

# Teacher Preparation News

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If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu) by 12:00 noon on the **Friday** prior to the publication date to have it included in the next newsletter. **\*\*\*Some newsletter hyperlinks are not compatible with iPad\*\*\*** Follow this [link](#) for recent past newsletters.

## **Wednesday, April 10: Free Webinar for Graduating Teacher Candidates**

On **Wednesday, April 10th, at 4:15 pm CST** there will be a free webinar for graduating teacher candidates called ***Finding a teaching job you love in Missouri: a panel discussion.***

*Get ready for insider tips on landing a role in a school that truly values you. A panel of principals and experienced teachers across your state will reveal the best ways to navigate the Missouri education job market. You'll learn how to:*

- *Avoid common application pitfalls*
- *Ace nerve-wracking interviews*
- *Ask questions that uncover a school's true culture*

*If you're a teacher seeking new opportunities in Missouri or curious about what's out there, this webinar is tailored just for you. Don't miss out on this enriching discussion aimed at helping you find a teaching job you'll love.*

**Register for the webinar on Wed, April 10th, at 4:15 pm CST by [clicking this link.](#)**

## Friday, April 12: SSEA Meeting

The Social Studies Educators Association will participate in EHHS Future Teacher Day on Friday, April 12 and then will have it's monthly meeting following this event at 12:00 p.m. on the Scully portico. We will discuss fundraising for our trip to the Missouri Council of History Education Conference in October. The next meeting will be on May 3 at 12:00 p.m. in Carnahan 112. Contact SSEA advisor Dr. Kizat ([ckizat@semo.edu](mailto:ckizat@semo.edu)) or president Frankie Kulavic [fkulavic1s@semo.edu](mailto:fkulavic1s@semo.edu) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE** – SSEA History Education Conference in St. Louis Missouri, October 8-9, 2024. For more information, see the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Scully lounge TV. The reservation and deposit are due by September 6.

## Friday, May 10: You're Invited to the KDP New Teacher Shower

KDP (Kappa Delta Pi) is sponsoring a New Teacher Shower on Friday May 10 in the Scully EDvolution Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Recent graduates can come get supplies FREE OF CHARGE to help jump-start their classrooms** and have an opportunity to learn everything you need to know about preparing your classroom to make a welcoming learning environment for your students. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Hepler at [bhepler@semo.edu](mailto:bhepler@semo.edu).

## Tuesday, June 18: EdTech Academy – Register Now!

**The cost for faculty/staff/students is just \$20 to cover lunch**

**EdTech Academy @ Southeast Missouri State University**

**June 18, 2024**

**Registration is Open!**

We are SO excited to announce EdTech Academy 2024 with Keynote Speaker... **WESTON KIESCHNICK!**

[Learn more about Mr. Weston Kieschnick!](#)

EdTech Academy @ Southeast:

**A Next Generation Teaching & Learning Conference**

*Creating Meaningful Learning Experiences in our Schools and Classrooms!*

- National Keynote Speaker
- Engaging and Relevant Breakout Sessions
- Personalized Learning for ALL
- Connect with Educators

- Lunch Provided
- Door Prizes!

More details to come. Follow @SoutheastRPDC on socials for updates.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## **New Field Experiences Technical Assistant – Melinda Heisserer**

Please welcome our new Field Experiences Technical Assistant, Melinda Heisserer. Melinda was previously a principal at St. Denis in Benton, Missouri, and has been a teacher in Sikeston and Scott City, Missouri. We are so excited to have her in the Field Experiences Office! Please come by and welcome her!

## **Important Information for Fall and Spring 2024 Student Teachers**

DO NOT sign a contract with a school district until you have communicated with the Field Office in regard to your student teaching placement. There are many factors that must be considered, and assurance needs to be in place that certification will not be affected.

## **New 90% Online Blended Option Elementary Education B.S. Degree Program – Pass the Word!**

Southeast Missouri State University is introducing in the fall of 2024 the new 90% online blended and 10% Zoom option for earning a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. Students currently have online options for their freshman/sophomore classes; however, the new option for Elementary Education will allow students to complete junior/senior level classes in the Literacy, Content, and Advanced Blocks through 90% online and 10% Zoom. Students will meet through Zoom three (3) times per semester during the 1st, 8th, and 15<sup>th</sup> weeks in afternoon/evening so that working and non-traditional students will have the option to obtain their Elementary Education degree. Students will still be required to earn their field hours (TBA) and student teaching in person.

**For more information, contact the Elementary, Early & Special Education Department via email or phone at [ees@semo.edu](mailto:ees@semo.edu) or (573) 651-2122.**

## **EDvolution Center Newsletter**

The latest edition of the EDvolution Ed Prep Newsletter can be found [here](#).

## **NafME-C's Spring Semester Meetings**

The National Association for Music Education – Collegiate Chapter (NAfME-C's) meeting time for this semester will be the second Thursday of every month at 7PM in CAC155! We hope you can join us!

## Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the Spring 2024 semester, you are required to have an up-to-date fingerprint background check on file with the Teacher Preparation Program. Field work courses include CE364, CE480, ED280, EL314, EL350, EL430, EL480, EX309, EX480, ME222, ME270, SE355, SE380, SE465, and any other course that requires field work in a school. (If you previously obtained a background check for the Southeast Missouri State University Teacher Preparation Program, it has not expired.) To see if your background check is up to date with the Teacher Preparation Program you can find this information in your Support Net Notes section. To obtain a new background check, you must go to the following [website](#) and follow the directions provided.

## Join the Edgy Educators Podcast Team

If you are interested in joining the Edgy Educators podcast, please email Dr. Robin Smith at [rlsmith@semo.edu](mailto:rlsmith@semo.edu). You may choose to produce or host a podcast. Join the fun and build your resume! Note: I am looking for a group of two students to read the Ed Prep newsletter. Let me know if you are interested!

## Join Best Buddies!

Best Buddies is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to creating friendships, promoting integrated employment, and fostering leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

What We DO:

We collaborate with the local Down Syndrome Association and Blue Sky to plan and organize events to create connections to those with disabilities.

We meet the first Monday of every month in Dempster Room 127 at 5:45 p.m.

For the QR codes to register, see the Scully 3<sup>rd</sup> floor TV or the flyer posted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Scully student lounge. Contact Rachelle Cox at [rcox1s@semo.edu](mailto:rcox1s@semo.edu) for more information.

## Scholarships Available

### New – Ozarks Teacher Corps Scholarship – Due by April 14

The Ozarks Teacher Corps Scholarship, administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, opened for applications in January for the school year 2024-25. This scholarship has unique criteria that may apply to students you know:

- Eight \$4,000.00 scholarships; two from each school listed below
- Renewable for an additional one year; providing you maintain 3.0 GPA and are enrolled in 12 credit hours

- Student must be enrolled at Drury University, Missouri State University, Missouri Southern State University or **Southeast Missouri State University**
- Current college student entering their junior or senior year, majoring in education
- GPA of 3.0 or above; submit transcript
- Agree to attend two mandatory professional development workshops (one in fall and one in spring)
- Student must have graduated from a rural Missouri high school
- After graduating, student must agree to teach for at least three years in a rural community
- Essay required
- Letter of recommendation from a professor in the Education department at your university
- If selected, you will be expected to sign a letter of commitment outlining the responsibilities and expectations of the Ozark Teacher Corps scholarship recipient which is listed in the above criteria

Application deadline: April 14, 2024.

Send an email to [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu) if you wish to apply and the application information will be emailed to you.

## 240 Tutoring Gives Back Scholarship - Due by May 20

### Scholarship Details:

- **Award:** \$1,000 for one teacher candidate.
- **Application Period:** Open now through May 20, 2024.
- **Apply Now:** [Scholarship Application](#).

### Who Should Apply?

Candidates will need to provide insights into their journey towards becoming a teacher:

1. **For Those Who Have Taken Their Certification Exams:** How did you prepare? Your experiences are valuable to future candidates.
2. **For Those Preparing for Exams:** What are your strategies? Share your approach with the community.
3. **Teaching Aspirations:** Which grade level and subject area are you passionate about? Help us understand your educational goals.

We would appreciate it if you could spread the word about this opportunity. Feel free to forward this email to your students, [download the PDF here](#), or share the application link directly.

For any inquiries, please get in touch with us at [helpdesk@240tutoring.com](mailto:helpdesk@240tutoring.com).

## **JCREA Scholarship – Due by April 15**

Jefferson County Retired Educational Association (JCREA)/Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to applicants meeting the following requirements:

A graduate of a Jefferson County Missouri high school.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year student (in the fall of 2024) majoring in education.

A student who presents a Letter of Recommendation from at least one of his/her college professors.

A student having earned a GPA of 3.0 or better.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION: APRIL 15, 2024. Click the link below to access the application. Download and complete the application. Email completed application to: [v.chris@charter.net](mailto:v.chris@charter.net)

The recipient of this scholarship will be notified and invited to attend an association meeting to be recognized as JCREA's scholarship recipient.

Link to application: [Scholarship Application](#)

## **Jack J. Isgur Foundation Scholarship – Due by May 15**

The Jack J. Isgur Foundation rural education scholarship is currently accepting applications from students enrolled in the field of education in the humanities, such as literature, fine arts, music, art, poetry and dance. Students must be at least a junior at a four-year college to apply. Graduate students may also apply. For more information and an application, contact Charles Jensen at 816-691-2760 or [Charles.jensen@stinson.com](mailto:Charles.jensen@stinson.com) or website: [www.isgur.org](http://www.isgur.org). Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2024.

## **Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse Training**

A Guide for Mandated Reporters: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse will hold the following Spring 2024 trainings in the EDvolution Center, Scully Building, Room 210 on the following dates: March 28, April 10, April 15 and April 24. For more information or questions email [mponder@semoasv.org](mailto:mponder@semoasv.org) or go to [www.greenbearmo.org/our-programs](http://www.greenbearmo.org/our-programs). (A flyer has been posted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Scully Student Lounge and on the TV).

## **Free Google Vouchers**

If you are enrolled in SE 360, SE 365, or EL 300 you are eligible to receive a FREE voucher to take the Google Level 1 Certified Educator Exam! For SE 360 and SE 365 students, ask your

professor or see the EDvolution Center for more details. For EL 300 students, you will get more details from your professor in April. Talk to the friendly staff at the EDvolution Center if you have questions.

## **Future Triad Dates for Student Teaching**

Future Triad Training Dates for Student Teaching are as follows:

- Fall 2024 – August 14, 15, and 16
- Spring 2025 – January 6, 7, and 8
- Fall 2025 – August 13, 14, and 15
- Spring 2026 – January 5, 6, and 7
- Fall 2026 – August 12, 13, and 14

A flyer with more information has been posted in the Scully 3<sup>rd</sup> floor student lounge and on the TV.

## **Volunteer Options for ED280 Students**

Volunteer options for students in ED280 have been posted in the Scully 3<sup>rd</sup> floor student lounge and on the TV.

## **Revision to the Admission to the Teacher Ed Program**

Students will no longer need to pass the science and social studies sections of the MoGEA. If you have any questions, email [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu).

## **MoCA/MoGEA Study Guides Available on Canvas**

MoCA/MoGEA Study guides are available on Canvas. You should receive an invitation to a Canvas Course titled Pre-Service Teacher Resources, which will house study guides and other resources related to educator preparation. If you would like access and don't have it, please email [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu).

## **Ed Prep Student Orgs**

If you have any news or meeting announcements that you would like to share and publish in this newsletter, please email the information to [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu) by the Friday before the next weekly Tuesday issue. We would like to hear from you!

## **Student Teaching Placement Information**

Watch the [attached video](#) for information on the how this process works.



## **Do you have Items to Share on Facebook Related to Educator Prep?**

There is lots of valuable information on our [Ed Prep Facebook page](#). Please share and like this page! If you have any items to post, please submit them to [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu)!

## **Employment Information –Southeast Handshake Employment Site**

New full and part-time positions are posted at [Handshake](#). You can also check out [Missouri Teaching JOBS](#) or [MOREAP.net](#).