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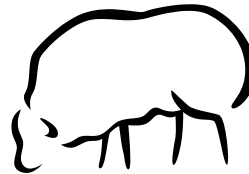
## Incorporation of Agriculture in the Classroom

As many of you may know, Education Symposium was held on October 14, 2010, in the Kansas State Student Union. This was my first year attending this event and I am very glad that I did. My favorite session was about incorporating agriculture in an elementary classroom. I found this session very useful.

I grew up on a farm and am interested in finding ways to help children understand where their food and clothing comes from. In my opinion, many children do not know where their food comes from. I think this is especially true in urban areas and inner-city schools. Many children in these schools think their food just magically appears in the grocery store aisles. They do not understand that the food they eat and clothing they wear goes through many steps before ending up in the store. I believe

it is one of our responsibilities as future educators to help children learn this concept.

In the Ag in the Classroom



By Megan Gibson

session the presenter gave us multiple ideas for incorporating agriculture into lessons. She mentioned that many different activities and lesson plans can be downloaded for free off of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom website: [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org). These lessons are not only free to download, but also includes any colored graphics or examples

that the lesson requires.

One of my favorite activities that she showed us was called My Farm Web. In this lesson students would arrange pictures of animals, crops, food, and clothing in a web on the floor showing where everything came from. After the web is made students can discuss how, for example, wool on a lamb's back eventually becomes a sweater.

The website that I mentioned above makes it very easy for teachers to find lessons that are pertinent to what they are already teaching. These lessons are usually hands-on and help children understand where their food comes from, while learning about another subject. If you are at all interested in incorporating agriculture in your future classroom, I highly recommend looking at the website. It has some really fun ideas!

## Teaching Contracts

What do you know about your first teaching contract? I learned a lot at the 2010 Education symposium. There are two types of contracts: primary and supplemental. A primary contract deals with provisions related to classroom duties. The contract defines duties, pay, and working conditions. It includes the individual contract and the negotiated agreement. The individual contract just basically states what term you are hired for and how much you will be paid. The negotiated agreement is a little longer and consists of your rights and what your duties will be as a teacher. I learned an interesting fact that teachers are not allowed to go on strike or stoppage because they will lose their license for life. Supplemental contracts deal with

provisions that are not related to classroom duties such as being a club sponsor or a coach. Just like primary contracts, supplemental contracts also defines duties, pay, and working conditions. Something you should know that pertains to both contracts is due process. Due process is a right you may or may not have where your employer must show evidence of the reason they are terminating your contract. Primary contracts have due process while supplemental contracts do not. If you don't have due process, then you can be terminated without cause. I also learned about probationary teachers and non-probationary teachers. You remain a probationary teachers for three years of employment and then you become a non-probationary teacher.

By Jessica Laster

Probationary teachers only have due process while teaching under contract, but as soon as that year or contract is up you do not have due process and can be terminated without cause. On the other hand, Non-probationary teachers enjoy the luxury of due process for the duration they are teaching at the school district. They can't be fired at the end of the year without evidence to show why. This session was very informational and taught me things that I will use in the near future. The session was taught by Kevin Riemann who is a KNEA representative. If you have any questions and are a member of KNEA please voice your concerns to Kevin at [kevin.riemann@knea.org](mailto:kevin.riemann@knea.org).



## Education Ambassadors

The purpose of the Student Ambassador program is to promote the College of Education, Kansas State University, and teaching as a career. Education Ambassadors contact and provide assistance to prospective education students, as well as communicating a positive image of the college itself and participating in College of Education activities and events.

The Education Ambassador program is searching for new members who will add enthusiasm, innovation, and dedication

to the organization. Each ambassador is expected to attend 75 percent of all meetings and participate in other activities in which the ambassadors are involved. Every year Education Ambassadors participate in Telefund, Open House, the K-State Career Fair, Senior Days, Education On-Campus Interviews, and much more.

Each year the Education Ambassadors organization participates in a community service project and contributes to many other events within the college.

The qualifications for membership in Education Ambassadors include a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher – preference is given to freshmen and sophomores. While it is not necessary to already be involved in a large number of campus activities, applicants must possess a dedication to becoming involved and making a difference within the College of Education. Applications to be an Ambassador are made available in the spring semester each year.

*“One mark of a great educator is the ability to lead students out to new places where even the educator has never been.” —*

*Thomas Groome*



## National Art Education Association

We have a strong National Art Education Association chapter here on campus. This group is geared towards students at K-State in the Art Education field. NAEA provides a great opportunity to connect with fellow art educators, raise awareness for the importance of the arts in education, and help members better themselves as future educators. We participate annually in the KAEA confer-

ence, featuring workshops put on by art educators throughout Kansas. Our group also takes part in various fund raising activities throughout the year, giving members the opportunity to attend NAEA's National Convention. Our current officers are...

Courtney Smith- President  
Nicole Gomez- Vice President  
Amy Calderwood- Secretary

Rachel Wood- Treasurer  
Sue Atchison- Advisor

If you are interested in joining NAEA please contact Courtney Smith at [csmith32@ksu.edu](mailto:csmith32@ksu.edu) !

We are always looking to expand our group and meet new educators!

## Kansas National Education Association—SP

The Kansas National Education Association - Student Program (KNEA-SP) is a professional organization that strives to help members become more active in the education world and grow as professionals. KNEA-SP holds meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and all elementary and secondary education students are welcome to

attend. These meetings usually feature a guest speaker and are worth one professional hour each. Our next meeting is January 31 in the Union K/S Ballroom. KNEA-SP also offers many volunteer opportunities. This December, we celebrated the holiday season with our Polar Express event, where volunteers went into elementary

classrooms, read *The Polar Express*, and drank hot cocoa. In March, we will be in the schools once again to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with our Read Across America event. Volunteers read one of Dr. Seuss's books to the children, talk about who Dr. Seuss was, and conclude the event with a game and snack.

**Schedule of Events**

- } 11- Residence Halls Open
- } 13- 8th Annual Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence Teaching Retreat
- } 17- Martin Luther King Jr Day, No Classes
- } 18- First Day of Spring Semester
- } 18- Education Council Meeting 7:30 pm, BH21
- } 24- Council For Exceptional Children Meeting 7:30 pm
- } 31- Kansas National Educators Association- Student Program 7:30 pm

# JANUARY 2011

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- } 1- Education Council Meeting 7:30pm, BH21
- } 7- Council For Exceptional Children Meeting 7:30pm
- } 14- Kansas National Educators Association- Student Program 7:30pm
- } 20- Telefund 12:00-4:30pm; 5:00-9:30pm, Foundations Building
- } 21- Telefund 5:00-9:30pm, Foundations Building
- } 22- Telefund 5:00-9:30pm, Foundations Building
- } 23- Telefund 5:00-9:30pm, Foundations Building
- } 24- Telefund 5:00-9:30pm, Foundations Building

# Business Education Club and Pi Omega Pi

The Business Education Club and Pi Omega Pi are two organizations for students at Kansas State University who want to become teachers of business and computer technology. Although they are separate organizations, the two groups share many members and work closely together on projects. They often act together on community and national projects. Both Business Education Club and Pi Omega Pi strive to create friendships among future teachers of business education; to create and encourage interest and promote scholarship in business education; to encourage civic responsibility; to foster high ethical standards in business and professional life among teachers of business; and to teach the ideal

of service as the basis of all worthy enterprises.

Pi Omega Pi is the business education teacher honorary with GPA requirements and an initiation fee. Business Education Club has no GPA requirement or initiation fee. Members of both organizations become close-knit as they work together on fundraisers to attend conferences, meetings, and as they plan activities such as Open House, and service projects. Members write articles that are published in the Pi Omega Pi *Here and There*. Over the years members have given back to the community by working with people of all ages including young people at the Boys and Girls Club, helping senior citizens with computer

projects and presenting to various clubs on campus.

Pi Omega Pi participates each year in the national competition for Top Ten Chapter recognition. Zeta Eta chapter has been in the Top Ten Chapters nationally since 1991 and was named Top Chapter in the nation in 2005. Currently, our chapter adviser, Darla Stone, is president of the National Pi Omega Pi Council. Sara Chew is president of Zeta Eta chapter of Pi Omega Pi and John Niehues is president of the Business Education Club.

*“Teach your students to use what talents they have; the woods would be silent if no bird sang except those that sang best.” — Anonymous*

## Collegiate Music Educator’s National Conference



The Kansas State chapter of CMENC (Collegiate Music Educator’s National Conference) is an organization dedicated to providing music educators with experiences, resources, and materials that will guide them to success in their future

careers. The chapter’s monthly meetings include speakers from a wide array of careers, including music teachers, directors and administrators in the music education field. The chapter also travels to two music education workshops each year (KCOMTEP and KMEA). The chapter is involved in Future Music Educators Day and also

provides free tutoring for all music classes at Kansas State. The chapter is advised by Dr. Phil Payne and Dr. Jana Fallin, Music Education Professors. For more information, contact President Adam Lundine.

**Preamble**

We, the undergraduate students of the College of Education at Kansas State University, in order to further the best interests of the College of Education, to maintain and support all student activities of the College of Education, to provide improved relationships between students and the College of Education faculty and administration, and to conduct such business as may come before the students in the College of Education at Kansas State University, do hereby organize the College of Education Student Council of Kansas State University.

**Education Council**

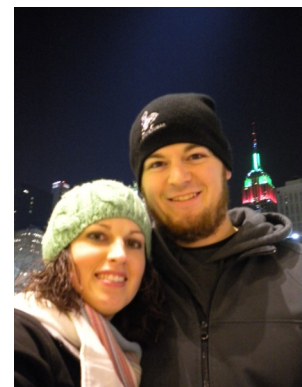
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# Letter from the Editor

I would like to welcome everyone back to school this semester. I know this semester is going to be a great one to remember. I am in Block B this semester and I plan to write about some of my experiences this semester with the program. It is super exciting to be the Chalkboard editor again! I hope everyone can get involved in something on campus this semester.

If any of you would like to write an article to be published in the Chalkboard just email me at [ashcat14@k-state.edu](mailto:ashcat14@k-state.edu). The articles can be about your experiences in the classroom. If you have a favorite teacher, why not write an article about why you like them and why people should take their class. Please feel free to write about your experiences in the classroom! Have a fun and successful semester!!!



**Bowl Game Trip to New York City with the Marching Band.**