Greetings NCHE Members! The academic year is well underway and we are all doing the work we so love. Unfortunately, there are many issues facing all of us. We are pressed to do more because many of our students are in the fight of their lives. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may be modified or eliminated. The potential changes may hurt the individuals who are currently in the program. Please know that DACA is used not only by children and young adults, but also by those who are currently working in the education profession. These policies can have a ripple effect beyond the individual DACA individuals, affecting their families, communities, and educational systems. Please continue the dialogue about this critical issue with your colleagues and membership. Our voices need to be heard on this.

Another major concern for higher education, one that I hear about often, is “UNKOCH Your Campus.” A workshop on this was held on Leadership Day in Orlando, Florida, prior to the NEA Higher Education Conference last spring. The session discussed many efforts to remove “Koch” influences from campuses. Below you will find some interesting articles on the issue.


So much is happening in the nation as well as around the world that we must remain vigilant and share information with each other. I will keep you informed as I receive information, and please share with me.

On a sad note, many of you may have received word that our NEA Vice-President Rebecca Pringle’s husband, Nate, passed away after complications from heart surgery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg, PA. Online donations may be made at: http://www.bgchbg.org/donate.html. If you would like, you may send a note to her NEA email at BPringle@nea.org.

Keep doing the good, hard work to keep higher education before the nation!

DeWayne Sheaffer, NCHE President

Join NCHE now from the NCHE Website: www.nea.org/nche
NCHE’s Regular Annual Meeting and the NEA Higher Education Conference are Coming Up!

The NEA Higher Education Conference, which includes the business meetings of NCHE, is taking on a new format this year. NEA is bringing its higher ed conference and the retired organizing conference together with the NEA National Leadership Summit. Please note these important dates for higher education:

- March 15-16, 2018 Higher Education Conference (as a pre-conference to the Summit)
- March 16–18, 2018 National Leadership Summit

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, Illinois

REGISTRATION: The link to register for these events will be live on January 8, 2018, and may be found here: http://www.nea.org/leadershipsummit. Please be sure to note that higher education members are encouraged to register for the Summit as well as the higher education conference. The Summit is open to all categories of NEA membership.

Please also watch the NCHE website www.nea.org/nche and the NEA higher education website www.nea.org/he for further details about the NCHE meetings and the higher education conference.

NCHE SCHEDULE AT THE NEA HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE:

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**
- 4pm-6pm: NCHE Membership Table Open

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**
- 9am-3pm: NCHE Membership Table Open
- 1pm - 2:45pm: NCHE Regular Annual Meeting, Session I (including nominations for NCHE office)
- 3pm - 4:45pm: NCHE Regular Annual Meeting, Session II (including NCHE elections)
- 6pm - 9pm: NEA Higher Education Conference Opening Banquet, NCHE Awards

**Friday, March 16, 2018**
- 7:00am-8:45am: NCHE Runoff Election, if needed

Join or Renew NCHE membership and be a part of the higher education conversation. Go to the website link www.nea.org/nche and join online or fill out the appropriate form (also on this webpage) and make your payment as directed. **Note the NCHE Membership (fiscal) Year shall be the same as the NEA membership (fiscal) year, which currently is September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018.**
IMPORTANT NCHE VOTING INFORMATION:

- Per recent changes approved to the NCHE Constitution, NCHE members, both Individual and Organizational, will need to join or renew during the time period of September 1, 2017 up until the start of the NCHE March 15, 2018 meeting to be eligible to nominate and vote in the NCHE Elections at the NCHE March 2018 meeting.

- Per the long-standing NCHE policy, if you are voting for a NCHE Organizational membership, you will need a written statement with you at the March 2018 NCHE meeting designating you as the member to vote for your organization.

The NCHE officers to be elected at the NCHE meeting in March 2018 will be:

- NCHE Vice-President for a one-year term
- NCHE Secretary-Treasurer
- NCHE Membership Chair
- Two At-Large members, each for two-year terms

Higher Education Awards:

NCHE Higher Education Awards require nominations. Forms will be posted on the NCHE website: www.nea.org/nche

The awards that will be presented at the 2018 Higher Education Conference are:

- The distinguished customary JAMES M. DAVENPORT HIGHER EDUCATION MEMORIAL AWARD
- The first-time NCHE HIGHER EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
- The first-time NCHE/NEA FRIEND OF HIGHER EDUCATION AWARD for a member of the U.S. Congress

YOUR NCHE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT WORK!

The NCHE Executive Committee met with NEA President Lily Eskelsen García on August 25, 2017 and with NEA Secretary-Treasurer Princess R. Moss on August 26, 2017. The discussion focused on national higher education issues and approaches to support NEA higher education members. Members of the NCHE Executive Committee met on October 8, 2017 to discuss higher education issues and to develop a strategic plan for membership growth.

NCHE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017-2018:

NCHE President: DeWayne Sheaffer California Faculty Association (CFA),
NCHE Vice-President: Susan Williams Brown Alabama Education Association (AEA),
NCHE Secretary/Treasurer: Nandi Riley Florida Education Association (FEA),
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NCHE Membership Chair: Philippe Abraham New York State United Teachers (NYSUT),
NCHE Member-at-Large: Andrew Sako New York State United Teachers (NYSUT),
NCHE Member-at-Large: Alec Thomson Michigan Education Association (MEA),
NCHE Member-at-Large: Marcia Mackey Michigan Education Association (MEA),
NCHE Member-at-Large: Suzanne G. Sublette Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC)

NEA HIGHER EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

NEA Higher Education eAdvocate is a monthly email newsletter featuring news and updates from NEA’s Office of Higher Education. It highlights trends, legislation, resource material, and local, state, and national news in post-secondary education.

The NEA Almanac of Higher Education, published annually, provides NEA higher education members with current information on higher education employment conditions. It includes salary data, up-to-date information on faculty workload, the economic conditions in states, the number of support personnel on the campuses along with their levels of compensation, and trends in bargaining.

Thought & Action is NEA’s peer-reviewed journal of Higher Education. This journal is designed to provide faculty, staff, and students an enlightened balance between theory and practice on issues in higher education. Regular sections of the journal include commentaries, current book reviews, and letters to the editor. It is published once a year. More information is available at: nea.org/thoughtandaction or contact Editor Mary Ellen Flannery at mflannery@nea.org.

Summer 2017 Issue of Thought & Action!

Read more about dual enrollment, guns on campuses, and the importance of state-level advocacy. Download the issue, or order a free print copy with the special code NEA-HIGHERED. Specific articles also can be downloaded below.

Overview by Mary Ellen Flannery

The Corporate Assault on Higher Education and Union Responses by Gordon Lafer
Duck and Cover, Little Lady: Women and Campus Carry by Patricia Somers, Jessica Fry, and Carlton J. Fong
Dual Enrollment’s Expansion: Cause for Concern by Alec Thomson
Shared Governance and Academic Freedom: Yes, This Is Union Work by John Messier
On Not Needing a Lecture by Elizabeth Johnston
Community College Students, ALP Success, and the Small Moments by Linda Holman

CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS WORK GROUP
Several higher education members were invited to participate with the College and Career Readiness Work Group (CCRWG), which met in at NEA Headquarters on September 15 – 17, 2017. This was a first for higher education members to work with k-12 teachers on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) policy and implementation. The meetings were conducted by the NEA Education Policy and Practice Department. A spring 2018 meeting is being planned with higher education members to enhance the inclusion of all membership groups.

Higher education members present were:
- Bill Clemente, NE
- Jaime Dangler, NY
- Arlene King-Berry, DC
- Carla Naccarato-Sinclair, WA
- DeWayne Sheaffer, NCHE President, CA
- Cynthia Steele, AL
- Alec Thomson, NCHE Executive Committee, MI

WHERE TO FIND CURRENT NCHE AND NEA INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO HIGHER EDUCATORS:
As always, NCHE Members are encouraged to keep up to date by checking our NCHE webpage (www.nea.org/nche) and the NEA Higher Education webpage (www.nea.org/he).