

[here.](#)

Can't see the images? [View as webpage](#)  
Member ID: 0000000000

September 2021  
Rishanda Richardson, Editor

# In the Loop

Missouri NEA's electronic newsletter



News

Training

Benefits

Take Action



## Ferguson-Florissant MNEA member awarded 2022 Missouri Teacher of the Year

James Young, a U.S. Army veteran and music educator will be the first from his school district to accept this honor.

Congratulations to the 2022 Missouri State Teacher of the Year Missouri NEA member James Young. Young teaches musical theater, vocal music, and guitar at Johnson-Wabash Sixth Grade Center in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. He is the first teacher from the north St. Louis school district to win the award.

Young has been a dedicated teacher for 14 years, most of which he has spent in the Ferguson Florissant School District. Before becoming a teacher, Young served in the United States Army. During his tour in South Korea, he sang in the prestigious U.S. Army Chorus, one of the nation's only low-voice choruses.

Young uses his collaborative partnerships in the Arts community to help bring high-quality Arts education to his students and the entire school community.

Young will serve as Missouri's representative in the National Teacher of the Year program. He will be honored during DESE's Teacher of the Year recognition event in Jefferson City on Tues., Oct. 19, along with the other six finalists, semi-finalists, and Regional Teachers of the Year.

[Read More](#)



## "I Can Do It" Beginning Teacher Assistance Virtual or In-person

The MNEA Beginning Teacher Assistance Program "I Can Do It" is designed for teachers in their first two years and any teacher who wants to improve their classroom management skills. NEA Award for Teaching Excellence (2011) winner Kathy Steinhoff and/or MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Ann Jarrett will present the interactive sessions during the 2021-2022 school year.

**Cost:** \$50 for MNEA

**EDUCATORS RISING**  
**Fall Conference**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021**  
Missouri middle and high school students interested in a career in education should attend this virtual conference with their teacher/chapter sponsor.  
**Register by Sept. 28.**  
**Cost: \$60 per chapter**

[Learn More](#)

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

## Educators Rising Conference Oct. 12, 2021

If your school or district has a group of high school students considering a career in education, register them for the Educators Rising Hybrid Fall Conference on Tues., Oct. 12. Join the virtual conference and hear from distinguished educators, learn about new EdRising contests, explore and get tips for successful EdRising competition entries, and more.

# NATIONAL BOARD

for Professional Teaching Standards®

## National Board Candidate Boost Days

Candidates who are submitting entries in 2021-2022 may attend these no-cost candidate-support events. Share your component work and questions during this work day. NBCTs and facilitators will be available to evaluate and provide feedback on your portfolios and videos before submission.

Mark your calendars

members, \$75 for non-members

**Virtual:** Mondays in October or Mondays in November

**In-Person:** St. Charles (Feb. 28) or Lake Ozark (April 23)

**Register by Sept. 28** for the first virtual session.

[Register Now >](#)

**Deadline:** Oct. 6

**Cost:** \$60 per chapter (\$75 after Sept. 30). Each chapter will receive one copy of three different children's books with read-aloud tips and copies of competitions to use for activities on Oct. 12.

[Register Now >](#)

Sat., Nov. 13, 2021

Sat., Feb. 26, 2022

Sat., April 9, 2022

[Read More >](#)

2022 NEA Foundation  
Global Learning Fellow

**Cicely Woodard**  
Springfield, MO  
Missouri National Education Association

The world is  
*my classroom.*

neafoundation.org

 THE NEA  
FOUNDATION.

## Springfield NEA educator selected as 2022 NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow

The NEA Foundation, a public charity founded by educators for educators, names Cicely Woodard, a mathematics teacher at Kickapoo High School in the Springfield School District, as one of the 2022 NEA Foundation Global Learning fellows. As a fellow, Woodard will spend a year in a peer learning network of 49 educators from across the country, building their knowledge of issues of global significance. They will use their gained skills to integrate global competency into their daily classroom instruction, and advocate for global competency throughout the school and school district.

Over the course of a year, Woodard and the other fellows will immerse themselves in online coursework, webinars, reading and reflection as well as attend a two-day professional

development workshop this fall and a nine-day international field study next summer in South Africa.

This learning journey will help prepare Woodard and her students as global citizens.

The NEA Foundation will begin accepting applications for the 2023 Global Learning Fellowship this fall at [neafoundation.org](https://neafoundation.org).



2022 California Casualty  
**AWARDS FOR  
TEACHING EXCELLENCE**  
Recipient

**DARRION COCKRELL**  
Crestwood Elementary School  
Missouri NEA

California Casualty  
NEA'S AUTO AND HOME INSURANCE PROGRAM

THE NEA  
FOUNDATION.  
neafoundation.org

## Mr. D.C. named a 2022 NEA Foundation's California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence recipient

Congratulations to Lindbergh NEA member, Darrion Cockrell on being named a 2022 NEA Foundation's California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence recipient. His dedication to his students and the community is recognized and appreciated.

(Washington, D.C.) The NEA Foundation announced that 45 public school educators from across the country will receive the prestigious California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence. The educators will be honored at the NEA Foundation's 2022 [Salute to Excellence in Education Gala](#) on Feb. 11, 2022.

Of the 45 state awardees who were nominated by their National Education Association state affiliate, five will be chosen as finalists for the top national award and will receive \$10,000. The educator selected for the top award will be revealed at the gala and will receive \$25,000. The gala will be live-streamed.

[Read More](#)

NEA says 'Yes' to  
requiring COVID-

Winners



## 19 vaccine or testing for educators

NEA announces support for educator COVID-19 vaccination or regular testing, combined with other safety measures to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and keep schools safe places to learn and work.

Nearly 90 percent of NEA members report they are fully vaccinated.



[Read More](#)

## \$500 Early Renewal Drawing

Springfield NEA member wins \$500 in the MNEA Early Renewal Drawing. To qualify, members must have renewed membership with MNEA prior July 1 for a chance to win.

Congratulations to Jennilyn Sowersby, Springfield NEA.

## State Board of Education Report

MNEA Vice President Rebeka McIntosh and MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Ann Jarrett attend the State Board of Education meetings. Read the Sept. 13-14 meeting report detailing an update on Normandy Schools Collaborative, calendar waivers, MAP and EOC results, FY 2023 budget, the new Office of Childhood, and Parents as Teachers program.

[Read More >](#)

## Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators Report

MNEA Vice President Rebeka McIntosh and MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Ann Jarrett attend MACCE meetings. MNEA has six representatives appointed to MACCE--Jenna Adkins (Raytown NEA), Kyla Ward (Park Hill NEA), Jacqueline McGill (Hazelwood NEA), Rachelle Banhart (Lexington MNEA), Amy Taylor (Lee's Summit), and Alison O'Very (Pattonville NEA). O'Very was elected MACCE chairperson for 2021-22.

Read the Sept. 13 meeting report detailing the certification standard changes, teacher recruitment and retention efforts, and teacher preparation and licensure in early literacy.

Teacher certification rules will be open for comment in



## Earn up to nine graduate credits for \$225!

For one low annual fee of \$225 (valued at \$2,900), MNEA members can choose from 35+ self-paced, online courses for professional growth or salary advancement. MNEA partners with Central Methodist University and Virtual Education Software to offer these courses.

[Enroll Now](#)

October. If you have suggestions for changes, please email [ann.jarrett@mnea.org](mailto:ann.jarrett@mnea.org) before Oct. 15.

[Read More >](#)

Start using your MNEA membership to **SAVE** you **MONEY**

Register your membership at [www.mnea.org](http://www.mnea.org).

Proud member of Missouri NEA

www.mnea.org

## Student-loan debt forgiveness and cancellation for educators

NEA is working to ensure that secondary education is affordable and accessible to all. Higher education is meant to inspire imagination and help people pursue their dreams. However, a recent NEA Today report found that unpaid student loans affect young educators' ability to buy a home, return to school, or start a family.

### STUDENT-DEBT NAVIGATOR HELPS YOU FILE FOR FORGIVENESS AND FIND SAVINGS

NEA has partnered with Savi, to offer an online student debt navigator tool, free for one year for NEA members. Sign up to receive personalized advice from student debt experts and gain access to Savi's e-filing function, which helps eliminate the common mistakes that bar many applicants from receiving forgiveness.

NEA members have reduced their student loans by an average of \$34,344.

[Watch the video](#) to hear from members who have canceled large portions of their student debt through the NEA Student Debt Navigator. Then log in and try it today at [neamb.com/GetNavNEA](http://neamb.com/GetNavNEA).


**28% of educators 18–35 with unpaid student loan debt say it affected their ability to buy a home, go back to school or start a family.**

Source: Student Loan Debt among Educators: A National Crisis, July 2014

nea NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

[Read More >](#)



Sign In to Register 

# Representative Assembly

Deadlines: Hotel Reservations due Oct. 28, Fall RA and Luncheon Registration due Nov. 10.

REPORT YOUR LOCAL DELEGATES BY **OCT. 15**



PRE-RA DISCUSSION: **OCT. 28**



GUEST SPEAKER: **GERRY BROOKS**



The Fall Missouri NEA Representative Assembly will be held in mid-November. Local association delegates, MNEA Board of Directors, leaders, and staff attend the Fall RA to focus on the MNEA business. Missouri NEA leaders are monitoring the COVID-19 virus closely, and the event may be held virtually if it is unsafe to meet in person. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, only registered delegates will be admitted. Sorry, no guests are allowed.

**Local associations must submit delegates and alternates by Oct. 15.** The form to report delegates can be found in the *Timeline for Action*, or delegates can be submitted online by [clicking here](#). The delegate packet containing information about the Fall R.A. will be available online by Oct. 20. For more information, contact Roxane Bly at [roxane.bly@mnea.org](mailto:roxane.bly@mnea.org) or (573) 644-9606.

Watch the website for more details at [www.mnea.org/fallra](http://www.mnea.org/fallra).

[Register Now >](#)

## Financial Protection

Open Enrollment closes Oct. 15.

MNEA Member Benefits partner Reliant Financial Services is currently enrolling for two benefits that can provide valuable coverage.

GapAssist and Cancer Insurance



**GapAssist and Cancer Insurance coverage from Reliant Financial**

[Download a flyer for more information.](#)

Available on the  App Store  Google play



## MNEA mobile app

Have you downloaded the Missouri NEA mobile app yet? The mobile app comes in handy when you need to:

Available on the  App Store  Google play



## My Deals

The My Deals mobile app allows you to access discounts easily on your smartphone. All you need to do is download, register

**GapAssist** is a package of three supplemental insurance benefits through Symetra Life Insurance Company that can help with out-of-pocket costs if you have an accident, critical illness diagnosis, or hospital stay. To learn more about how GapAssist can help you and your family, [check out this short video.](#)

**Cancer Insurance** from Prosperity Life Group<sup>SM</sup> pays cash benefits when you may need it most. With this cancer plan, you'll receive benefits that follow a positive diagnosis of internal cancer during the term of your coverage. Cancer plans can assist you with a variety of expenses so you can focus on getting better. To learn more about how Cancer Insurance can help you and your family, [check out this short video.](#)

[Enroll Today](#)

- Set an appointment with your UniServ Director.
- Contact MNEA staff directly.
- Contact legislators and other elected officials, including city council, mayor, representatives, senators, and congress.
- Read the *Something Better* e-zine.
- Add calendar dates to your personal calendar.
- Sign up for training.
- Access the latest MNEA or NEA news.

[Apple App Store](#)

[Android Google Play](#)

and save. Search for "My Deals" in either the Android Google Play store or Apple iTunes store. To register, enter your contact information and your affiliate (MNEA-Missouri NEA). You may need to enter your NEA ID if it asks you.

Your NEA ID:  
0000000000

**Need help with My Deals?**  
Call (877) 428-4697

[Apple App Store](#)

[Android Google Play](#)

[Log into MNEA.org](#)

NEA 10-Digit Member ID (with the leading zeros)

Your NEA ID is 0000000000

Having trouble?  
Call (573) 634-3202.



Facebook



Twitter



YouTube



Pinterest



Instagram

MNEA | MYNEA360 | NEA

In the Loop is an electronic newsletter for Missouri NEA members.  
It is published monthly September through May.

Missouri National Education Association  
1810 E Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
PH 573.634.3202 • 800.392.0236  
Fax 573.634.5646



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

Phillip Murray, President • DeeAnn Aull, Executive Director  
Rishanda Richardson, Electronic Communications and Research Coordinator

-----  
You are currently subscribed to the MNEA In the Loop mailing list. Update your profile by sending an email message with your full name, old email address and new email address to [rishanda.richardson@mnea.org](mailto:rishanda.richardson@mnea.org).

MNEA does not share or sell your information.  
-----

[Privacy Policy & Terms of Use](#)

All Rights Reserved

Copyright © 2001-2021

Email published by the Missouri NEA  
1810 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-4174

---