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A graphic for the Missouri Teacher of the Year 2023 Finalists. It features a large green apple on the left. To the right of the apple, the text "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with "Missouri Finalists" written below it in a cursive, orange font. Below the text are four circular portraits of the finalists, each with a yellow border. The portraits are arranged in a row, and the names and affiliations of the finalists are listed below each portrait.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Missouri Finalists

DR. ALLISON FLEETOOD
Nixa NEA

COTREENA JONES
Ferguson-Florissant NEA

CHRISTINA MELLY
Ritenour NEA
President & MNEA
Resolutions Chair

KATIE MEYERS
Kirkwood NEA

Missouri Teacher of the Year 2023 Finalists

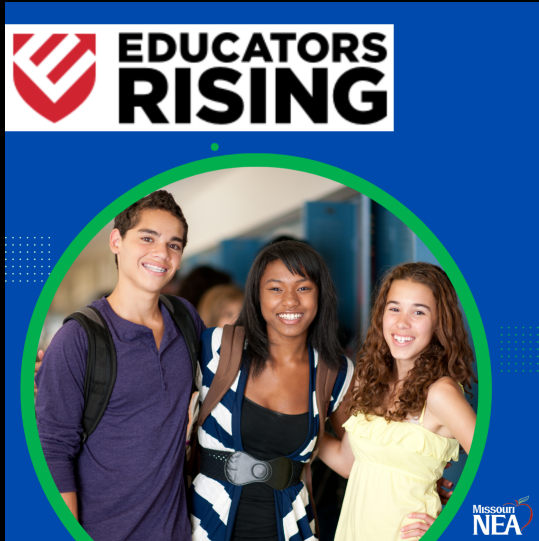
The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced the finalists for the 2023 Missouri Teacher of the Year award on Sept. 1. Missouri NEA is proud to represent four of the seven finalists, now part of an elite group of educators.

Dr. Allison Fleetwood, Nixa NEA member
Cotreena Jones, Ferguson-Florissant NEA member
Christina Melly, Ritenour NEA President & MNEA Resolutions Committee
Chair
Katie Meyers, Kirkwood NEA member

Other finalists: Kristina Kohl, Matthew Pierce Matheney V, Lindsey Watson

Congratulations to all the finalists! They will be honored at an event on Oct. 17, when the 2023 Teacher of the Year will be awarded.

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Educators Rising

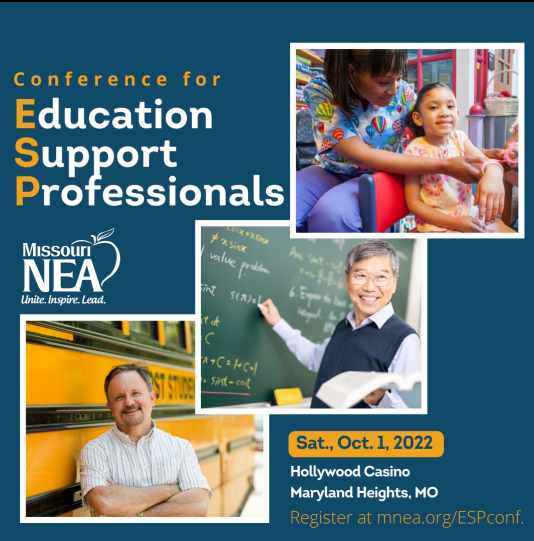
Educators Rising, sponsored by PDK International, helps students in grades 7-12 explore careers in education. MNEA coordinates the state events. Sign up your students for one of the three fall EdRising Conferences.

Oct. 19: University of Central Missouri

Oct. 24: Saint Louis University

Oct. 25: Missouri State University

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ESP Conference

This conference addresses the training needs and issues of public-school ESP such as nurses, aides, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, grounds, and maintenance staff. You won't want to miss these sessions: **What Effective ESP Leaders Should Know, The Power of Self-Advocacy, ESP Legal Rights,** and more.

Register by **Sept. 25.**

9:30 AM—3:30 PM | Sat., Oct. 1
Hollywood Casino, Maryland Heights

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Public Service Loan Forgiveness

Application Deadline: Oct. 31, 2022

Savi is THE tool to help you navigate the red tape of Public Service Loan Forgiveness. This easy, interactive tool will help you find the PSLF plans that you qualify for, and show you which Student Debt Relief program will save the most money.

Let Savi do the legwork for you. All you have to do is sign up. As an MNEA member you receive this tool for **FREE** the first year and \$29.95 each year thereafter.

NEA members have reduced their student loan debt by an **average of \$34,344** using this tool. Savi will help you find legitimate ways to get on the path to forgiveness, cancellation or consolidation to save you hard-earned cash.

Questions?

Contact Pam Koetting at pam.koetting@mnea.org or (573) 644-9601.

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Beginning Teacher Assistance

MNEA's "I Can Do It" Beginning Teacher Assistance Program is highly interactive and requires registrants to complete each component of the On-Your-Own tasks AND a 4-day virtual series. Advance registration is required.

2022-2023 Trainings: November (4

Monday evenings) and February (4 Thursday evenings)

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Enter the DonorsChoose Sweepstakes

Long-time NEA Member Benefits provider, Horace Mann, is kicking off the new school year with **\$10,000 in #DonorsChoose funding!** Still have some items on your wish list? Enter your DonorsChoose project from **Sept. 12 – Oct. 7** for your chance to win. Every day from Oct. 3 through Oct. 7, Horace Mann will draw winners and fund at least \$2,000 in DonorsChoose projects each day!

No purchase necessary to enter or win. Must be at least 18 years of age to enter. See [link](#) for Official Rules. Horace Mann enters into agreements with educational associations where Horace Mann pays the association to provide services aimed at familiarizing association members with the Horace Mann brand, products or services. For more information, email your inquiry to association.relations@horacemann.com.

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Classroom Heroes Award

Nominate teachers who've made an impact in the lives of others throughout the state as Classroom Heroes.

There will be a total of four winners selected. Each of the winners will receive the following:

- Two tickets to a Mizzou home football game.
- Two passes to the Mizzou Sports Properties corporate hospitality tailgate.
- Parking pass.
- Two pre-game on-field passes.
- Pre-game tour for two of the football facilities.

Enter your story for a chance to win by **Oct. 4, 2022**. Spread the word. After you enter, share with your friends, family, and colleagues.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY to enter the Classroom Heroes Sweepstakes. Open to legal residents of the United States, age 18+. Subject to [Official Rules](#). Void where prohibited. Starts 8:00AM CT 9-4-2022 ends 11:59PM CT 10-4-2022. For [Official Rules](#) and entry info, visit <https://bit.ly/Mizzou-NEA-22>. Sponsor: Missouri National Education Association.

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State Board of Education Report

MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Samantha Hayes and MNEA Vice President Rebeka McIntosh attends the State Board of Education meetings. Read the Aug. 16 meeting report, which includes preliminary results on MAP and EOC Assessments, update on the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Blue Ribbon Commission, MSIP6, and Career Ladder.

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PSRS/PEERS Pension Board 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 Aug. 31, 2022. The report summarizes investment returns, inflation, pension plan review and ranking, and GLOE Award Presentation. CPI-U increased by 9.0598%, thus, the Board plans to approve a 5.0% COLA increase beginning in January 2023 for plan participants.

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National Board Candidate Boost Days

MNEA supports teachers in their efforts to become National Board Certified. MNEA's Candidate Boost Days allow time for NBC candidates to receive guidance from mentors, and gather feedback on component submissions from current NBCTs.

Members and non-members are welcome to register for these virtual workdays. Save the dates. Registration will open in October.

Cost: Free

Schedule: Nov. 5, Feb. 25, April 1

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Assembly

MNEA's Fall RA will be held at the Hilton Branson Convention Center on Sat., Nov. 19. Local association delegates, MNEA Board of Directors, leaders, and staff attend the Fall RA to conduct Association business.

Deadline to register for the RA and Luncheon is Oct. 28.

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\$500 Winners

Congratulations to the following MNEA members for winning \$500 in the MNEA membership drawings July 1 and Sept. 1. To be eligible, you had to submit a membership update form or change your pay method to bank draft.

- Matthew J. Morris, Parkway NEA
- Susan Giesing, Rockwood NEA
- Jamie Jacob, Liberty NEA
- Jana Breedlove, Columbia NEA

Registered to vote?

Be prepared to vote in the upcoming election Tuesday, Nov. 8. **The last day to register is Oct. 12.**

- Check your voter registration status. If you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you may need to re-register.
- Bring a photo ID to your polling place.
- Check to see if your polling place moved.



ELECTION 2022
MNEA PAC RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

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VOTE
Tuesday, Nov. 8

To learn more, visit
www.mnea.org/vote4education.

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- Take a look at the [MNEA-PAC recommended candidates](#).

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Attorney Referral Program

As an MNEA member, you and your family are entitled to **two free 30-minute consultations per program year; plus, a 30 percent discount on services** in these five core areas—domestic relations, consumer protections, real estate, will and estate planning, and traffic violations.

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