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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>.*

Warning: Do not contact schools about field placements

Teacher candidates should not contact schools regarding the scheduling of field placements. Only the Office of Field Experiences should be making those contacts. School administrators have explicitly asked that communication with them go through a single office. Failure to follow this protocol may undermine the ability of the Office of Field Experiences to make placements in a particular school and may, also, result in the offending student being prohibited from taking part in a field experience during the current semester.

Revised Teacher Preparation Program Handbook

The Teacher Preparation Program Handbook has been revised and is available [here](#). It contains information about nearly all aspects of the Teacher Preparation Program. If you have a question about the program, check the Handbook first.

Tuesday, August 27: First Fall ASCD Meeting Tonight

The first ASCD: Teachers of Tomorrow meeting for the fall semester will be tonight, Tuesday, August 27, which is a back-to-school welcome meeting with games. The August and September Meetings will be held in Scully 316 at 6:30 p.m. The October and November meeting locations are TBA.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 10

October 15, which is a joint meeting with KDP

November 20, which is a joint meeting with SMSTA.

Wednesday, August 28: First SMSTA Fall Meeting Tomorrow

The first fall SMSTA (Student Missouri State Teachers Association) meeting is Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Rhodes Hall Room 121! Krista Meyer, our MSTA Representative, will be at the meeting to go over everything MSTA/SMSTA, and we will also talk more about what is planned for the semester. We hope to see you there!

A few reminders:

1. We are one of the student chapters of the Missouri State Teachers Association
2. With our membership you get \$2 million in liability insurance for the field and access to other MSTA benefits
3. The cost for our chapter dues is \$10 for the whole year

Wednesday, September 4: Social Studies Educators Association First Fall Meeting

The Social Studies Educators Association will hold their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. in Carnahan 112. This group is open to all current and prospective social studies education majors. Come enjoy some snacks, get to know other students in the major, and find out about the fun things we have planned for this year, including a trip to the Missouri Council of Social Studies conference in February in St. Louis! Contact Dr. Kisat at ckisat@semo.edu with questions.

Teach English in Vietnam!

Aurora Group is seeking teachers to teach English in Ho Chi Minh City. The cost of living is low in Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh is a developing city with lots of social life opportunities. If interested, please contact Linh Tran at auroragroup.hr@gmail.com or to Judith Crenshaw at crenshawj@capetigers.com.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Oran R-III School District needs substitute teachers! Please contact Joe Shoemaker for more information at jshoemaker@oran.k12.mo.us or at (573)262-3345.

Chalk & Wire

An active Chalk & Wire license is required for all courses taken after admission to the Teacher Preparation Program. The license must be purchased from the University bookstore during the first month of the first semester in the program (e.g. Literacy Block and Ped 1 semesters). Once purchased, the license must be activated. Please refer to this document: <http://userguide.chalkandwire.com/m/Student>. Chalk & Wire is used in a variety of ways in the Teacher Preparation Program, including field experience assignments. Teacher candidates must have a Chalk & Wire license in order to be assigned to a field experience this semester.

iPad Requirements

Just a reminder---an iPad is required in all education courses. If you need to buy an iPad, you should purchase, at a minimum, a 6th generation iPad (WiFi enabled; 32 gb minimum), however, if you already have an iPad Air, you can use that. The iPad may be purchased from any source. Purchasing from the University Bookstore will provide you the opportunity to use financial aid toward your purchase as well as arrange a payment plan if you wish. If you do decide to purchase from the bookstore, please allow 2-3 business days for shipping. You may contact the University Bookstore at 573-651-2220 or southeast@bkstr.com for any

questions. We also recommend checking out Apple's website for back-to-school deals. If you have questions, please contact The EDvolution Team at edvolution@semo.edu.

EDvolution Survey

EDvolution is a signature initiative in our Educator Preparation Program. It's something that makes us unique and—we think—makes our graduates more marketable. However, even the best projects need to be constantly evaluated, and we'd like your help doing that. Please complete this short survey: <https://forms.gle/S9axpiT5P7e7sW798>.

Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the fall 2019 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 fall 2019 semester your background check must be valid until the end of the semester (December 13, 2019). 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 . 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.

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2020 Semester?

If so, the application system is currently open. The deadline to apply is **August 29, 2019**. Complete the online application by logging into the Redhawk system here http://cstl-coe.semo.edu/fieldexperiences/new_redhawk/. Every student eligible for student teaching should already be in the system. If you have never logged-in to the Redhawk system you will need to click on "Forgot your Password?" to receive an email to reset your password. Once you reset your password and log back into the system, click on the "Student Teaching" drop down box on the left side of the screen. Then click on "Application" to apply.

In order to prevent a delay in the processing of your application, you should apply for your substitute certificate by **July 29, 2019**. Follow this link to apply for your substitute certificate: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/checklist-substitute-teachers> .

Also, know that you will be required to pass all sections of the Missouri Content Assessment (MoCA) related to your certification area prior to student teaching. Some students in the past were not able to student teach, because they waited too late to take the exam. Start taking

the MoCA now so that you will not run out of time. Follow this link to register for the MoCA exams:

http://www.mo.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TestDatesAndSites.html.

If you have any questions or concerns about the student teaching application process, please contact the Candidate Status & Certification Officer, Alicia Lincoln at aelincoln@semo.edu or 573-651-5932.

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.

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.