA has seven standing committees and three advisory committees. Members of two of the standing committees must be elected. Each committee performs specific functions to help develop and/or carry out Missouri NEA's programs.

Committee members, committee chairs and board liaisons are appointed by the MNEA President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. Most MNEA committees meet three or four times during the school year. Committee members will be notified of their appointment during the summer.

Contact the Governance Executive Administrative Assistant Roxane Bly ([roxane.bly@mnea.org](mailto:roxane.bly@mnea.org)) with questions regarding the MNEA committees.

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Taking a trip to Branson this summer?  
Don't forget to apply your MNEA-member savings.



### My Deals

## Apply for \$250 grant Keep the creativity flowing with a Music & Arts Grant from California Casualty.

The California Casualty Music & Arts Grant was established to provide support for K-12 public schools negatively impacted by reduced budgets.

California Casualty has partnered with education associations for many years. We understand the importance of music and arts education for children. As a member of one of our partnering education associations, you can apply for a grant award of \$250 for a music or art need at your school.

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### Silver Dollar City Attractions

Branson is one of the most sought-after vacation spots in Missouri and the United States. Enjoy all the attractions, including Silver Dollar City, White Water, and the Showboat Branson Belle at reduced rates using your MNEA membership.

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