

# Teacher Preparation News

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If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, contact Ms. Sherry Holder ([sholder@semo.edu](mailto:sholder@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 iPads\*\*\* Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.

## **Tuesday, January 15: First ASCD Spring Semester Meeting Tonight**

The ASCD: Teachers of Tomorrow will hold its first spring semester meeting tonight, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Scully 312. This January meeting will be a First-Year Teacher panel. Upcoming meeting dates are listed below:

February 5  
March 5  
April 16th

## **Friday, January 18/20: Music Education Opera Theatre Production**

La Périchole (the Street Singer) – Follow the adventure of two young street musicians hoping to marry while avoiding imperious politicians. This Opera Theatre Production will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Bedell Performance Hall. There is a cost to attend. **Music Education students will be participating in this production.**

## **Tuesday, January 22: First SMSTA Spring Semester Meeting**

SMSTA (**Southeast Missouri State Teachers Association**) will be hosting its first meeting of the Spring 2019 semester on Tuesday, January 22 at 6 p.m. in Dempster Auditorium. SMSTA is open to all education majors. This first meeting is mandatory for all members.

## **Saturday, January 26: Columbia Public Schools Job Fair/Interview Day**

Columbia Public Schools is holding their annual Job Fair/Interview Day for pre-K-12 teachers, guidance counselors, special education teachers and more on January 26, 2019. This job fair is hiring those for the 2019-20 school year. Schedule your interview today. Go to this [website](#), apply for a position, select career day (under menu), find your content area, pick a time slot, save! Walk-ins are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica Berchman at 573-214-3470 or [jberchman@cpsk12.org](mailto:jberchman@cpsk12.org).

## **Tuesday, January 29: Music Education Percussion Ensemble Drum Circle**

Percussion Ensemble Drum Circle in collaboration with Cape Girardeau Parks and Recreation Department will perform at 6:30 p.m. on January 29 at the Dobbins River Campus in Room 120. This is a family-friendly evening of hands-on community drumming and is open to ages

12 and older. The admission is Free. **Music Education students will be participating in this ensemble.**

### **Wednesday, February 20: Promethean Training**

Promethean, the maker of ActivPanel interactive touchboards and Classflow classroom software, has provided the College of Education, Health, and Human Studies with a 70" Promethean board for use within Scully. Students and faculty within the College are invited to borrow and incorporate it within their classrooms following a training session that Promethean will hold in The EDvolution Center on February 20<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to sign up for this session. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to participate in the Promethean training.

### **Thursday, July 25: EdTech Academy Registration is Open Now!**

The EdTech Academy, a Next Generation Teaching & Learning Conference will be held on July 25, 2019. Come experience transformational learning with renowned, innovative educational leaders and other outstanding area educators! Learn how to create meaningful learning experiences in 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms that provide students opportunities for critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity! For more information or to register for this event, click here: <https://semo.edu/rpdc/edtechacademy>.

### **Free Nearpod Vouchers**

The EDvolution Center has received an updated Nearpod Gold Edition code for students and faculty to use. To activate this code, go to [nearpod.com/redeem](https://nearpod.com/redeem), enter code **NP-CEHH18** and login with your Nearpod account on the next screen. Those with any questions about Nearpod can stop by The EDvolution Center at any time. You are more than welcome to share this code with your students.

### **Teacher Preparation Program – New MoGEA Requirements for Admission**

The MoGEA scores required for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program have been lowered. The new scores for admission are:

Reading: 202

Writing: 193

Mathematics: 200

Science & Social Studies: 204

- This change will take place immediately.
- If a student was previously provisionally admitted because of MoGEA scores, their application will be automatically reviewed, and the student will be notified by email of their new admittance status.

- If a student was previously denied admission because of MoGEA scores, they will need to email (no phone calls please) Alicia Lincoln ([aelincoln@semo.edu](mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu)) to determine they are now eligible for admission.

## Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the spring 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. For the spring 2019 semester your background check must be valid until the end of the semester (May 10, 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](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

Starting in spring 2019, all teacher candidates will be required to purchase a license to use the Chalk & Wire assessment system. Please read the memo here to learn more:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ffBaJk1yPgsoxQYIK8OkHsCaFSHWU-6s6WdH73EQcz4/edit?usp=sharing>

## New Scholarship Opportunities

Please view the following link <https://semo.edu/education-health/scholarships.html> for a list of scholarship opportunities. The Missouri Association of Rural Education (MARE) Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund has just posted and applications must be postmarked by March 29, 2019 to be eligible. The Jack J. Isgur Foundation is currently accepting applications for its scholarship; the details regarding this opportunity should be posted to our website soon. If you need further information regarding this scholarship, please contact Charles Jensen at 816-691-2760 or [Charles.jensen@stinson.com](mailto:Charles.jensen@stinson.com).

## Updated Tutoring Opportunity Information

There is a tutoring opportunity available with a 4th grade student who needs extra help with 2-digit x 2-digit multiplication, as well as basic division and long division. You would be working with the student weekly or bi-weekly throughout the semester. Times would be set up

based on you and the family's preferences. If you are interested, please contact the student's teacher, Loree Akers, at South Elementary for more information at [lakers@jr2mail.org](mailto:lakers@jr2mail.org).

## Volunteer Opportunity

Prodigy Leadership Academy is looking for volunteers for their Good Samaritan Friday Program. As a volunteer you would act as a teacher assistant gaining hands-on classroom experience, service hours, and a potential resume reference. The curriculum is taught through project-based learning and the theme for this semester is community service. Therefore, field trips will be a common part of the day. The G.S. Friday Program occurs every Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As a volunteer you can choose the days and how many hours you wish to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Courtney McVeigh via email at [c.mcveigh@goprodigy.org](mailto:c.mcveigh@goprodigy.org).

## IdentoGO Fingerprinting and Background Checks Available On-Campus

Fingerprinting and criminal background checks are now available at Testing Services. Hours for services are 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **To preregister and schedule appointments, follow the instructions found here** <https://www.machs.mshp.dps.mo.gov>. Walk-ins are also accepted, however people with scheduled appointments will take priority. The cost is currently \$41.25. Identogo only accepts debit/credit cards. Testing Services cannot charge student accounts, take cash, or accept personal checks. For more information, call Testing Services at (573) 651-2836.

## Substitute Teaching Opportunity

The Jackson R-2 School District is looking for substitute teachers. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable in-class experiences. Follow this link to learn more: <https://jacksonr2.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

## Looking for a Job? Check Here for 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>.

## Materials Available for MoGEA and MoCA Preparation

The EDvolution Center has flash cards available to assist with preparing for the MoGEA and MoCA exams. These materials may be checked out. Student groups are welcome to check out a set for group study sessions. A set of materials for programs offered at the regional campuses are also available.

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