

JCAE OPEN DOOR NEWSLETTER

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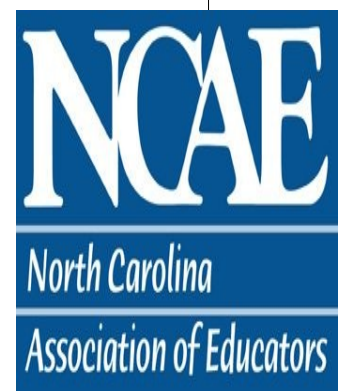
President's Message

This year it was Raleigh's turn to host our annual NCAE Representative Assembly, and so on March 18th and 19th nearly 1,000 members from across the state met at the downtown Civic Center to conduct the business of our Association. This year's Convention had a noticeable Johnston County flavor to it, with not only 25 members in our delegation, but with several members being asked to serve in key roles. Member Charlene Broadway brought her Cleveland Middle School chorus of "Rambunctious Singers" to provide entertainment at the NCAE Awards Banquet. Kenneth Bennett gave the invocation at the dinner and Jo James, Angela Csider, Dietra Crenshaw, Jeff Fetters, Tanja Aldridge and Vicie Records served as Host and Hostesses for the dinner. During the business sessions John Pointer, Hollie Heller, Ann White and Charlene Broadway served as Spotters. Thanks to all of JCAE's delegation!

One of the highlights of the RA was a rally at the Civic Center that set the tone for the One Voice Rally for public schools. The assault on education has been nearly relentless this legislative session. The General Assembly has backed us into a corner, and there's only one way to get out. I'm reminded of French General Ferdinand Foch's World War I message, "My center is giving way, my right is in retreat; situation excellent, I shall attack." May 3rd will be our chance to show our strength and commitment to public schools and public school children. Our Government Relations staff and our elected leaders have worked tirelessly, but there are less than half-a-dozen of them. They aren't NCAE... WE are NCAE, and the One Voice Rally is our turn to step up. We don't have to donate money, we don't have to give speeches, we just have to show up. Members will be traveling from across the state to participate... we just have to travel across the county. The Rally starts at 4:00, but if you can't be there at 4:00, be there at 4:30. If you can't be there by 4:30, be there by 5:00. If you can't be there by 5:00, just get there. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your co-workers whether they are members or not. This isn't an NCAE rally... this is a rally for everyone who believes in public schools. **Let your voice be heard.**

I'll see you on May 3rd.

Rich



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Have a safe and restful summer break!

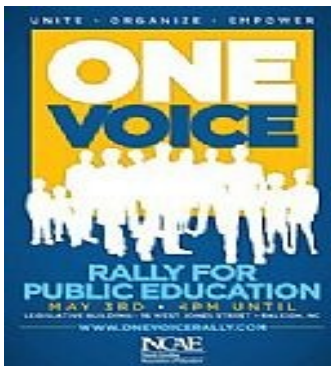




Local Members Attend State Convention

The North Carolina Association of Educators state convention was held in Raleigh March 17–19. One subject discussed throughout was funding for public education and those that wish to destroy it by cutting funds, increasing the number of charter schools and tax credits for private schools. Members attending were:

Tanja Aldridge, Benson Middle; **Kenneth Bennett**, South Campus Middle; **Charlene Broadway**, Cleveland Middle; **Jack Chrismon**, Smithfield-Selma HS; **Dietra Crenshaw**, South Johnston HS; **Angela Csider**, Polenta Elem.; **Laurie Evans**, Clayton HS; **Jeff Fetters**, Clayton HS; **Hollie Heller**, Princeton Elem.; **Jo James**, Cleveland Elem.; **Shirley Kleinfelter**, Smithfield Middle; **Rich Nixon**, Corinth Holders HS; **Kathi Nixon**, Corinth Holders HS; **Karen Oden**, Cooper; **Courtney Overbee**, Corinth Holders HS; **John Pointer**, Clayton HS; **Vicie Records**, Clayton HS; **Kristy Rupright**, West Clayton Elem.; **Lauren Sabo**, Clayton Middle; **Dana Stevenson**, Cooper; **Dawn Swift**, West Clayton Elem.; **Patricia Tippins**, Four



MOVED LATELY?

If you have moved lately, don't forget to send us your new address so you will continue to receive your membership newsletters and other important information. Send an email to JCAE27504@aol.com to update your address.



Dates to Remember

April 18–25 Spring Break

April 24 Easter

April 26 JCAE Rep Meeting, 4:30 PM, SSHA

May 3 National Teacher Day

May 3 "One Voice" Rally for Public Education
4:00 PM until, State Legislative Building,
Raleigh

May 30 Memorial Day Holiday

June 9 Last day for students

June 10 HS Graduations

June 10–15 Workdays

Member Opportunities

Each of the following committees has openings and could use your participation. If you are interested, contact your building's Association Representative or contact Rich Nixon at RNixon.JCAE@gmail.com.

Membership

Scholarships and Awards

Read Across America

Communication

American Education Week

Legislators Return to School

Elections (canvassing)

Minority Arts Contest

TAKE NOTE!

If you have not **activated** your NCAE **Membership Card**, go to <http://www.ncae.org> today! There are numerous discounts!



NCAE-PAC

Most of the decisions that affect educators' jobs are decided by elected officials or by people appointed by elected officials. As public school employees, we have to build a strong political voice by joining our Political Action Committee (PAC) to win on the issues that matter to us like improving working conditions, reducing class size, and protecting our jobs. We need you and every NCAE member you know to start giving to PAC through payroll deduction. It's \$40 a year, \$4.44 a month or \$.02 cents an hour. We're not waiting for any super heroes to save our schools, we're waiting for a say and it's time we start giving our two cents to improve public education." For info regarding contributing to PAC contact us at JCAE27504@aol.com.



FLAME FOR LEARNING CANDIDATES

JCAE members selected as "Flame for Learning" candidates include: **Randy Parker**, Clayton HS; **Tanya Whitmoyer**, East Clayton Elem.; **John Wood**, Cleveland HS; **Lori Fredrick**, Smithfield Middle; and **Ellen Ennis-Smith**, Smithfield-Selma HS. Congratulations, you are true PROFESSIONALS!

JCS Media Coordinator of the Year

Congratulations to member **Brene' Duggins**, North Johnston HS, who was named Johnston County Schools Media Coordinator of the Year! Member **Emily Vann**, Four Oaks Middle, was a Finalist.



JCS School and Student Support of the Year

Congratulations to member **Ann Dang**, Speech Language Pathologist at West Clayton Elem., who was a finalist as the School and Student Support of the Year!

RETIRING THIS YEAR?

If you plan to retire this year please let our secretary, **Beth Marcom**, know ASAP so she can add you to our Retirement and Awards Banquet program. You can also email us at JCAE27504@aol.com .



Do you Facebook? If you want to join JCAE's group go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=168177527231> .

NC FTA/Teacher Cadet Conference March 11-12 Raleigh, NC

Article prepared by Luke Williams, Smithfield-Selma HS Senior

From the people I interviewed coming back from the FTA/TCC, I got all positive reviews. Each person even gave me a different reason why they like their experience. This was awesome because it wasn't just one thing that the conference did right, it was multiple things.

Some liked how when arriving, positions were voted on so they knew who was who and whom they could go to when having questions. Others like the stress and technology management sessions because they gave valuable information. The majority I interviewed said they liked the college fair because they didn't only talk about their education programs, but just about their school in general. This, in turn, provided a lot of insight. Favorable reviews were given out about the abundance of free time there was and one even said they wished there would be less of it. The second favorite thing out of all the attendees was the dinner with the motivational speaker and the dance party; these went hand in hand. The food and speaker was amazing as was the dance. Everyone said they liked the project assigned, the "Think outside the box".

No one said they would change anything about their experience and the reasons they liked it so much are as follows: met new people, different experience with the schools at the college fair, made people not considering teaching become a teacher. Based on my findings, this conference was well worth it.



JCAE OFFICERS 2011- 2013

President—Rich Nixon

Vice-President—Angela Csider

Secretary—Beth Marcom

Treasurer—Jack Chrismon

None of the candidates had opposition, so an election will not be necessary.



Payroll Deduction Drop Requests

Members wishing to drop JCAE/NCAE/NEA payroll deductions should contact Jack Chrismon at JChrismon@aol.com or send request in mail (starting June 1st) to JCAE, 506 West Main Street, Benson, NC 27504. Deadline to request is September 1, 2011.

NEA News

Are you receiving your **neatoday** magazine? If not, contact us at JCAE27504@aol.com.

