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If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email edprep@semo.edu by 12:00 noon on the **Friday** prior to the publication date to have it included in the next newsletter. **All submissions should be 800 characters or less.** ***Some newsletter hyperlinks are not compatible with iPad*** Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.

Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference – Registration is Open!

The Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Illinois. Come enjoy professional development featuring a keynote presentation and multiple breakout sessions options. Topics will include current and relevant topics in literacy and education. Register today at the following [link](#)! If you have questions or need more information, contact SIRC President Michelle Mohr at 618-521-0891 or mmohr@steeleville138.org.

Quick Tech Tip from the EDvolution Center

Click on this link for a quick tech tip video - [How to Quickly & Easily Find Non-Copyrighted Images Using Google Chrome](#)

Tuesday, February 25: SMSTA Meeting Tonight

There will be a SMSTA (Southeast Missouri State Teachers Association) Meeting tonight, Tuesday, February 25, in Crisp 105 at 6:00 p.m., to hear from a representative from MSTA! For more information, contact smsta@semo.edu or Savannah Kesselring at sekesselring1s@semo.edu.

Wednesday, February 26: Rockwood District Diversity Job Fair

Rockwood School District is hosting a Diversity Job Fair on Wednesday, February 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Rockwood South Middle School. Rockwood School District is committed to hiring a diverse staff that will help kids thrive. This job fair is an opportunity for candidates to interview for a variety of positions within Rockwood. To schedule a screening interview, please call Dr. Tracy Edwards at (636) 733-2036. View district information [here](#).

Thursday, February 27: Alma Schrader Knowledge-a-Thon - Volunteers Needed!!

Alma Schrader is hosting a Knowledge-a-Thon on Thursday, February 27 and needs close to 100 volunteers! Alma Schrader students have been studying grade appropriate information in preparation of the KAT event in anticipation of volunteers asking the questions of them. SEMO students and community members are invited to participate in this important event. Every volunteer will be sure to enjoy their time spent with our students! Volunteers are asked to bring a pen and clipboard and to arrive at Alma Schrader between 8:05-8:15 a.m. to check in by the office (use the main doors). Testing should be over by 11. To volunteer, click on the KAT [link](#).

Thursday, February 27: ELA Elementary MoCA Practice Tests Open to Teacher Prep Students

SMSTA (Southeast Missouri State Teachers Association) is offering Elementary MoCA Exam Practice Tests to all Teacher Preparation Students. Practice test dates will be as follows:

ELA - February 27, 5:00 p.m. Scully 324

Math - March 5, 5:00 p.m., Scully 324

Science - March 12, 5:00 p.m., Scully 324

Social Studies - March 26, 5:00 p.m., Scully 324

For more information or any questions, please contact smsta@semo.edu or Dr. Bohannon at rlbohannon@semo.edu.

Friday, February 28: Black History Month Celebration Event

Leap into 2020: A Celebration of African American History in Southeast Missouri - historians and archivists will be setting up exhibits which celebrate African American history in Southeast Missouri on **Feb. 28 between 12-2 p.m. in the UC Program Lounge**. Special Collections and Archives has obtained new artifacts from a range of time periods which will be on display, and we will also have a slideshow, a DJ, and free pizza. All are welcome! Contact Dr. Vicky McAlister (vmcalister@semo.edu) with questions.

Wednesday, March 4: Social Studies Educators Association Meeting

The Social Studies Educators Association meets from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Carnahan 112. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4. This is a fun way to get involved in an extracurricular activity and is generally a low time investment. All are welcome! Upcoming meetings: April 1 and May 6.

Thursday, March 5: First Art Reach Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer and empower underserved students through art making activities. Art Reach provides diverse and engaging art making experiences to develop relationships, creative problem solving, and visual literacy skills for underserved youth at CoNEXTions Community Counseling Center, 402 South Sprigg Street, Cape Girardeau, Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 12, 26, and April 2, 9, 16. Please contact Carol Horst to register at chorst@semo.edu.

Saturday, March 7: Diversity Teacher Job Fair

A Diversity Teacher Job Fair will be held on March 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at City Academy, 4175 N. Kingshighway in St. Louis. This event is designed to advance individuals of color within area independent schools. Meet and Interview with 20+ private independent schools. Registration is free! For more information and registration, view [event webpage](#).

Tuesday, March 10: Joint ASCD/KDP/SMSTA Meeting

There will be a joint meeting with ASCD: Teachers of Tomorrow, SMSTA (Southeast Missouri State Teachers Association) and Kappa Delta Pi on Tuesday, March 10 in Dempster 125 at 6:00 p.m. regarding differentiation in the classroom. For more information, contact ASCD Publicity Chair, Sarah Dobson at sfdobson1s@semo.edu.

Upcoming spring semester meetings:

April 14 Conference Reflection, Scully 316, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24: History Day Judges Needed

History Day is Tuesday, March 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This is an event where hundreds of students from area schools bring projects to campus (it's like a science fair, only for history). We will need judges for the contest again this year; it is a great way to network with teachers and interact with students, it looks good on your resume, and could even be an advantage in a job interview, as HD is pretty popular around here. Sign up to register as a judge on the [Southeast History Day](#) website or send Dr. Snyder an email at jmsnyder@semo.edu to let him know you can help out. If you have class at that time, many professors will excuse your

absence to participate as long as you clear it with them first, and documentation will be provided by Dr. Courtney Kisat (ckisat@semo.edu).

Friday, April 24: MoCA Secondary Social Studies Study Session

There will be one study session for the secondary social studies MoCA exam on Friday, April 24 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. EHHS requires that all students pass the exam with the minimum required score of 220 before they will be placed in student teaching. Be sure to check out the study materials on Moodle Ed Prep Everyone > MOCA > Social Studies.

Tuesday, June 23: EDTech Academy Registration is Now Open – Only \$20 including Lunch!

The EDTech Academy Next Generation Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on June 23, 2020 on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University for pre-K, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educators. Come experience transformational learning with innovative educational leaders and outstanding area educators! Learn how to create meaningful, relevant, student-centered learning experiences in 21st century schools/classrooms that provide opportunities for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity! ***Be a leader of change, and don't miss out on this unique professional learning opportunity right here in Southeast Missouri! College of Education, Health, and Human Studies faculty, staff and students can attend for only \$20 (which covers lunch)!*** To register and for more information click on this [link](#).

Changes Coming to MOCA in Several Areas

In the fall of 2020 applicants for teacher certification in the following areas will have to pass revised certification exams (MOCAs): **Elementary Education, Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Earth Science Education, and Physics Education**. If you will be seeking certification in any of these areas, you must pass all parts of the current exam before next fall or you will have to take the new exam, even if you have passed most of the sections of the current exam. DESE has not provided an exact date for the implementation of these new exams, but August 1, 2020 is a conservative estimate. You will find information about both the current and revised exams on [this page](#).

Pearson Test Vouchers Available

There are partial test vouchers still available for students for MoCA or MoGEA assessments. These vouchers are based upon financial need, are first-come-first serve, and must be used by 9/1/2020. If you would like a voucher, please contact your department chairperson or advisor.

Scholarship Opportunities

Please view the following link <https://semo.edu/education-health/scholarships.html> for a list of scholarship opportunities.

Employment and Summer Camp Opportunities

When the Office of Educator Preparation receives notice of job and summer camp openings, those are listed here: <http://semo.edu/education-health/jobs/index.html>. New full-time positions are now posted at REDHAWKjobs.com.

Long-Term Sub Needed

Jackson Junior High School needs to fill a long-term sub vacancy in their science department. Any potential candidates should contact Assistant Principal Bryan Austin at baustin@jackson.k12.mo.us.

Teacher's Assistant Opening

Craig Elementary in the Parkway School District currently has a Teacher's Assistant vacancy. If you are interested, click on this [link](#) for more information or view the school [website](#).

Teacher Candidate Presentations, Recitals, Exhibitions, etc.

If you know of an upcoming event involving one or more teacher candidates (e.g. academic presentation, recital, art exhibition, etc.), please send notice of the event to edprep@semo.edu. We'd like to publicize these events so that members of the educator preparation program community can attend.