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Nebraska FEA at a Glance

Organization

Nebraska FEA provides middle and high school students' opportunities to explore teaching as a career. It helps students gain a realistic understanding of the nature of education and that of a teacher. The International FEA office manages a network of nearly 1000 FEA Chapters.

Mission

To recruit and provide experiences and skills for students who are exploring teaching as a future career; to develop essential skills that will lead to highly trained and qualified teachers in Nebraska.

Goals

- Strive to interest students in the education profession.
- Recruit future educators with diverse ethnic, racial, social and economic backgrounds.
- Promote academic excellence and leadership responsibilities in students interested in teaching.
- Enhance the quality of the school's educational program through an appreciation of teaching and contributing to the smooth operation of the school.
- Promote a positive image of education to students, parents, and the community and disseminate information about teaching.
- Encourage members to be role models in the school, the organization, and the community.

Membership

Nebraska FEA membership is open to any middle and high school student who is interested in exploring teaching as a future career. FEA's annual membership fee is \$8.00 per person, plus \$4.00 Nebraska state dues. FEA has three membership categories:

- **Individuals in FEA Chapters**—school-based groups that usually consist of 1-2 adult advisors/instructors and a group of students.
- **Individual Students**—for students who do not have an FEA chapter in their area
- **Individual Adults**—for adults who are interested in FEA membership but are not associated with a group of students as the primary advisor/instructor

Conferences

Nebraska FEA Fall State Leadership Conference

Nebraska FEA State Career Development Conference

FEA National Conference

NPower – Leadership Conference (Any CSO member is eligible to attend this statewide youth leadership conference, held in Aurora, NE.)

Center for Student Leadership

As a Career Student Organization (CSO) FEA chapter and its members are a part of the Center for Student Leadership. The mission of the Center for Student Leadership is to provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate leadership skills to become college and career ready.

This is accomplished through:

- Leadership and personal responsibility.
- Classroom learning combined with real-world relevance.
- Teamwork and collaboration.
- Community service and citizenship.

School to Career Priorities

FEA in the classroom offers a wealth of opportunities and resources to support school-based learning, work-based learning, and connecting activities for careers in education.

Curriculum Integration

With integrated FEA, chapter activities can directly relate to what is being taught in the classroom.

High-Level Student Performance

Participating in FEA meetings beyond the local level, members observe the high levels of performance being achieved by peers. This exposure “raises the bar” for their own expectations.

Integrated Academic and Career and Technical Education

When students identify concerns, set a goal, form a plan, act and follow-up, they cannot help but call on skills and knowledge presented in a wide variety of disciplines. FEA in the classroom gives students the opportunity to assimilate and apply what they are learning both in and outside of the classroom.

All Aspects of the Teaching Profession.

Nothing gives a student a more comprehensive understanding of the “real world” than carrying out a project that operates in and impacts that world. Writing letters, making telephone contacts, visiting different academic institutions, interacting with people, meeting deadlines, making presentations, actual teaching, tutoring, and preparing reports all prepare students for the school-to-career transition.

Community Partnerships

FEA takes students into the community and brings the community into the classroom. Parents, employers, and other community members connect to in-class FEA chapters as speakers, advisory panel members, event evaluators, site visit hosts, resource providers and more.

Teacher Professional Development

Advisors note that both the formal professional development opportunities and the informal connections between FEA advisers are important sources of ideas to improve their programs and teaching. By integrating FEA into their classrooms makes them more student-connected, flexible, on-target teachers.