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# The largest educational gathering of its kind in the world awaits you in Atlantic City!



The NJEA Convention provides first-class professional experiences for educators of every job description, whether your work finds you in the classroom, the main office, the school bus, the cafeteria, the front door, the hallways and grounds, or anywhere else where NJEA members serve New Jersey's 1.4 million students.

The theme for the NJEA Convention is "Learning. Equity. Justice." The theme reflects our role in the ongoing work of preparing our nation's children, adolescents and young adults for a future we can only imagine and in the generational work of building a just and equitable society.

You'll see the theme reflected in the scores of workshops—both in person and virtually—and across the dozens of experiences you'll discover in the vast exhibit hall. And you'll most certainly explore learning, equity and justice with our spectacular lineup of keynote speakers: Spike Lee, Ani DiFranco, Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg and Alisha De Lorenzo.

Ever evolving, the NJEA Convention provides fresh experiences every year. This year, we are especially looking forward to "Voices Unveiled: The 2023 NJEA Convention Film Festival." This thoughtfully curated event aims to amplify diverse experiences that

inspire empathy and provoke insightful discussion. The directors and producers of many of these films will be present during their screenings so that you can share your impressions with them and ask questions.

Some innovations from last year will continue this year, including The NJEA Consortium and the Health and Wellness areas. A new section of the Wellness Area comes from MudGirls, our official convention charity. MudGirls Studios provides opportunities in art and entrepreneurship to economically disadvantaged and at-risk women. Come see what they do and make some art of your own.

And, again this year, a series of workshops will be delivered in Spanish to serve the needs of our members whose first language is Spanish.

Many old favorites, such as Digital Boulevard, Main Street NJEA, and the hundreds of vendors in the Exhibit Hall continue this year. The convention also gives you the opportunity to speak truth to power. Acting Commissioner of Education Angelica Allen-McMillan and the State Board of Education have a direct impact on the work you do every day in our schools. On Thursday, Nov. 9, they will hold a session in Hall A where you can ask them your questions and share your perspective.

We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 9 and 10.

**NJEA President Sean M. Spiller**

**NJEA Vice President Steve Beatty**

**NJEA Secretary-Treasurer Petal Robertson**

# FAQs

## Your FAQs about the NJEA Convention answered

### In-person admission, registration & workshops

#### How do I register for the in-person convention?

Registering in advance for the NJEA Convention will speed your entry. To register, go to [njea.org/conventionregistration](https://njea.org/conventionregistration). You will need:

- An email address.
- Your NJEA personal identification number (PIN). You'll find your PIN on your membership card. Your PIN has six characters in a two letter-two number-two letter combination.

After you register, you will receive a follow-up email with additional information. Note that in-person registrants may also attend virtual sessions. However, you will need your own device—it is recommended that you use a desktop or laptop computer, not a tablet or phone, to attend your virtual workshops.

#### Where do I pick up my badge for the in-person convention?

There will be three locations throughout the convention center to pick up your badge. Pre-registered attendees have a new fast-pass option in the atrium to avoid the lines. Look for the directional signs in the atrium for the registration areas specific to you. If you have not preregistered and/or are bringing a guest, go to the second floor of the convention center to register.

#### If I didn't register in advance, can I still come?

Yes. Be sure to bring your membership card with you. Again, registering in advance is strongly recommended to save time upon arrival at the convention center.

#### I did not receive my membership card. How do I gain admission?

There will be a location available on the second floor for members to verify their membership. Bring photo identification.

You can also access an image of your membership card on your phone. Visit [njea.org](https://njea.org). After you log in, tap "Menu," then tap "My NJEA." (To log in, use your PIN or the email address you have registered with NJEA as your PIN. Your password is the last four digits of your Social Security number unless you've changed your password.)

#### Do I need to register for in-person workshops?

There is no preregistration required to enroll for in-person workshops. Arrive at your preferred workshop as early as possible to ensure your seat. You may wish to select a second-choice workshop if the room for your first choice reaches capacity before your arrival.

### Virtual workshops

#### How do I register for virtual workshops?

Preregistration is required to enroll in virtual workshops and to access the keynote livestreams. The workshops listed on pages 20 to 21 will be presented in a virtual format. Three of the keynote speakers, Spike Lee, Ani DiFranco, and Danya Ruttenberg, will all be livestreamed for members not attending in person. Visit [njea.org/conventionsessions](https://njea.org/conventionsessions) to register for the virtual NJEA Convention.

To register you'll need an email address and your PIN as listed on your NJEA membership card. If you do not have your NJEA membership card, see the question above, "I did not receive my membership card. How do I gain admission?" which explains how you can find your card on the NJEA website.

After you register, you will receive a follow-up email to enroll in the workshops you select. It is recommended that you use a desktop or laptop computer, not a tablet or phone, to attend your virtual workshops.

### Proof of attendance: in person and virtual

#### How will I get my certificate of attendance?

In-person attendees will receive a certificate of attendance when they receive their convention badge at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Virtual attendees must log in to the NJEA Convention on Nov. 9 or Nov. 10. At the end of first day on which you log in, a certificate of attendance will be emailed to you.

#### How do I get a record of the sessions I've attended?

Professional development certificates will be issued electronically after the end of each session. Be sure to have your badge scanned when you enter a session on the third or fourth floors. Your professional development certificates can be found in your online PD Transcript.

#### What if my district requires me to be at my school on NJEA Convention days rather than at the convention?

New Jersey law provides certain school employees the opportunity to be absent from school without loss of salary or time for the purpose of attending the convention. N.J. Statute 18A:31-2 states, "Whenever any full-time teaching staff member or any secretary or office clerk applies to the board of education for permission to attend the Annual Convention of the New Jersey Education Association, such permission shall be granted for not more than two days in any one year; and they shall receive full salary for days of actual attendance upon filing with the secretary of the board a Certificate of Attendance, signed by the Executive Secretary of the Association."

## Workshop descriptions and program changes

The convention program lists workshop titles and locations and other information, but not workshop descriptions. Where are the descriptions?

To view workshop descriptions visit [njea.org/conventionsessions](https://njea.org/conventionsessions). The QR-code found at the bottom of the workshop listing pages will also take you there.

How can I learn of any changes or updates after this program went to press?

Visit [njeaconvention.org](https://njeaconvention.org) for the latest information.

## Transportation

Will there be shuttle service to the convention center?

Yes. Shuttle service to and from the Atlantic City Convention Center will be available at Atlantic City High School, Borgata, Caesars, Golden Nugget, Hard Rock, Harrah's, Resorts and Tropicana.

Is it true that there's free parking at Atlantic City High School?

Yep! Free parking is available at Atlantic City High School and complimentary shuttle service to the Atlantic City Convention Center. The shuttle leaves every 15 minutes between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Remember to make allowances for Atlantic City traffic.

To reach the high school, take Exit 2 off the Atlantic City Expressway to Rt. 322/40 South. The high school will be on the right.

Additional parking options in Atlantic City can be found at [njeaconvention.org](https://njeaconvention.org).

Is it true that you can take a train right into the Convention Center?

It sure is! NJ Transit provides rail service from Philadelphia to the Atlantic City Convention Center with stops in Pennsauken, Cherry Hill, Lindenwold, Atco, Hammonton, Egg Harbor City and Absecon. Purchase tickets using the NJ Transit Mobile App ([njtransit.com/app](https://njtransit.com/app)) or from a ticket vending machine at any station. For Access Link accessibility information, call 973-491-4224.

## Guests

May I bring immediate family members along?

Members may bring immediate family members onto the Exhibit Floor. Immediate family members are defined as spouse, civil union or domestic partner, parent, child or sibling. You may pick up guest badges on the second floor of the convention center. Guests over 18 years of age will have to show photo identification. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Child care is available for children ages 3-14. See Page 25. No guests or children are permitted on the third and fourth floors of the convention center, nor do guests and children have access beyond the Exhibit Hall on the second floor. Guests do not receive certificates of attendance.

## Special-needs accommodations

How do I make arrangements for special-need accommodations?

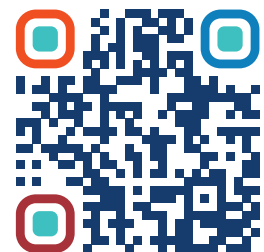
A limited number of scooters are available and can be rented from the Copiers Plus store located at the first-floor atrium in the Atlantic City Convention Center. Contact the store at 609-449-2480 or [rglover@copiersplus.com](mailto:rglover@copiersplus.com) or visit [copiersplus.com](https://copiersplus.com).

For other related needs, call the NJEA Convention office at 609-599-4561, ext. 2264 before Oct. 19.

## Exhibit Hall hours

THURSDAY, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.



**Skip the long lines! Register in advance!**

Scan this QR code or go to [njea.org/conventionregistration](https://njea.org/conventionregistration). Have your email address and your NJEA PIN number ready.

# Usted y Su Unión: Convención de NJEA

El 9 y 10 de noviembre, miles de miembros tendrán acceso a talleres en su idioma nativo, el español. Cada voz en nuestra unión es importante y las voces de los miembros deben ser empoderadas y escuchadas. Es con eso en mente que NJEA ofrecerá la pista en el idioma de español durante la convención de este año.

Se ofrecerán cuatro talleres en español, uno será virtual y los otros son en persona. Habrá una mesa en el salón de exhibición con personal de habla hispana para ayudarle a navegar los puestos informativos de NJEA.

## Su unión, Su Poder

**JUEVES, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**SALA 421**

Este taller se centrará en los miembros que no han asistido a eventos patrocinados por la unión en su distrito. Después de este taller, los miembros comprenderán mejor los beneficios que se ofrecen, así como las formas de involucrarse y hacer que se escuchen sus voces.

ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ AND ELOY J. DELGADO

## Herramientas tecnológicas

**JUEVES, 1-2:30 P.M.**

**SALA 421**

Este taller se centrará en las herramientas tecnológicas de NJEA accesibles para los miembros. Después de este taller, los miembros podrán navegar la página web de NJEA para obtener más información sobre los beneficios de membresía, reuniones, talleres, información sobre pensiones y mucho más.

ROCIO LOPEZ AND MARTHA G. ARRIZÓN

## Acceso a Sus Beneficios Para Miembros de NJEA/NEA

**JUEVES, 1-2:30 P.M.**

**SALA 320**

Este taller está pregrabado y se ofrecerá virtualmente con una parte de preguntas y respuestas en vivo después. Se centrará en aprender más sobre el programa de NJEA beneficios de miembros que ofrece NJEA/NEA y cómo los miembros pueden acceder a ellos.

BETH S. BUONSANTE AND CARMEN TORRES-IZQUIERDO

## Los Pasos de Licenciatura Para Enseñar en NJ

**VIERNES, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

**SALA 320**

Este taller discutirá las oportunidades disponibles para que los profesionales de apoyo educativo (ESP) obtengan credenciales y cómo solicitar la certificación de maestros en el Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey (NJDOE). Después de este taller, los miembros conocerán los pasos hacia la certificación de maestros de Nueva Jersey y cómo evaluar su título universitario de otros países en preparación para la licencia de maestro de Nueva Jersey.

MARTHA G. ARRIZÓN AND CARMEN TORRES-IZQUIERDO

*NJEA continúa creando espacios equitativos y la convención de este año ilustra muestra eso, ya que esperan involucrar a los miembros en su idioma nativo.*

*La mesa de registro estará ubicada en el segundo piso del centro de convenciones.*

# Higher Education at the NJEA Convention

NJEA has a full day of programming designed for its higher education members.

**Join the conversation!**

**Friday, Nov. 10**

**9:30-10:30 A.M. AND 3-4 P.M.**

## Keynote Speakers

Higher ed members attending convention are encouraged to attend the convention keynote speaker presentations.

**Atlantic City Convention Center • Hall A**

**1-2:30 P.M.**

## NJEA Higher Education Members Luncheon

**Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel • Crown Ballroom**

Cost: \$29

**SPEAKERS:**

**Aaron Fichtner**, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC)

**Dr. Christopher Reber**, President, Hudson County Community College

**Michael Ferlise**, President, Hudson County Community College Professional Association

NJEA Region 29 cordially invites leaders, members, and advocates to attend our higher ed luncheon. Held in coordination with NJEA's Convention in Atlantic City, NJEA higher ed members and supporters are encouraged to participate in an interactive panel discussion regarding the positive impacts of effective labor-

management relations on campus. Our diverse panel includes advocates often perceived as having opposing interest yet collectively they found common ground to advance the interest of the students, communities, and constituents they serve.

Join us to discuss how to form effective working relationships on campus between unions and the administration and gain a better understanding of the NJCCC and its partnership with NJEA higher ed.

We hope to see you there!

Registration is required and must be done in advance, no later than Oct. 27. Seating is limited. To make a reservation, send a check for \$29 payable to NJEA/HE, c/o Beneficial Bank, P.O. Box 13661, Philadelphia, PA 19101-3661.

For information regarding the higher education luncheon, please contact NJEA's Region 29-Higher Education office at **HigherEd@NJEA.org** or 609-689-9580.

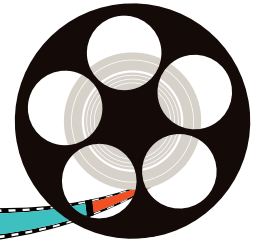
# Keynote Speakers

**SPIKE LEE**

**THURSDAY 9:30-10:30 A.M.**



**Spike Lee** needs no introduction. In person, the provocateur and media icon is never at a loss for words. As one of the most outspoken African American voices, he talks candidly, and with authority, about issues of race in mainstream media and Hollywood, using, as a backdrop, a rare behind-the-scenes look at his celebrated body of work, whose images of racial division and understanding have ingrained themselves on the popular consciousness for decades now.



**ANI DIFRANCO**  
**THURSDAY 3-4 P.M.**

Widely considered a feminist icon, Grammy winner **Ani DiFranco** is the mother of the DIY (Do It Yourself) movement, being one of the first artists to create her own record label in 1990. While she has been known as the Little Folksinger, her music has embraced punk, funk, hip hop, jazz, soul, electronica and even more distant sounds. Her collaborators have included everyone from Utah Phillips to legendary R&B saxophonist Maceo Parker to Prince.

She has shared stages with Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Pete Seeger, Kris Kristofferson, Greg Brown, Billy Bragg, Michael Franti, Chuck D., and many more.

**DANYA RUTTENBERG**

**FRIDAY 9:30-10:30 A.M.**

Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg is an award-winning author and writer who serves as Scholar in Residence at the National Council



of Jewish Women (NCJW). She was named by Newsweek and The Daily Beast as a "rabbi to watch" and one of the top 50 most influential women rabbis. She's also been listed as a faith leader to watch by the Center for American Progress, received the Lives of Commitment Award from Auburn Seminary, has been a Washington Post Sunday crossword clue (83 Down) and called (in her younger days) a wunderkund of Jewish feminism by Publishers Weekly.

**ALISHA DE LORENZO**

**FRIDAY 3-4 P.M.**

Alisha De Lorenzo is a licensed therapist, certified high-performance coach and experienced speaker. She works at the intersection of individual and collective efficacy helping people do family, community, and work in ways that are expansive and value our unique identities and contributions, instead of leaving them to the margins. From keynote speeches to coaching, her mission remains the same: to help move the future forward with a mattering mindset by making sure that everyone feels seen, heard, valued, and like they matter.



# MAXIMIZING YOUR MEMBERSHIP



in Atlantic City

NJEA ACCESS Discounts/My Deals App

## Use your NJEA Member Benefits during the 2023 NJEA Convention in Atlantic City

### DINING:

- **Applebees**, 129 N Michigan Ave (0.2 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*10% off gift card purchase, which can be used same day.*
- **Bubbakoo's Burritos**  
1133 Boardwalk @ Resorts Hotel & Casino (1.3 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*20% off entire order*
- **DiRoma Pizza**, 2310 Atlantic Ave. (0.6 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*Free soda with any purchase*
- **Famous Famiglia Pizzeria**, 1133 Boardwalk @ Resorts Hotel & Casino (1.3 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*20% off entire order*
- **Haagen-Dazs**, 1133 Boardwalk @ Resorts Hotel & Casino (1.3 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*20% off entire order*
- **Perry's Café & Deli**, 1337 Pacific Ave (0.9 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*10% discount off total bill*
- **Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen**  
1740 Atlantic Ave. (0.8 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*FREE 2-piece dinner with purchase of 3-piece dinner*
- **Ruby's Dinette**, 1133 Boardwalk @ Resorts Hotel & Casino (1.3 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*20% off entire order*
- **Soupman**, 1133 Boardwalk @ Resorts Hotel & Casino (1.3 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*20% off entire order*

### ENTERTAINMENT:

- **Absecon Lighthouse**, 31 S Rhode Island Ave (1.6 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*\$1 off regular-priced admission*
- **Atlantic City Miniature Golf**, 1 Kennedy Plaza (0.9 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*Free round of miniature golf with purchase of round at regular price*
- **Central Pier Arcade & Speedway**, 1400 Boardwalk (1.1 miles from Conv. Ctr.)  
*\$1 off go-kart ride*
- **Crazy Dash & Operation City Quest** digital adventure walking tours, 2301 Boardwalk  
*60% off entire purchase for up to 6 people*
- **Playcade Arcade**, 2629 Boardwalk (1.1 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*Free game of Ice Ball*

### SHOPPING:

- **Claire's**, 2030 Baltic Ave. (0.3 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*20% off purchase of \$35*
- **Forever 21**, 2000 Artic Ave. (0.4 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*17% off*
- **Reebok**, 1940 Arctic Ave. (0.3 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*Order online for Friends & Family Discount – 40% off footwear + 60% off apparel*
- **Skechers Direct**, 1 Atlantic Ocean (0.3 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*30% off select styles*
- **Sunglass Hut** (Inside Bass Pro Shops), 30 N Christopher Columbus Blvd. (0.2 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*15% discount*
- **Tommy Hilfiger**, 2001 Atlantic Ave. (0.4 mile from Conv. Ctr.)  
*15% off entire purchase*

### To use these discounts, follow these instructions:

- Go to [njea.org](http://njea.org) and log in using your PIN and password.
- Click on "NJEA GO" in top left corner and select "Member Benefits."
- On the Member Benefits site, go to the "Discounts" tab. Under the "Retail" category, select "ACCESS Discounts – Search Discounts."
- You should now be on the ACCESS site.
- First-time users will need to register with an email address and password.
- If you are having trouble logging in, check that you have an email address on your NJEA Profile, which can be found on [njea.org](http://njea.org).
- After you have registered your account using the instructions above, you can download the "My Deals" app from your App Store; or
- From the ACCESS website, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "GET THE APP"
- For questions, call 866-245-5292.





# The NJEA Consortium Area

Join us in this celebration of truth, diversity, inclusion and belonging!

Discover the possibilities of inclusive education at the NJEA Consortium! Proudly supported by a NEA grant, we're on a mission to redefine curriculum with diversity and representation at the forefront. Situated at the top of Main Street, our Consortium space and Consortium Design Team Ambassadors have curated a series of illuminating workshops. Drag Queen Story Hour makes a grand and fabulous return on Thursday and Friday, and we're putting a spotlight on our talented youth with student features. Plus, in collaboration with BookSmiles, NJEA presents the "Banned on the Run" extravaganza, where over 10,000 books—many of which have been challenged—await to be brought home to classroom libraries.

## THURSDAY

### 11 A.M.-11:45:

LGBTQIA+ Banned Books: Drag Queen Story Time

### NOON-12:45:

National Parks and Memorials: How do they show/reflect who we are?

### 1-1:45:

Student Spotlight: "Simon Says" School to Prison Pipeline with Rhyann Brown and Jordyn Smith.

### 2-2:45:

Banned Books R Us

## FRIDAY

### 11 A.M.-11:45:

LGBTQIA+ Banned Books – Drag Queen Story Time

### NOON-12:45:

Teaching Inclusive Curriculum Through the Arts

### 1-1:45:

Addressing Censorship and Bias in K-12 Schools Presented by NJ Association of School Librarians

### 2-2:45:

(Re)Claiming Our Power: Navigating Uncomfortable Conversations

## Health and Wellness Area

Your well-being and self-care are prioritized with in the expanded Health and Wellness areas. Goat Yoga, MudGirls Studio and Yoga With the Leadership Studio require advance registration. To do this register for the Convention in advance as described on the bottom of Page 5.

### Wellness Area Free Flowing Areas

Both Days – All Day

NJEA Health and Wellness Area

### Therapy Dogs

Members can spend time with these service animals and learn about service animal adoption in schools.  
NJEA Consortium Area

### Massage Chairs

Free-standing chairs available. Walk up and get a timed massage.

### Find Your Calm Through Poetry

Thursday: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

Healing Corner  
ERIKA KELLEY

### Konscious Educators: An Interactive Experience of Embodiment, Transformation and Awakening

Thursday: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

Healing Circle  
RODNEY SALOMON and MYCHAL MILLS

### Making Mental Health Matter

Friday only: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-1:30 p.m.

Healing Corner  
ALISHA DE LORENZO

### MudGirls Studio Hands on Experience

Thursday and Friday: 11-11:45 a.m.; Noon-12: 45 p.m. 1-1:45 p.m.; and 2-2:45 p.m.

MudGirls Studio  
Preregistration required.

### Y'all the G.O.A.T. Yoga

Thursday and Friday: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:20 p.m.

Wellness Area: Goat Yoga Space  
Preregistration required.

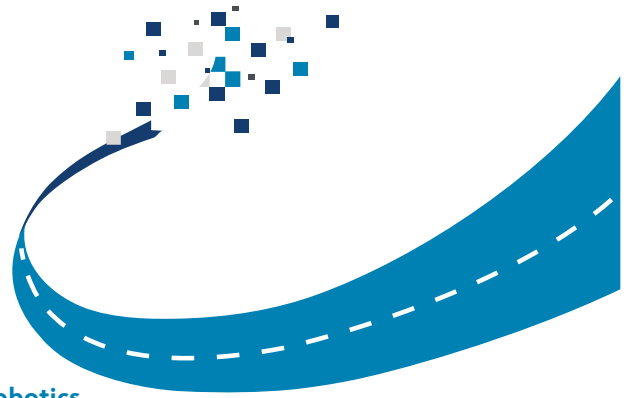
### YOGA WITH THE LEADERSHIP STUDIO

Thursday and Friday: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

NJEA Wellness Main Space Area  
Preregistration required.

# Digital Boulevard

Stroll Digital Boulevard to explore innovative ways to enhance your students' learning experiences and harness instructional technology tools that will invigorate your school community.



## ActiveFloor

[activefloor.com/en/interactive-floor](http://activefloor.com/en/interactive-floor)

Combining the body and mind in the learning process enhances children's physical, cognitive and sensory development. Experience the numerous possibilities for ActiveFloor's interactive learning floor—and wall—along with a variety learning games and activities.

## AI Playground/PDII Consultants

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Playground at the NJEA Convention will equip educators with the knowledge, confidence and tools to embrace AI as a transformative force in education.

## Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey

[amtnj.org](http://amtnj.org)

Visit AMTNJ members as they present math tech tools that you can use in your classroom.

## Bookwidgets

[bookwidgets.com](http://bookwidgets.com)

BookWidgets is a comprehensive content creation and evaluation tool. Participate in live demonstrations, seek expert advice during Q&A sessions, and enjoy a hands-on experience with BookWidgets 40 activity types, real-time grading dashboard and learning management system integrations.

## Choose Love

[legacy.chooselovemovement.org](http://legacy.chooselovemovement.org)

Explore the transformative Choose Love principles at this exhibit, which offers insights for educators to implement life-changing practices that promote well-being. Discover this comprehensive Character Social Emotional Development movement, fostering compassionate responses and empowering all ages with essential life skills.

## Clearview Robotics

[clearviewregional.edu/robotics](http://clearviewregional.edu/robotics)

Discover the dynamic world of FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics at the Clearview Regional High School exhibit. Engage with robots, interact with push bots and meet experienced mentors to explore how FTC fosters 21st-century skills, encouraging project-based learning and collaborative problem-solving.

## Disability Rights New Jersey

[disabilityrightsny.org](http://disabilityrightsny.org)

Explore the world of assistive technology, stopping at several stations for some hands-on time with apps and gadgets for reading, writing, mobility issues and more. Learn how you can borrow these items and more from DRNJ's Technology Lending Library to try out for free before you buy.

## DJ PaP 360 Photo Booth

Immerse yourself in wonder as Pap Entertainment and Noir Reef Entertainment join forces to bring you a cutting-edge 360-degree photo booth experience exclusively for NJEA members. Capture unforgettable moments from every angle while you dance and experience the energy of the convention with thrilling photography.

## Goosechase

[goosechase.com](http://goosechase.com)

Originally inspired by scavenger hunts, Goosechase is an online platform that enables organizations and schools to engage, activate and educate their communities through delightful interactive experiences. Hatched in Canada, Goosechase has been powering hundreds of thousands of global team building, training, fundraising, education, tours and recreational games since 2011.

## KidWind

[kidwind.org](http://kidwind.org)

KidWind is excited to share its new activity guides focused on offshore wind energy. Here, you will explore small-scale wind turbines and generators and discover the opportunities and challenges of these emerging technologies.

## Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

[learn.mciu.org](http://learn.mciu.org)

Embark on a self-paced journey to redefine your approach to digital accessibility, gaining the knowledge and resources to create inclusive digital content. Explore stations, meet MCIU's consultants and other attendees and leave with valuable resources. Digital accessibility is essential to fostering digital inclusivity.

## STEAMTank

[njsba.org/services/steam-tank-challenge](http://njsba.org/services/steam-tank-challenge)

The New Jersey School Boards Association presents the STEAM Tank High School Challenge Showcase. Meet STEAM entrepreneurs as they dazzle the NJEA Convention with their award-winning inventions and ideas.

## Teq

[teq.com](http://teq.com)

Teq provides the means, the application and the training to ensure students have tools that inspire curiosity, promote critical thinking and encourage growth. Explore Teq's STEM catalogue, Teq's iBlocks for project-based learning pathways, and OTIS for Educators, which provides online professional development.

# Digital Boulevard

## Film and Discussion

The  
Inventor:  
The Story  
of Garrett  
Morgan

THURSDAY,  
11 A.M.

Set in 1916, "The Inventor" explores the business and moral dilemma Garrett Morgan faced after he and his brother Frank used an invention of Garrett's own making to rescue miners trapped in an underground inferno and were then left out of the story entirely.

Immediately following the film, **Writer/Director Philip Musey and Producer Cabral Clements will host a talk-back.**

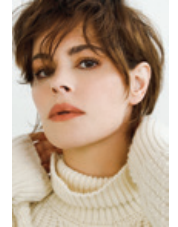


## Book and Panel Discussion

**Saving the Day: Garrett Morgan's Life-Changing Invention**

THURSDAY, 1 P.M.

*Saving the Day: Garrett Morgan's Life-Changing Invention*, by Karyn Parsons, is about a boy living in a world of racism and overt discrimination who dreams of making that world a better place through his inventions. He grew up to become a prominent businessman and the inventor of the traffic light, the gas mask and other creations.



Union Township history teacher **Nicholas Ferroni** will host a panel discussion with children's book authors **Karyn Parsons** and **Emily Hampshire** who are passionate about nurturing a love for reading and ensuring that children see themselves in the stories they read.

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual George M. Adams

# Boardwalk Run & Fun Walk

FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 2023 | 9 A.M. | RUN AND WALK

Looking for a way to increase your step count on your smartwatch? Or are you a seasoned athlete looking for a great place to run? Or do you want the nifty 2023 Boardwalk Run long-sleeve shirt?

Whatever your motivation, you'll love the annual Boardwalk Run and Fun Walk.

It starts in front of the iconic Boardwalk Hall for a great Friday morning run down the Boardwalk

and back. It's named for George M. Adams, who was an art teacher and art department head and president of the Willingboro Education Association. In 1973, he left Willingboro to become editor of the *NJEA Review*.

You can register online at this QR Code or complete the paper form found on Page 55 in the October edition of the *Review*.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Pre-register:

\$25 includes running shirt

\$15 No T-shirt

Register at Convention:

\$30 includes running shirt

Scan here to register.



[njeaconvention.njea.org/boardwalkrun](https://njeaconvention.njea.org/boardwalkrun)

# Meetings

## WEDNESDAY

8-11 p.m.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL (CPC) MEETING

Room 202

NJEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 201

## THURSDAY

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PERS AND TPAF MEETING

Room 202

*NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits staff will appear remotely and projected.*

## THURSDAY

1-2:30 p.m.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Hall A

The New Jersey Commissioner of Education oversees the New Jersey Department of Education and supervises the state's public schools. The New Jersey State Board of Education sets the rules needed to implement state education law. Such rules cover the governance of the state's public schools. That includes your school, your students and you. There will be a panel discussion. Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

## SATURDAY

9 a.m.-Noon

NJEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

Hall A

# Breakfasts, Brunches and Lunches

## THURSDAY

8-9 a.m.

NJEA PATRIOTS ALLIANCE BREAKFAST

Room 318

For NJEA members who are military veterans/active duty only. To reserve your space, contact Meredith Barnes by Nov. 3 at [mbarnes@njea.org](mailto:mbarnes@njea.org).

## FRIDAY

Noon-2 p.m.

NJEA SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY BRUNCH

Room 409

Michael A. Rollins and LaQuia Norment

## FRIDAY

1- 2:30 p.m.

HIGHER EDUCATION MEMBERS LUNCHEON

**Sheraton: Crown Ballroom**

Let's celebrate, socialize and network together. Please join your fellow higher education members for our annual Convention luncheon. Registration is required and must be done in advance. RSVP by Oct. 27 to [HigherEd@njea.org](mailto:HigherEd@njea.org).

# Transcripts

NJEA offers you the opportunity to retain an individual, confidential electronic transcript through the Members Only section of [njea.org](http://njea.org) for certain NJEA statewide professional development activities, including the NJEA Convention.

Your participation in all convention professional development workshops will be uploaded into your individual NJEA electronic transcripts. About a week after the convention, visit [njea.org](http://njea.org) and log in to locate your up-to-date transcripts.



When you arrive at the convention center, keep an eye out for members of the NJEA Convention Committee. They'll be there to help with your all your questions, especially during registration.



# In-person workshops

The following workshops and keynotes will be presented in person at the Atlantic City Convention Center. To view workshop descriptions, scan the QR-code at the bottom of this page or visit [njea.org/conventionsessions](http://njea.org/conventionsessions).

There is no preregistration for in-person workshops. Arrive at your preferred workshop as early as possible to ensure your seat. You may wish to plan a back-up workshop if the room for your first choice reaches capacity before your arrival.

## Thursday

### 9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### KEYNOTE

**Spike Lee**

Hall A

## Thursday

### 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

**An Introduction to the Nurtured Heart Approach®**

Room 409

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Laura Leigh Smith, Amanda Schoendorf, Vanessa Velasquez

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS](http://njea.org/conventionsessions)

**What's in Your Cultural Suitcase?: Building a Culturally Responsive Classroom**

Room 417

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Sanaz Hojreh, Wendy Liscow



For workshop descriptions scan this QR code or visit [njea.org/conventionsessions](http://njea.org/conventionsessions).

#### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

**Engage Your Brain**

Room 310

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Michelle O. Thompson Ph.D.

## Thursday

### 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### ADVOCACY

**Accessing Your Member Benefits**

Room 320

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12, ESP, Higher Ed,

Beth S. Buonsante

**Cyber Smarts For Educators: Fundamentals You Need to Know**

Room 408

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Steve Eugene

**Home Buyer Seminar**

Room 407

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Douglas Radford

**Su Union, Su Poder**

Room 421

Target Audience: High School

Adrian Rodriguez, Eloy J. Delgado

#### COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Humor In The Classroom**

Room 304

Target Audience: Middle School

Justin Schleider

[NJ ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND DANCE](http://njea.org/conventionsessions)

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

**ELL Strategies Using the UDL Model**

Room 413

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Johanna Amaro

**Science for All: Integrating Content and Language for ELLs**

Room 402

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Cecilia Vila

#### ESP

**ESPAÑOL PRESENTS: EQUITY IN OUR UNION**

Room 308

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Chrissy K. Kosar

#### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

**Crisis Response Canines: Health and Wellness for Educators**

Room 312

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed  
John D. Hunt

**Emergency Action Planning: All You Need to Know**

Room 305

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Scott V. Royer, Anais I. Mixson

[ATHLETIC TRAINERS SOCIETY OF NJ](http://njea.org/conventionsessions)

**Establishing Safe & Brave Space for Difficult Classroom Discussions**

Room 201

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Thomas J. McHale, Darrell R. Detample

**LGBTQIA+ Issues and Content in the History Classroom**

Room 301

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed  
Steven C. Koumoulis

**Student Empowerment In and Through the Arts**

Room 418

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Kira Rizzuto

**The SEL of Teaching Reading, the Arts, and Social Studies/History**

Room 415

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Maurice J. Elias

**INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES**

**Be a Talent Scout, Not a Deficit Detective**

Room 406

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Miette C. Brown, Connie Drakeobrien

[NJ ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN](#)

**Best Practices in the CTE Classroom**

Room 318

Target Audience: High School

Frank E. Morelli, John V. Hillard Jr, Robert M. Carson, Larry C. Tisdale

[NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION](#)

**Cross-Curricular Math Practices**

Room 322

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Jana Lee, Nancy Buck

**Effective Strategies For Students For Overcoming Math Anxiety**

Room 405

Target Audience: Elementary

Melissa McZorn

**Google Sites for Teacher & Student Curation & Sharing**

Room 313

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Steve Tetreault

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

**Neurodivergence 101: Spotting Giftedness in the Wild**

Room 311

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Matthew Zakreski



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**Teaching Literacy in Two Languages**

Room 404

Target Audience: Elementary

**What does ABA look like in the classroom?**

Room 309

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Jessica Schurstein, Amanda Coxen

**What's Possible: Classroom Decision-Making Lessons for Early-Career Teachers**

Room 410

Target Audience: Early Childhood

Monica R. Goncalves, Leana R. Malinowsky

**LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY**

**Diverse Books, Diverse Readers: New Titles Build a Reading Culture**

Room 315

Target Audience: High School

Lisa Manganello

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

**MATH**

**Get Up and Get Moving! Active Math Suggestions: Grades K-5**

Room 420

Target Audience: Elementary

Thomas P. Walsh

[ASSOCIATION OF MATH TEACHERS OF NJ](#)

**SCIENCE**

**Climate, Biodiversity & Wildlife, Resilient Healthy Communities: New Eco-Schools U.S.**

Room 414

Target Audience: Elementary

Allison Mulch, Cassie Klein

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Educating to Reduce Food Waste in Schools**

Room 416

Target Audience: Elementary

Kelly J. Stone, Justin L. Iazzetti, Veronique Lambert

**Identity and Immigration within APIDA History**

Room 401

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Samantha Chang, Laura Houcq Prabhakar

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Special Education 101**

Room 316

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Micah Burge

**What Does It Mean To Have ADHD?**

Room 403

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Eric Deibler

**TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY**

**Brain-Science Principles to Promote Active Learning with Educational Technology**

Room 314

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Laura Zieger, Samantha Kozar

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

**Grades 3-5 Computer Science NJSL Standards - Work Smarter!**

Room 321

Target Audience: Grades 3-5

Karen A. Wester

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

**Creative Assessment in the Arts**

Room 419

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Ashley Mandaglio, Natalie Dreyer

[ART EDUCATORS OF NJ](#)

**Finding Ways to Include Chamber Music in Your Large Ensemble**

Room 307

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Elisabeth R. Sato

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)

**Managing Middle-Level Strings, 4-12**

Room 412

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Mary (Betsy) E. Maliszewski

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)

**WORLD LANGUAGES****Music, Literature & Cinema as Tools to Retrieve Lexical Variety**

Room 317

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed

Sybil P. Sanchez-Jacome

NJ AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

**Thursday****1-2:30 p.m.****ADVOCACY****Acceso a Sus Beneficios Para Miembros de NJEA/NEA (Español)**

Room 320

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Beth S. Buonsante, Carmen Torres-Izquierdo

**De-escalation Techniques: Keeping the Peace While Keeping Your Cool**

Room 408

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12, ESP

Steve Eugene

**Exploring Teacher Leadership**

Room 410

Target Audience: High School

Monica R. Goncalves

**Herramientas Tecnológicas**

Room 421

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Rocio Lopez, Martha G. Arrizón

**How HESAA Supports NJ Students: K-12 and Higher Education**

Room 407

Target Audience: Higher Ed

Andre Maglione, Sharon Austin

**Rutgers on Strike: Lessons from the Front Lines**

Room 309

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Michael Acchione, Cassia Mosdell

**COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION****Fentanyl, Vaping and Marijuana: What You Need to Know**

Room 403

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Angela Conover

NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

**EDUCATION POLICY****State Board of Education and Acting Commissioner of Education**

Hall A

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS****ELL STREAM Ahead!**

Room 413

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Johanna Amaro

**Strategies for Connecting with English Learners in Content Classrooms**

Room 402

Target Audience: High School

Bryan Meadows

**ESP****ESPAÑOL presents ESPs and Their Voice in the Union**

Room 308

Target Audience: ESP

Kelleyann Morris, Chrissy K. Kosar

**Make Room at the Table! Creating Space for ESP Issues**

Room 405

Target Audience: ESP

Christopher D. James, Subash Amin

**INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE****Building School/Community Respect and Support for LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Education**

Room 304

Target Audience: K-Grade 12, Higher Ed

Robt M. Seda-Schreiber, Carol Watchler

**Bullies Are People, Too! Guiding Bullies to Be Bullies-No-More**

Room 305

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Mark J. Walters

**Creating Affirming Classrooms for LGBTQ+ Students of All Ages**

Room 321

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Thomas Foley, Stacy Robustelli

**Diverse Applications of Healing Circles in Schools: A Deeper Dive**

Room 314

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Angela Coxen, Nathaniel Coxen

NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

**From a Student's Perception: Visuals of Violence on Social Media**

Room 202

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed

Dr. Dorothy C. Handfield

**Integrating DEI into the Everyday Life of Your School**

Room 418

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Patrick Fennell

**INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES****Building Successful Classroom Environments for Twice Exceptional Students**

Room 406

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Jacqui Byrne

NJ ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN



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**It's 2023: What's New in School Nursing?**

Room 201

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Cynthia E. Samuel, Sheila A. Caldwell

**Simple and Creative Ideas: Using Manipulatives Across the Standards**

Room 322

Target Audience: Elementary

Megan K. Priebracha, Shannon Ayers Phd

**The Keys to Effective Teaching**

Room 317

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Joseph S. Pizzo, Dr Kenneth M. Piascik

[NJ ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION](#)

**What's New in Science, Math and Computer Science**

Room 301

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Melissa A. Axelsson, Audra Crist

**LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY**

**Draw Me Your Thinking: Diversity and Comprehension Through the Arts**

Room 318

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Janice Betts, Sherah Somervell

[NEW JERSEY LITERACY ASSOCIATION](#)

**Information Literacy Standards: Tips & Resources for Teachers & Librarians**

Room 313

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Steve Tetreault

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

**Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Information Literacy With Your Librarian**

Room 315

Target Audience: High School

Lisa Manganello

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

**MATH**

**Building K-5 Problem Solvers**

Room 415

Target Audience: Elementary

Debra A. Gulick

[ASSOCIATION OF MATH TEACHERS OF NJ](#)

**Secondary Math Pathways: A Catalyst for Change**

Room 420

Target Audience: High School

John A. Kerrigan

[ASSOCIATION OF MATH TEACHERS OF NJ](#)

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**AAEdu: Integrating APIDA in Everyday Teaching – Why and How**

Room 401

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Samantha Chang, Laura Houcque Prabhakar

**History Happened Here: Involving Students in Local History**

Room 416

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed

Bob M. Fenster, Sara Cureton

**Interactive Tools for Teaching Financial Literacy in Grades 9-12**

Room 414

Target Audience: High School

Kevin T. Morgan

**The Omitted Transatlantic Bond Between African Americans and Ireland**

Room 312

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Lance L. Lee

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Special Education and Race: Advocates and Allies**

Room 316

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Michele L. Loughlin, Nicole L. Seitz

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

**Dancing For, About and With Language**

Room 419

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Natalie Dreyer, Carina Rubaja

[ART EDUCATORS OF NJ](#)

**Our Stories: Storytelling in the Arts Classroom to Build Community**

Room 307

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Rebekah A. Sterlacci, Irina Nikitovic, Elisabeth R. Sato

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)

**Preschool Music Engagement and Sharing**

Room 404

Target Audience: Early Childhood

Annice M. Benamy

**Selecting Quality Repertoire for the String Orchestra Classroom**

Room 412

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Mary (Betsy) E. Maliszewski

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)

**RETIREMENT**

**Action Plan For Easing Into Retirement**

Room 311

Michael W Salerno, Harriet B. Sausa, Joan M. Wright

**Thursday**

**3-4 p.m.**

**KEYNOTE**

**Ani DiFranco**

Hall A



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## Friday

### 9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### KEYNOTE

**Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg**

Hall A

## Friday

### 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

**Engaging Young People in Difficult Conversations**

Room 414

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Spencer Cronin, Nicola Straker

**Restorative Justice: Community Building and Shared Values**

Room 308

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Jessica Taube, Nicole Hamilton

#### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

**Help! My Kids Can't Sit Still**

Room 310

Target Audience: Middle School

Michelle O. Thompson Ph.D.

## Friday

### 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### ADVOCACY

**Educational Support Professionals: Understanding Your Contract, Your Rights and Responsibilities**

Room 413

Target Audience: ESP

Antoinette S. Hopkins, Scott C. Elliott

**Finding your True Colors, An Interactive Workshop for Personal Growth**

Room 410

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Christopher D. James

**Get Prepared for the Job Search!**

Room 309

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Todd R. Lawrence, Ken Shulack

[NJEA PRESERVICE](#)

**Innovative Partnerships that Support the Continuum of the Education Profession**

Room 407

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Margaret Renn, Amy Ginsberg, David Fuentes

**Los Pasos de Licenciatura Para Enseñar en NJ**

Room 320

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Martha G. Arrizón, Carmen Torres-Izquierdo

**Teacher Leadership, the Seat NEEDED at the Table**

Room 408

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Brittany A. Bloss, Marjorie Cutler

#### CAREER EDUCATION/LIFE SKILLS

**Classroom That Works: Managing Challenging Behaviors During Instruction**

Room 420

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Claudette L. Peterkin

#### COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**The Rutgers Culture of Health School Program**

Room 402

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Erin Comollo, Jennifer Shukaitis

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

**Demystifying WIDA**

Room 404

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

April B. Gardner

#### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

**A DBT Skills Approach to Enhancing Social Emotional Learning**

Room 312

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Meir Flancbaum, Suzie Foger, Raizi Feitman

[NJ COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN](#)

**ACES and Trauma Informed Teaching Practices**

Room 416

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Kimberley A. Madalena

**Affirming LGBTQ+ Identities in Schools**

Room 419

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Scott Hirschfeld

**Communicating Hopeful Climate Change Solutions through Arts Education**

Room 417

Target Audience: Middle School

Allison Mulch, Kira Rizzuto

**ELA + SEL + EQ = Success**

Room 305

Target Audience: Middle School

Joseph S. Pizzo

[NJ COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH](#)

**Positive School Cultures, Climates, Community- Making the Most of Everyday**

Room 314

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Laurie A. Coletti, Leigh A. Cline

**School Based Threat Assessment**

Room 321

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Thomas Gambino



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## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

### Chat and Chew

Room 421

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Kimberly R. Tucker, Robert J. Price

### Cross-Curricular Math Practices

Room 322

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Jana Lee, Nancy Buck

### Differentiated Literacy Centers

Room 304

Target Audience: Elementary

Philip Pallitto, Miranda Blount Baggett

### Hot Topics with New Jersey County Teachers of the Year

Room 411

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Panel of County Teachers of the Year

### Promote and Empower Students in the Art Room

Room 201

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Danielle Fleming

[ART EDUCATORS OF NJ](#)

### Reignite Students' Love of Reading To Improve Learning Outcomes

Room 313

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Dr. Steve Tetreault

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

### Trade/Vocational School vs Traditional High School and Job Opportunities

Room 311

Target Audience: Grades 7-12

Larry C. Tisdale

## LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

### Reading Squares: One-Stop Writing to Respond Strategy

Room 202

Target Audience: Elementary

Tara M. Temprano

### Speak Easy - Increasing Engagement through Impromptu Speaking Opportunities

Room 406

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed

Kathleen M. Troy

[SPEECH & THEATRE ASSOCIATION OF NJ](#)

## MATH

### All Hands on Deck! Math Activities That Engage All Students

Room 418

Target Audience: Elementary

Michelle M. Poolaw

### Developing Algebraic Thinking Using Arithmetic Concept

Room 405

Target Audience: Middle School

Bhesh Mainali

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### A Celebration of the History of New Jersey's Indigenous People

Room 301

Target Audience: Elementary

Vincent Mann

### AAEdu: APIDA in an Elementary Setting

Room 401

Target Audience: Elementary

Samantha Chang, Laura Houcque Prabhakar

### Ethics: Can It Be Taught?

Room 317

Target Audience: Middle School

Susan J. Stinson

[EDUCATORS OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES](#)

### The Campaign Against Nonexistent Critical Race Theory

Room 415

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Keith E. Benson

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Goals and Objects for Middle and High School

Room 316

Target Audience: High School

Maureen T. Mahon

[ASSOCIATION OF LEARNING CONSULTANTS](#)

## TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY

### Create with Adobe Express

Room 307

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Barbara S. DeSantis

[NJ SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION](#)

### Tips for Teaching the K-2 NJSLs Computer Science Standards

Room 318

Target Audience: Grades K-2

Karen A. Wester

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

### Orchestra Program Ask Me Anything: No Question Denied!

Room 412

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Mary (Betsy) E. Maliszewski, Elisabeth Sato

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)

### We Came to America and Cross-Curricular Instruction

Room 315

Target Audience: Middle School

Marjorie A. Lopresti, Argine Safari

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)



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# Friday

## 1-2:30 p.m.

### ADVOCACY

#### Boot Camp for New School Counselor

Room 410

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Carl A. Palmer, Patty Israel

[NJ SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION](#)

#### ESPs: Pathways to Becoming a Teacher

Room 420

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12, ESP

Melissa A. Axelsson, Ian Fallstitch

#### Getting Out of Debt and Out of Survival Mode

Room 312

Target Audience: Higher Ed

Shakira Drones

#### Navigating Your Investment Journey

Room 407

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Donald Wiley

#### The Teacher Leader in You

Room 408

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Leana R. Malinowsky, Dr. Angello Villarreal

### COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### Quick Mindful Moments for Your Instructional Practice

Room 313

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Angela Coxen, Nathaniel Coxen

[NJ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS](#)

#### Self Care through Posture and Body Alignment for Educators

Room 314

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

David Wright Jr.



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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

#### English Learners in Your Classroom

Room 320

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Michelle Land

[NJ TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES/BILINGUAL EDUCATORS](#)

#### Let's Get Creative in an ELA Classroom

Room 404

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed

Kathleen R. Daly

### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

#### All Means All: The Science and Strategy of Creating Community

Room 311

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Cheryl Blankman

[NJ COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN](#)

#### Amistad Commission Workshop: Infusing African Americans into the K-12 Curriculum

416

Target Audience: K-12

Theresa Maughan and Ane Roseborough-Eberhard

#### Creating Safe Environments for LGBTQ+ Students: Best Practices and Resources

Room 402

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed

Gordon A. Sauer

#### Integrating Holocaust and Antisemitism Education into Curricula

Room 301

Target Audience:

Franklin Stebbins, Allison Connolly

#### School Emergency Drills for Students with Exceptionalities

Room 321

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Thomas Gambino

#### Trans 101: Beyond the Binary

Room 413

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Christine Hamlett

### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

#### Adapting Instruction to Accelerate Learning

Room 316

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Julie Norflus-Good

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#### Creating the Effective Learning Environment Using SEL

Room 419

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Sol Heckelman, Erin Bruno

#### Doing Everything Right and Still Getting Low Test Scores?

Room 202

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Paul Richards, Jeanne Clements

#### How to Human Better

Room 201

Target Audience: K-Grade 12

Alexandra Nunzi

#### Mindfulness for Educators

Room 403

Target Audience: K-Grade 12

Melissa Luna

#### Social-Emotional Learning and Wellness

Room 322

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Brenna L. Baker, Candice M. Testa

#### The Teacher's Role in the I&RS Process

Room 421

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12

Kimberly R. Tucker

**Using Traditional and Technologically Enhanced Formative Assessment Strategies**

Room 304  
Target Audience: High School  
James J. Clayton, Michael Finetti

**What's Necessary: Planning and Preparation Lessons for Early-Career Teachers**

Room 411  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Lorie Jeskey, Lisa A. Dolby

**LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY**

**Gamifying Reading Instruction for Struggling and Dyslexic Readers**

Room 309  
Target Audience: Early Childhood  
Sheridan Hotung-Pickeral

**Read Aloud in the Middle**

Room 305  
Target Audience: Middle School  
Joseph S. Pizzo

[NJ COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH](#)

**MATH**

**Creating a High School Math Intervention Program: Title I**

Room 418  
Target Audience: High School  
Kara L. Teehan

**Equity and Number Sense Routines in Mathematics**

Room 405  
Target Audience: Elementary  
Marie A. Bresnahan, Rachel Redilico

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**AAEdU: Why APIDA Curriculum Matters**

Room 401  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Samantha Chang, Laura Houcque Prabhakar

**Exploring Rowan's Free NJMAP, an Interactive On-Line Map**

Room 317  
Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed  
Christine Nolan

**What If We're Wrong? (We are.)**

Room 415  
Target Audience: High School  
Keith E. Benson

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Communication, Interaction, Accommodations and Inclusion of Students with Disabilities**

Room 315  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Amy Rohrer, Timothy Rohrer

**Teachers Working with Students with Emotional and Behavioral Difficulties**

Room 318  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Lizet Zuniga

**TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY**

**EduProtocols: Work smarter not harder**

Room 307  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Barbara S. Desantis

[NJ SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION](#)

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

**Empowering Student Artists: Implementing 2020 NJSLS-VPA**

Room 417  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Latasha Casterlow-Lalla, Kira Rizzuto

**Music Celebrates Exceptional Learners**

Room 412  
Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Adam W. Hackel, Ed. D., Michael Razzoli

[NJ MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION](#)

**Utilizing Theater in Your Classroom and in Your School**

Room 406  
Target Audience: High School  
Tiffany L. Wilson

[SPEECH & THEATRE ASSOCIATION OF NJ](#)

**Friday**

**3-4 p.m.**

**KEYNOTE**

**Alisha De Lorenzo**  
Hall A

**Virtual workshops**

The following workshops will be presented in a virtual format. Three of the keynote speakers will be livestreamed for members not attending in person. Preregistration is required to enroll in these workshops or to access the keynote livestreams.

To preregister and to view workshop descriptions, scan the QR-code at the bottom of this page or visit [njea.org/conventionsessions](http://njea.org/conventionsessions).

**Thursday**

**11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE**

**Anti-Bullying in Schools**

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12, ESP  
Samuel Hart, Philip DeCara

**Integrated SEL in the High School Classroom**

Target Audience: High School  
Linda A. Wittmann



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## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

### Alternate Math Paths to Graduation for Students Who Struggle

Target Audience: High School  
Robert Gerver

### Meaningful and Realistic Resources for Multilingual Families and for Teachers

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Evangelia K. Le Parc

## LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

### Response Prompt Writing

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Catherine M. Gibbons, Laura E. Richardson, Karen E. McLaughlin

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### Expand Your Students' World

Target Audience: Middle School  
Kiran Masud, Vanessa M. Poggioli

## Thursday 1-2:30 p.m.

### ADVOCACY

#### Support for Faculty as Empowerment for ELLs in Higher Ed

Target Audience: Higher Ed  
Megan K. Biondi

### CAREER EDUCATION/LIFE SKILLS

#### Practicing Mental Wellness: Self-Care, Healthy Boundaries, Your Full Potential

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Philip S. McCormick

### ESP

#### Dealing With Behavior on the School Bus

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Samuel Hart, Philip DeCara

### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

#### Encouraging Proficiency Through Mindfulness and SEL Activities

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Jennifer A. Schwester

#### Having Anti-Bias Discussions in Middle and High School Classes

Target Audience: High School  
Elissa Zylbershlag, Shanel Lewis

#### The Words We Choose: Bringing More Compassion Into The Classroom

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Jennifer Steffener

## Friday 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

#### Sexual Harassment in a School Environment

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Samuel Hart, Philip DeCara

### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

#### Beyond the Essay: Integrating Art and Music Into Student Writing

Target Audience: High School, Higher Ed  
Collin J. Rossi

#### Managing Visual Processing Stress in the Classroom

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Dr. Dr Pamela Cooper

#### Put Students in the Driver's Seat for Grading

Target Audience: High School  
Starr Sackstein

#### Using Memes as a Formative Assessment Tool

Target Audience: High School  
Jonathan Libov

### TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY

#### Digital Citizenship: Creating Units That work

Target Audience: Middle School  
Carrie Rodgers-Whitehead, Rosalie Morillo

## Friday 1-2:30 p.m.

### INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

#### Teaching Climate Change: Tools to support students with Climate Anxiety

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Rosalie Morillo, Anne Therese Gennari

### INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/BEST PRACTICES

#### Kids Are Different! Use Multiple Teaching Approaches for Student Engagement

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Jeff Garelik

#### Level Up: Leveraging Imagination in High School Students

Target Audience: High School  
Collin J. Rossi

### LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

#### SOR + Balanced Literacy: A Match Made in Heaven

Target Audience: Elementary  
Maria T. Matlack

### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

#### Flute Sound: Navigating the Challenges

Target Audience: Middle School  
Carol Shansky

#### September 11 Artists

Target Audience: Pre-K-Grade 12  
Gillian Furniss



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This thoughtfully curated event aims to amplify diverse experiences as we inspire empathy, provoke insightful discussion and deepen collective understanding of our shared humanity. Voices Unveiled, a compelling film showcase at the 2023 NJEA Convention, brings the historically unseen into the spotlight and amplifies the unheard, one powerful film at a time. Select screenings will feature filmmaker Q&A and talk-back opportunities.

**Thursday**  
**1-2:30 p.m.**

**Thursday**  
**11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**



**JEW BLACK TOO**

**Room 302**

The reality of an independent successful, Black-run movie studio was strong in the silent years of the 1920s but faded with the arrival of sound and the Great Depression.



**THE HIDDEN CHILD WITH MAUD DAHME**

**Room 303**

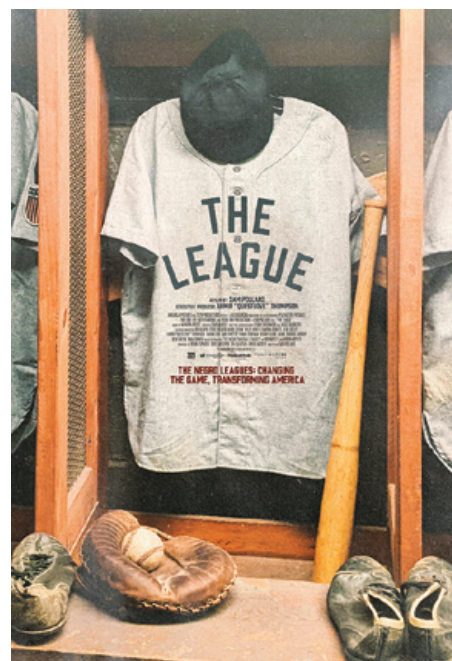
Of the 1,600,000 Jewish children who lived in Europe before World War II, only 100,000 survived the Holocaust. Maud Dahme, a New Jersey resident, was among those who were hidden and survived. Dahme was one of the estimated 3,000 to 8,000 Jewish children in the Netherlands who were saved from the Nazi death camps by courageous Christians.



**THE INVENTOR: THE STORY OF GARRETT MORGAN**

**Digital Boulevard**

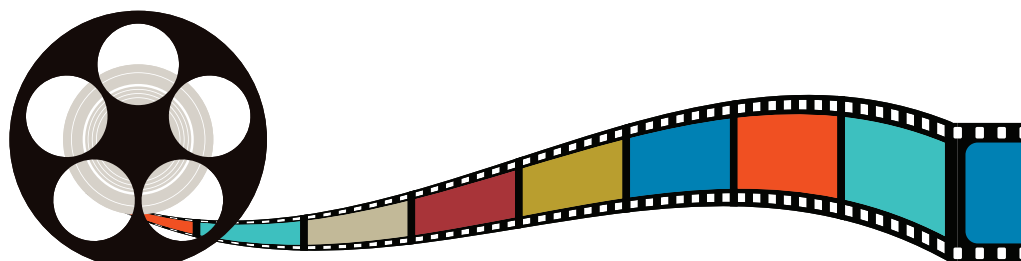
Garrett A. Morgan was an African American inventor who most notably patented the three-signal traffic light and created the precursor to the modern gas mask. Set in 1916, this short film explores the business and moral dilemma Garrett faced after he and his brother Frank used an invention of Garrett's own making to rescue miners trapped in an underground inferno and were then left out of the story.



**THE LEAGUE, A DOCUMENTARY BY BYRON MOTLEY**

**Room 302**

The League, from director Sam Pollard and executive producers Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and Tariq Trotter celebrates the dynamic journey of Negro League baseball's triumphs and challenges through the first half of the 20th century.





**STATE OF PRIDE**

**Room 303**

Fifty years after the Stonewall uprising, Oscar®-winning filmmakers Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman and host Raymond Braun travel to three diverse communities—Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Tuscaloosa—for an unflinching look at LGBTQ Pride, from the perspective of a younger generation for whom it still has personal urgency.

**Friday**

**11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

*FILM TO BE ANNOUNCED*

**Room 302**

Look for signage at the convention for title.



**R.E.A.L. DOCUMENTARY**

**Room 303**

During a two-week, 21-county listening tour, NJEA’s Racial Equity, Affirmation, and Literacy (REAL) Movement explored the question, “Why is racial, social and economic justice vital to New Jersey’s public schools?”

**Friday**

**1-2:30 p.m.**



**LABOR WOMEN**

**Room 302**

This portrait of three immigrant daughters reveals the new generation that is transforming the American labor movement: Quynh Nguyen, Karla Zombro and Jun Chong. These dynamic Asian American women are not the submissive “lotus blossoms” of the past nor the young “model minorities” of today. They are passionate advocates for social change, and theirs is the story of the American labor movement as it progresses in the 21st century.



**INTELLIGENT LIVES**

**Room 303**

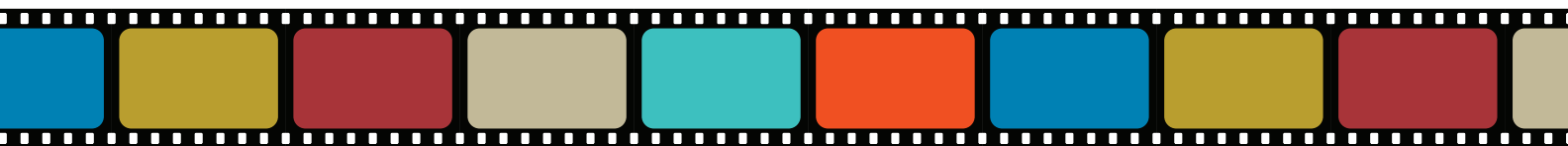
Intelligent Lives stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college and the workforce.

*Ongoing*

**FIRED UP: THE STORY OF MUDGIRLS STUDIOS**

**MudGirls Booth on the Convention Floor**

MudGirls Studios, a non-profit organization, and the 2023 NJEA Convention charity focuses on empowering disadvantaged women by teaching them how to work with clay and ceramics, while also employing them.





# The NJEA Convention Scavenger Hunt

## Thursday Night • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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### Scavenger Hunt

As the evening begins, teams of up to five participants will embark on a high-energy scavenger hunt, exploring the Hard Rock's memorabilia-filled spaces and hidden nooks. Armed with smartphones and the Goosechase app, you'll decode clues, complete challenges, and uncover the hotel's rock 'n' roll secrets.

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### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place to acknowledge outstanding achievement during the competition. From exclusive Hard Rock Hotel merchandise to free stays and gift cards, the rewards are as legendary as the hip-hop stars who have graced the halls of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City.

**Prizes are awarded to NJEA members only.**

**1st Place:** Certificate for overnight stay at Hard Rock and swag bag for up to five members.

**2nd Place:** \$25 Hard Rock gift card and swag bag for up to five members.

**3rd Place:** Hard Rock swag bag for up to five members.



Join us for a Thursday night adventure! The **2023 NJEA Convention Scavenger Hunt**, powered by Goosechase and sponsored by **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City**, promises to be an unforgettable evening of fun and camaraderie.

### Live Entertainment

As you sip your special drink and unwind with fellow educators, the live band in the Hard Rock Hotel Lobby Bar will set the mood. Don't miss out on this thrilling Thursday night scavenger hunt at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City! It's a chance to celebrate your inner rock star, make new friends, and maybe even take home some legendary prizes. Let the adventure begin!

Thank you to our event sponsors, Goosechase and Hard Rock Hotel – Atlantic City.

Make sure to download the Goosechase app early!

## Student visual and performing arts

### CONCERTS

The New Jersey Music Educators Association returns, presenting two evening performances.

**New Jersey All-State Jazz Ensemble and New Jersey Honors Jazz Choir**

Claridge Theater

THURSDAY, NOV. 9  
7:30 P.M.

**New Jersey All-State Chorus and Orchestra**

Adrian Phillips Ballroom at Boardwalk Hall

FRIDAY, NOV. 10  
8:30 P.M.



### ART GALLERY

The Art Educators of New Jersey and Teen Arts are joining forces and talents to present a student art gallery at the NJEA Convention. Look for it on the Exhibit Hall floor.

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## Enjoy some down time with your county association

### Atlantic THURSDAY NOON-1:30 P.M.

Sheraton-Crown Ballroom  
Providing a boxed lunch to eat-in or take out.

### Bergen THURSDAY 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Sheraton-Boulevard's Cafe  
For BCEA members and invited guests.

### Burlington THURSDAY 2-3:30 P.M.

Sheraton – Ballroom 4  
Attendees must be BCEA members who are permitted one adult guest. Registration required. Visit [bceanjea.org](http://bceanjea.org) for additional details and to register.

### Essex THURSDAY 11 A.M.-1 P.M.

Tun Tavern  
For ECEA members only, all members must preregister. All information can be found on the ECEA website at [ECEANJ.org](http://ECEANJ.org).

### Hudson County THURSDAY 4-7 P.M.

Hard Rock Hotel – Hollywood Ballroom  
HCEA members and invited guests only. ID required. No one under 21 years of age will be admitted.

### Middlesex THURSDAY 5-7 P.M.

Bally's Park Place

### Monmouth THURSDAY NOON

Caesars  
Members must RSVP and can bring one guest.

### Morris THURSDAY 3:30 P.M.

Sheraton – Crown Ballroom 1 & 2  
Free to MCCEA members and one guest

### Ocean THURSDAY 4-6 P.M.

Sheraton

### Passaic THURSDAY 11:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Room 411 – Atlantic City Convention Center  
Lunch is for members only.  
Please register at [bit.ly/PCEAconventionLUNCH](http://bit.ly/PCEAconventionLUNCH).  
(Bitly links are case-sensitive.)

### Somerset THURSDAY 3-5 P.M.

Tun Tavern  
Must be 21 or older

### Warren THURSDAY 3:30 P.M.

Sheraton – Crown Ballroom 1 & 2  
Free to WCEA members with one guest.

## Visit these counties in the Exhibit Hall

**Burlington** – Booth 2028

**Camden** – Booth 2027

**Cumberland** – Booth 2031

**Gloucester** – Booth 1535

**Union** – Booth 1539

## Child care at the NJEA Convention

KiddieCorp, now in its 37th year of providing high quality children's programs and youth services to conventions, trade shows and special events, will provide a comprehensive menu of activities for children ages 3-14 at this year's NJEA Convention. KiddieCorp has enjoyed a long-time partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, which has helped to establish KiddieCorp as a premier provider of event children's program services.

While parents enjoy the 2023 NJEA Convention activities, children will join the KiddieCorp experience with a wide variety of games, crafts, and other activities geared toward fostering friendships new and old.

To learn more and to register, visit [njeaconvention.org/childcare](http://njeaconvention.org/childcare).

## Visit NJEA Member Benefits

Learn about the benefits of membership through NJEA and NEA Member Benefits and save on insurance, big-ticket items, everyday purchases and so much more. NJEA Member Benefits is offering workshop in English and Spanish to help you get the most for your money. "Accessing Your Member Benefits" is scheduled for Thursday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Acceso a Sus Beneficios Para Miembros de NJEA/NEA" está programado para el jueves de 1-2:30 p.m.

Look for NJEA's Member Benefits partners along Aisle 1900 on the Exhibit Hall floor.





## Learn how to get a Hipp Grant

Twenty-nine years ago, NJEA created the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education to provide opportunities for public school employees to expand their vision of excellence in our classrooms and our schools. Since then, the Hipp Foundation has awarded more than \$2.3 million, supporting hundreds of innovative programs. Individual grants range from \$500 to \$10,000.

A number of Hipp Grant recipients will be present along Main Street NJEA in the Communications Division area. Come visit to talk to them about their grants and how they got them.

## NJEA Committees

NJEA has over 50 committees with NJEA members representing their respective counties. Of those committees, the following will have a booth on the Exhibit Hall floor or will share space with an NJEA Division on Main Street.

- Editorial Committee
- ESP Committee
- Exceptional Children Committee
- Government Relations Committee
- Human and Civil Rights Committee
- Member Benefits Committee
- Minority Leadership and Recruitment Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Women in Education Committee
- Worksite Safety and Health Committee

## Visit ESPAN on Main Street NJEA

The goal of ESPAN—the Educational Support Professional Advocacy Network—is to unite, organize, promote and advance educational support professionals (ESPs) to uphold our rights, protect our benefits and elevate our careers. ESPAN is constantly developing new strategies and initiatives to support ESP members regardless of their job categories and worksites. In 2021, ESPAN welcomed like-minded members from all 21 counties to serve as captains. ESPAN continues gain momentum as it seeks to provide a stronger, more dedicated advocacy structure for ESPs throughout New Jersey.

Visit us on Main Street NJEA.

## Visit the Equity Alliance and Members of Color Network

Six NJEA committees that play key roles in the association’s efforts to create a more just and equitable climate in public education—and in our union—comprise NJEA Equity Alliance Weekend: the Human and Civil Rights Committee, the Minority Leadership and Recruitment Committee, the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee, the Urban Education Committee, the Women in Education Committee, and the Exceptional Children Committee.

The NJEA Members of Color Network will be present in the Equity Alliance Area.

Look for the NJEA Equity Alliance Area at Main Street NJEA.

## Network in your profession

These professional organizations that are affiliated with NJEA will have a booth on the Exhibit Hall floor

- New Jersey School Counselor Association
- New Jersey Association of School Social Workers
- Career & Technical Education Association of New Jersey (CTEANJ)
- New Jersey Cooperative Education Association (NJCEA)
- New Jersey Business/Technology Education Association (NJBTEA)
- Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences-New Jersey
- New Jersey Association of Gifted Children (NJAGC)
- New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children
- New Jersey Association of Learning Consultants
- New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSPNJ)
- Art Educators of New Jersey
- New Jersey Association of School Librarians
- New Jersey Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages / New Jersey Bilingual Educators (NJTESOL/ NJBE)
- New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAHPERD)



# Making Hope Out of Clay

MudGirls Studios is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing opportunities in art and entrepreneurship to economically disadvantaged and at-risk women by providing training and skills to transition out of poverty and onto a pathway of self-sufficiency. Through the creation and sale of functional art and aesthetic utilitarian objects women gain a source of long-term supplemental income.



## The MudGirls story

MudGirls Studios began in Adelaide's Place, a day shelter for homeless women in Atlantic City. Each week, the women who came for respite from the harsh world outside gathered around the kitchen table to roll out clay.

Looking forward to "clay day," the women worked with energy and precision, pouring their hearts and souls into their ceramic wares. Most created gifts for loved ones. In time, and under the direction of Founder and Designer Dorrie Papademetriou, designs and standard pieces were introduced, and the women were trained in larger production with attention to detail to produce high-quality work. Today, MudGirls employs eight women at a time and operates a studio on the second floor of St. Michael's Church in the heart of Atlantic City.

From humble beginnings, MudGirls Studios has been commissioned for work in major tile and ceramic projects, including the new Stockton University Atlantic City campus, the AtlantiCare Foundation, the Wells Fargo Foundation, Contact Cape Atlantic, South Jersey Gas headquarters, the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center, Yelp, Resorts, Ocean and Hard Rock casinos, and others, in addition to many private individuals who have placed custom orders.



## Visit the MudGirls Studio in the NJEA Convention Wellness Area.

There, you can make a dove ornament, symbolizing peace and hope. You can take an already completed ornament home, serving as a reminder of MudGirl's positive impact in the community.



## Be a part of their story.

Give gifts with meaning. MudGirls Studios creates custom gifts for events: speaker gifts, favors, and awards.

[www.mudgirlsstudios.org](http://www.mudgirlsstudios.org)

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