

Illinois Education Association Student Program

Spring Conference April 9 – 10, 2010

I Hotel and Illinois Conference Center, Champaign, IL

Participate in the most exciting conference offered to you as a pre-professional.

Conference registration is available online only at:

<http://www.icanea.org/student> with payment by credit card or a mailed check.

Questions, please call Amanda Plunkett-1-866-690-3876, Ext. 2316 or email

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Registration Fees (per person)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Hotel Room & Meals (per person)	SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$120 <i>IEA members</i>	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$90 <i>IEA members</i>	TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$60 <i>IEA members</i>	QUAD OCCUPANCY \$30 <i>IEA members</i>	COMMUTER RATE (No hotel room) \$10 (Meals) <i>IEA members</i>
Total Conference Fee (per person)	\$140	\$110	\$80	\$50	\$30

*You must be an IEA SP member to attend this conference. It costs \$22.00 (dues) to join. Any local dues may be additional. Conference participants should join IEA SP prior to registration for the conference. Paper membership forms are available or online enrollment is a more convenient option at www.icanea.org/student.

PLEASE REGISTER by April 1, 2010 (No refunds available.)

ONLINE REGISTRATION FIELDS WILL INCLUDE:

NAME _____ Male Female

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR MAILED CHECK _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING _____ MAJOR _____ YEAR _____

I will be commuting and will not require housing accommodations.

I will be present for the following meals: Friday Dinner Saturday Breakfast Saturday Lunch I prefer Vegetarian

I will **NOT** be present for any meals.

I will be registering for Single; Double; Triple; Quadruple occupancy at the above quoted rate.

The online registration screens will ask you to indicate your roommate(s). Please make every attempt to register together at the same time so requests come in together. During the online registration process, please type all names into the box (only one field is available) of all roommates you are requesting and separate with commas. We appreciate your careful attention to this new process.

If name(s) is/are not indicated, roommate(s) will be assigned. If you are willing to have random roommates assigned so you can register at a lower rate, please type "please assign any" in the box (only one field is available) that asks you to specify roommates during the online registration process.



IEA-SP Student Speak



Greetings!

Welcome to a new year. I hope that you are all settling in to your new classes and are off to a great start at your local chapters.

It's going to be a busy second semester for the IEA Student Program with the Advisory Board meeting kicking it all off in March. This year your state executive team worked hard to bring some

changes to this weekend that we think all attending will enjoy. Beside the annual meeting of state local leaders, we are also offering a professional development session by the IEA Secretary-Treasurer Cinda Klickna. We will also be taking part in a service project helping out a local Springfield school. This is just part of our effort to continue to build a program based on our three pillars.

Another event that I know you are all looking forward to is this year's Spring Conference. We have a great theme: Building the Future One Teacher at a Time. I am excited to let you all know that we are offering no repeat sessions from our fall conference. It is so awesome that we have so many great sessions to bring you, and I know that you will all be able to find something that is of interest to you. I am also super excited to announce that our keynote speaker this spring will be IEA President Ken Swanson. I have had the honor to work with Ken this year as a member of the IPACE committee, and as your representative on the Board of Directors, and I know he will bring us a great message.

Please check the Upcoming Events in this issue to view a full list of all this semester's upcoming events, including local chapters' conferences. Looking back over the past few months I know that many of us have been concerned with the recent election. While this primary may not have gone the way that many of us hoped it would have, I can assure you that the IEA is working harder than ever to work with the candidates and make sure that our voice as educators are being heard. As a member of the IPACE committee I was able to help interview the candidates for the primary election, and want you to know that you have a great team of people working to make sure that teachers are protected and heard in Springfield. It was an awesome responsibility to listen to these candidates, and I know that no matter who the politician is, the IEA will work with them, and make our voices heard. A photo of me with Cheryle Jackson is above and Mark Kirk and me are in the photo below.

Speaking of awesome responsibility, I want to wish all the best of luck to our IEA RA delegates who will be voting on your behalf at this year's Representative Assembly.

I look forward to working with all of you this semester and, as always, if you need anything please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Upcoming Events:

March 6- Advisory Board, Springfield

March 27- local conferences at WIU and NIU

April 9-10- IEA-SP Spring Conference, Champaign

April 15- NEA SP Award nominations due

April 21- IEA Lobby Day, Springfield

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

~William A. Ward

Check it Out- IEA-SP @ SIUE

The winter months have been a busy time thus far for the Illinois Education Association – Student Program at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. One project that we have been working on is deciding upon a way to spend the IEA Service Community Grant we received a couple years ago for \$1000. The grant was initially proposed to be a larger community out-reach project. So after consulting with the School of Education faculty, it was suggested that the funds would be best spent on the Madison County Detention Center in Edwardsville. As programs around the state are witnessing a lack of funding from the state level, many are resorting to program cuts and position layoffs. This grant will help relieve some of the stress placed upon the detention center’s budget.

Several members from our local chapter have volunteered for the past two years at the Detention Center in Edwardsville. The detention center provides continuing education and counseling for juveniles. While volunteering here, our IEA members noticed a need for basic supplies. Thus, after speaking with the director of the detention center about our chapter’s intentions, he was grateful and very excited for our contributions. Some of the items requested by the center were: book bags, water bottles, calculators and framed motivational posters.

Although these items may seem small, they are tools to help the students learn and grow in a more positive environment. Furthermore, according to the detention center, there was a grant set aside to financially reimburse the Yoga instructor for her time, but funds of this grant have since been exhausted. Our chapter’s executive team has set aside a portion of the grant to assist the Yoga instructor financially. We saw this as an important opportunity to give back to the community and to a life dedicated towards the education of children. Our chapter will be delivering the much needed necessities to the Detention Center on March 5th.



Michael Ruggless &
Kyle Mackley



What a teacher is, is more important than what he teaches.
-Karl Menninger

Political Update

We are still fighting against a two-tier pension system. As future teachers, this political issue will affect each and every single one of us. Currently McCarthy of Orland Park HB 4518 is trying to force future educators to work till the age of 67 or till 62 with 35 years of teaching. As of now teachers only have to work till the age of 60 or retire at 55 with 30 years of service. In the long run, future educators will be earning less pay for the same amount work as our co-workers.

Want to know how you can help save our pension rights? If so, please contact your legislators. To contact your legislators please visit the following website: <http://capwiz.com/nea/il/state/main/?state=IL>

Recently President Obama announced a plan to help with the budget problems within our country: “Race to the Top.” It is a competitive grant program for schools that are ready to show progress in four different areas:

- Making progress toward rigorous college- and career-ready **standards and high quality assessments** that are valid and reliable for all students, including English Language Learners and students with disabilities;
- Establishing Pre-K to college and career **data systems** that track progress and foster continuous improvement;
- Making **improvements in teacher and leader effectiveness** and in the **equitable distribution of qualified teachers and leaders** for all students, particularly students who are most in need; and
- Providing **intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest-performing schools.** (RTTT Factsheet)

For more information on “Race to the Top” and our future pensions visit the legislative tab of the IEA website.

<http://illinoiseducationassociation.org/>

ShahRukh Rahman

IEA-SP Political Activist

Fall Conference Recap:

The conference ‘Oh, the Places You will Go’ had a fantastic turnout this year! On Friday, the main speaker, Steve Gilliland, used humor and stories to empower the audience to become successful educators. In Saturday’s breakouts, students were able to choose a variety of sessions that incorporated ideas such as: math manipulatives, Special education in the general classroom, how to teach writing, and a variety of other educational topics. Overall, the conference was a great success. If you missed the Fall conference, make sure to mark your calendars for the Spring conference on April 9-10 in Champaign.

