

# 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. **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>.

## **New EDvolution Newsletter**

The EDvolution Newsletter can be found at this [link](#).

## **NAEA T-Shirt Fundraiser**

The National Art Education Association Preservice Chapter is selling T-Shirts to fundraise for the Missouri Art Education conference in March. The shirts are \$16 each and say, 'teaching is a work of art'. Order your shirts at <https://tinyurl.com/NAEAshirts>. Orders are due by February 17th.

## **Wednesday, February 5: 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. This is a fun way to get involved in an extracurricular activity and is generally a low time investment. All are welcome! Upcoming meetings: March 4, April 1 and May 6.

## **Tuesday, February 11: ASCD Meeting**

ASCD: Teachers of Tomorrow will hold a meeting regarding standards-based grading on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Scully 316. For more information, contact ASCD Publicity Chair, Sarah Dobson at [sfdobson1s@semo.edu](mailto:sfdobson1s@semo.edu).

### **Upcoming spring semester meetings:**

March 10	Joint Meeting with SMSTA and KDP: Differentiation in the Classroom, Dempster 125, 6:00 p.m.
April 14	Conference Reflection, Scully 316, 6:00 p.m.

## **Friday, February 14: Jackson Substitute Teacher Training**

The Jackson School District will be hosting a substitute teacher training session from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Scully 312 on Friday, February 14. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach in the Jackson District. In addition, the District will pay attendees \$45 after they have substituted in a district school for one day. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to

sub. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Charity Wills at [cwills@jr2mail.org](mailto:cwills@jr2mail.org) or 573-243-9501.

### **Monday, February 17: Summer Session Registration Opens**

Registration for summer session classes opens Monday, February 17.

### **Monday, February 24: EDHawk Scholar Program Application Deadline**

The deadline for application to the EDHawk program for 2020-2021 is Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The application link can be found [here](#). Some program areas are not eligible to participate in the EDHawk scholars program due to requirements of the program. Students need to check with their advisor to ascertain their eligibility to become an EDHawk Scholar.

### **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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the spring 2020 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. Background checks obtained for Southeast Missouri State University are valid for up to one year, if obtained prior to September 2018. If a background check was obtained for Southeast Missouri State University after September 2018, it will have no expiration. For the spring 2020 semester your background check must be valid until the end of the semester (May 16, 2020). To see if your background check is up-to-date you can go to the following website: [http://cstl-coe.semo.edu/fieldexperiences/new\\_redhawk/index.php/Home](http://cstl-coe.semo.edu/fieldexperiences/new_redhawk/index.php/Home) . To update your background check, you must go to the following website: <https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/backgroundcheck.html> and follow the directions provided.

## Chalk & Wire Information

Reminder: All teacher candidates are required to purchase a 2-year license for Chalk & Wire within the first month of their Literacy Block or SE350 semester. Licenses may be purchased from the University Bookstore. Instructions for how to use the program for submitting work will be provided by instructors, but additional information can be found in the online user guide: <http://userguide.chalkandwire.com/m/Student>.

## 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 Opportunities

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

## **Summer Camp Counselors Needed**

Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis is seeking counselors to work one-on-one with campers during our summer camp. A longtime contributor to the St. Louis Community (nearly 90 years) offering services and resources to children with a medically diagnosed disability, from birth to age 21. For more information, and to apply today, visit <https://varietystl.org/CampStaff2020>. Questions? Contact [Robin@VarietySTL.org](mailto:Robin@VarietySTL.org) at 314-720-7717.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:edprep@semo.edu). We'd like to publicize these events so that members of the educator preparation program community can attend.