Message from the NCHE President

Dear NCHE Members:

Thank you for your continued participation in NCHE and for valuing your NEA membership. We honor our profession and our students by supporting NCHE – to strengthen our unity, grow our organization, and reach higher for the good of all.

Did you know that, per the new business item (NBI) that NCHE helped to pass at the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly, October was NEA’s first National Higher Education Month? Please follow this link to find a letter from NEA President Lily Eskelsen García that encouraged college and university faculty and staff to invite PK-12 educators and students to visit campuses in October. The NBI declares October as a time to honor the excellent work of our members and to shine a light on the need to build stronger bridges between PK-12 education and higher education.

Please send photos and comments regarding any events that took place on your campus regarding this first NEA National Higher Education Month. You may send them to our NCHE staff liaison, Nancy O’Brien, at nobrien@nea.org.

Also included in this newsletter is information on how to renew your NCHE membership. You may renew here.

You are encouraged to share this information with potential new members as well. Higher Education member recruitment is front-and-center for both NCHE and NEA, especially in light of the Janus Supreme Court decision. Further, you will find information on NCHE awards, including how to nominate people. These awards are given at the NCHE meetings held in conjunction with the NEA Higher Education Conference in March.

You also will find links to the requests for proposals for the NEA Higher Education Conference. You are strongly encouraged to propose new sessions and bring your skills to Denver. This is our conference and NCHE members have been prominent in offering these in the past, a trend we want to continue.

All the best to you in this academic year.

Sincerely,

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BIG News about NCHE Awards

NCHE is proud to announce that the NCHE Awards Program is bigger and better than ever! Due to generous support from the NEA Foundation, the Higher Educator of the Year Award (HEYA) honorarium has increased to $10,000 and will be awarded in perpetuity. The award has been renamed the NCHE-NEA Higher Educator of the Year Award. The HEYA will be awarded to an individual whose career reflects excellence in both his or her profession as a higher educator and documented dedication to ideas central to unionism.

Our time-honored tradition of awarding the James B. Davenport Award continues as well. This award will be given to an individual who has displayed exemplary service to NCHE, and the honorarium remains $700.

The NCHE Friend of Higher Education Award is another new award that will go to a member of the U.S. Congress. Please stay in touch with your legislators and advocate for higher education and all of public education. And take notes on any members whose efforts stand out in support of NEA and NCHE policy objectives. We want to honor those who support our students and our profession! Additional details about this award will be forthcoming shortly.

Watch the NCHE webpage in the coming weeks.

NCHE MEMBERSHIP-JOIN AND ENTER TO WIN A $25 GIFT CARD!

It is time to renew your NCHE membership. Join online here. If you’ve already taken this step, please accept our thank you. As you think about your membership, remember that we are committed to growing the organization and making the voice of higher education better heard within the NEA. Your membership in NCHE gives power to our message. Beyond a simple renewal, consider asking one of your colleagues to join NCHE with you.

Click here to join before the end of 2018 to be entered into the prize drawing!

NEA HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The NEA Higher Education Conference again will be held in conjunction with the NEA National Leadership Summit. The dates for the Higher Education Conference are March 14-15, 2019 and the Summit is March 15-17, 2018. Both will be held in Denver, Colorado. The Request for Proposals for sessions at the Higher Education Conference is out. The deadline is November 16th. Please follow this link for details and help to represent NCHE strongly at the conference.