

JCAE OPEN DOOR NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings.

If you're like me, December and January seem like the fastest two months in school. The excitement of the holiday season coupled with the extended days off seem to speed us along to the change of the semesters and the second half of this school year's journey.

Perhaps the biggest change this fall involves the reorganization of the UniServ division of NCAE. Johnston has now joined with Wake, Durham, and Orange counties to form a single Regional UniServ Center. Rather than having a single person assigned from NCAE to assist us in a variety of areas, in addition to performing other duties for NCAE, we now will be assisted by a number of UniSers who specialize in various areas of service. The members of the Triangle Region meet regularly to share ideas and discuss ways to better organize to promote the interests of public schools. Additionally, by combining with the larger locals, such as Wake and Durham, we can now provide members with greater opportunities. Workshops, seminars, and professional development that we could not offer on our own will now be possible because of our new partnership.

Another part of the reorganization is the creation of the Advocacy Center, which will deal with any employment or liability issues. Operating out of the NCAE Center in Raleigh, it is staffed by UniSers who specialize in Professional Rights and Responsibilities as well as Tom Stern, the leading education attorney in the state. **In the event that you feel you need their assistance, you can contact them by phone at 1-855-ASKNCAE (1-855-275-6223) or by going online at www.askncae.org.**

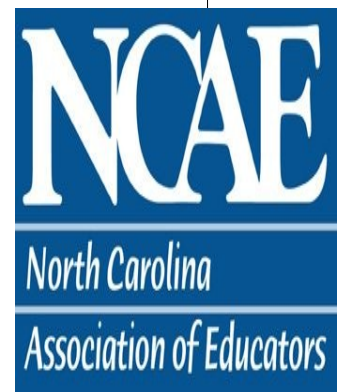
As we move forward with this new service organization, I believe that we are going to be pleased with the result, and I'm excited about the new opportunities it will offer.

Rich Nixon

PS—You should have received from your building rep the NCAE Advocacy Center card for your information.



Have a safe and restful holiday break!



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Congratulations to:

Kaye Pearce, SSHS, for being selected Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Month.

Cinnamon Frame, Cleveland HS, for completing her master's degree and will graduate in December.

Laura Landahl, WCES, on birth of baby girl in September.

Milford Martin, head custodian at Corinth Holders Elem., on his retirement this month.

Kristen McBryde, Polenta, **Nancy Justice**, Cleveland Elem., and **Grace Jackson**, SSHS new NBCT's!

Stephanie Worley, Cleveland Elem., on birth of a new son, Austin Jay born Nov. 14th.

More news:

Ann White, Cooper, attended NCCAT in October. The seminar: "*I can change the world: citizen science in the classroom center*" is centered around bringing the outside classroom inside. Teachers participated in collecting data from ladybugs, plants and salamanders. They also tagged monarch butterflies, counted hawks and banded birds.

Paige Barnes, SSHS, and **Kenneth Bennett**, SC Middle, were featured in the NCAE American Education Week video last month.



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

December 1 NBC Webinar
"Critiquing Your Videos"

December 2 Minority Arts Contest District entries due in Raleigh by 5 PM

December 3 NBC Webinars "Working with documented accomplishments", "Reflective writing", and "The science entry for ECG/MCG"

December 6 NBC Webinar "Becoming an advanced candidate"

December 8 NBC Webinar "The science entry for ECG/MCG"

December 15 NBC Webinar "Becoming an advanced candidate"

December 16 Early Release

December 19–30 Winter Holidays

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

Need Assistance?

Go to www.askncae.org or call 1-855-275-6223.

Gwen Johnson, Polenta, Named Outstanding Math Teacher of the Year!

Polenta first grad teacher **Gwen Johnson** has been recognized as "Johnston County Schools Outstanding Elementary Math Teacher of the Year". Johnson was recognized last week by her peers at the annual NC Math Conference held in Greensboro.

The NCCTM, NC Council of Teachers of Mathematics made the selection after reviewing applications for this honor.

According to the notification letter, "her efforts to make mathematics exciting as she motivates her students to excel" was the quality that made the decision for the selection panel.

Ms. Johnson will receive one year's membership in the NC Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and a personalized award. In addition, her name will appear in the Fall 2011 issue of the NCCTM journal, *The Centroid*, and on NCCTM's website.



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.

Member Attends MLK, JR Memorial Dedication

Tanja Aldridge, Benson Middle School, attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial dedication in Washington, DC on October 16, 2011.

SSHS/FTA's ECU Visit November 16, 2011

As the Future Teachers of America Club (SSHS) pulled in the ECU parking lot, all we were worried about was the rain during our campus tour. When we walked into the auditorium, an amazing speaker was talking about how noble the teaching profession can be. After being inspired by the emotional speaker, juniors and seniors were divided into two groups and the proud upperclassmen were taken to another location. As the informative speaker talked, an alarm went off and panic went over the employee's face. We were under "lock down" because of a man suspected to have a gun was on campus and had to remain in the auditorium for over two hours. Finally we were able to leave and head back to SSHS.

By SSHS/FTA member Sarah Cook

Mrs. Grace Jackson (member) is the chapter sponsor



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

Dixon Road Students Learn About Fire Safety

Students from Mrs. Sharon Waugh's class at Dixon Road Elementary School recently learned about fire safety from members of the 50-210 Fire Department. Students were also allowed to tour a 50-210 fire engine and learn about all the tools firefighters use to keep the public safe.



Welcome the Following New Members to the NCAE Family

Jessica Daly, Daniel Davis, Jessica Dean, Michelle Disney, Joni Faison, Brittany Frieson, Travis Gaster, Lem Hardy, Emily Hargrove, Teresa Hart, Belinda Hinnant, Danny Hinnant, Carolyn Howell, Teresa Lee, Stephanie Leonard, Robin Little, Heather Lowe, Yasmin Monroe, Michelle Murer, Samantha Nguyen, Bruce Page, Ralph Palin, Tina Penny, Kelly Raines, Lindsey Rice, Charles Richardson, Amonds Saucedo, Sarah Sealey, Patricia Sharp, Sandra Standley, Abigail Stephenson, Catherine Taylor, Susan Vance, Larry Vaughn, Kendra Walls, Brittany Warren, and Judy Yow.



Happy Holidays to all our members!

Rich, Angela, Beth and Jack

NEA News

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

