

TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters

FROM: Dr. Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor

MEMO: Greetings & Information for 2021 – 2022

On behalf of NYSSMA, I would like to extend to you and you students greetings and best wishes for a successful 2021-2022 academic year. Especially as we all are all doing our best to process and manage new and different challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are a few updates:

- NYSSMA has been working very hard these past several months in providing substantial resources for music educators as well as members. **Visit nyssma.org** and on the front page of the website, under COVID-19 RESOURCES, you'll find a collection of helpful recommendations and suggestions as we continue our work during the global pandemic.
- The In-Person 2021 NYSSMA Winter Conference will take place on December 2 – 5, 2021. Visit www.nyssma.org for more information.
- The 2022 State Collegiate Conference will take place at the Setnor School of Music, Syracuse University, Spring on March 25 & 26, 2022. For more information, email Syracuse Collegiate Chapter President: Ronnie Ditchek at: rbditche@syr.edu
- Your State Executive Board has been working tirelessly this past summer. **Make sure to check out the following:**
 - **Updated** collegiate webpage
 - www.nyssma.org and click the Collegiate Tab
 - **Handbook** for Hosting a State Collegiate Conference
 - **Handbook** for your Collegiate Chapter
 - **Updated social media links** for chapters, websites, etc.

Please find enclosed the following information:

- Welcome letter and contact information for your State Collegiate Officers
Please pass or duplicate and distribute this letter to your collegiate chapter officers and members.
- 2021-2022 Collegiate membership registration instructions
*Students can join or renew by locating the “Membership” link on **either one** of the following websites:*

National Association for Music Education
(NAfME)

For membership: www.nafme.org

OR

**New York State School Music Association
(NYSSMA)**

For membership: www.nyssma.org

COST to join or renew: **\$41.00**

Covers both state and national dues.

NAfME Collegiate Nationwide Party (Virtual)

2021 State NYSSMA Winter Conference

WHEN: December 2 – 5, 2021

WHERE: Rochester Convention Center, Rochester, NY

For more information: Visit www.nyssma.org

State NYSSMA Summer Conference

WHEN: August 15 - 17, 2022

WHERE: Albany Hilton, Albany, NY

ONLINE Registration Link: www.nyssma.org

2022 Biennial State Collegiate Conference

WHEN: March 25 & 26, 2022

WHERE: Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Email:

2023 Eastern Division of NAfME Biennial Conference

WHERE: Rochester, NY

WHEN: April, 2023

If you are contacted by any one of our Province Representatives requesting information about your chapter, **please respond**. It will only take a moment of your time. They gather information to report to collegiate membership at NYSSMA Executive council meetings. Help make their positions rewarding, valued, and fulfilling. If you don't feel that you have the time to respond, pass that request on to your collegiate chapter officers or another responsible student member. Thank you.

Should you need any assistance in getting your chapter members to attend in-services and conferences scheduled this year or if you need any suggestions about how to establish or maintain an active chapter, please feel free to contact our State Collegiate officers:

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#1276 CUNY York College (Mark Adams, Advisor)
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#730 Nassau Community College (Garry Ouellette, Advisor)

By all means, let me know as well. I would be delighted to visit your campus **virtually** and visit with your collegiate members or arrange for state collegiate officers to be present. I can be reached by texting or calling (717) 515-5502 or through email at: kkoster8@naz.edu. If you notice any inaccuracies in what we have listed above, please contact me so that we can update our records.

I wish you a very successful, safe school year and hope to see you and your students at the Winter Conference in Rochester, the State Collegiate Conference in Syracuse, or in Albany, NY next summer during the 2022 NYSSMA Summer Conference.

With best wishes,
Keith Koster, Ph.D.
NAfME Collegiate New York State Advisor

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2021-2022
State Collegiate NYSSMA Executive Board

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONAL AWARD
WINNERS WHO WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE
2021 NAFME COLLEGIATE ADVOCACY SUMMIT**

*2021 COLLEGIATE PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER:*

**MORGAN BEATON – NAZARETH COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Please share & post

Renew Your **C-NAfME/NYSSMA** Membership¹ Online: Here's how!

Elira Mavraj, Collegiate NYSSMA State Secretary & Treasurer

Any Questions? E-mail Elira at:
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- 1. Go to www.nafme.org
- 2. Click on the Renew tab link (located on the top right-hand side).
- 3. Enter your e-mail address²
- 4. Enter your Password.
- 5. A screen will open with options to check out your information.
- 6. Make sure to update or double check all information, especially your addresses so that documents and newsletters arrive at the proper place.
- 7. Once you have updated your information, click “Next”.
- 8. Then, select “Collegiate” membership and choose your Collegiate State.
- 9. Input your college into the college selection box on the next page.
- 10. If you wish, you can choose between two subscriptions to music journals offered at a special price for NAFME members. You may also choose to *make a donation*.
- 11. Once you click “Checkout”, your total cost will be displayed. If you just chose a basic renewal of membership and no additional items, your total should be \$41.00.
- 12. Enter your credit card or payment information below that.

¹ Your dues are for your joint membership to NYSSMA at the state level and NAFME at the national level. So, you will belong to **both** organizations. Make sure to add these memberships to your resume. You could also renew your membership on www.nyssma.org with a very similar procedure *rather* than doing this on the NAFME website.

² Enter the e-mail address that you use on the NAFME website. The one that you receive NAFME emails from.

- 13. Click the blue “Submit and process credit card payment” at the bottom right of the page.
- 14. Confirm and finish - You should receive an email acknowledging your renewal. Congrats! You are good to go.

Important C-NYSSMA/NAfME Dates 2021-2022

Mark your Calendars!

Join or Renew your Membership

Complete your chapter Membership Drive by getting students to join or renew their memberships at www.nyssma.org OR www.nafme.org [See instructions on previous pages.]

NOTE: While students can join at any time throughout the year, we do encourage students to make an early commitment to professional membership.

NAfME Nationwide Collegiate Event

December 2 – 5, 2021: NYSSMA Winter Conference (In-person)

NYSSMA/NAfME members can attend the Winter Conference at the Rochester Convention Center in Rochester, NY. Collegiate sessions will be presented as well as the Annual Business Meeting and Dinner for Collegiate Members. For more information, go to www.nyssma.org

NOTE: There will be collegiate sessions provided:

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Friday, December 3, 2021

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| 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | <p>Advocacy in Your Collegiate Setting</p> <p><i>This session will discuss being an advocate of the arts in your campus community, at home, in Albany, and in Washington D.C. Feel free to bring personal experience to the conversation.</i></p> |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. | <p>Student Teaching Panel Session</p> <p><i>Come meet student teachers who will share their experiences about their work. Plan to participate in this session with questions, related experiences and ideas.</i></p> |
| 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | <p>Collegiate Business Meeting and Dinner</p> |

no cost. *Join other collegiate members from across the state for dinner provided by NYSSMA at
Meet your state officers, members of the Executive Council, and guests.*

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Collegiate Interaction Hour
*The purpose of this session will be for collegiate members to interact with each other
and with members of the NYSSMA Executive Committee. This will also be an
opportunity to meet and discuss collegiate initiatives with your State Collegiate
Executive Board.*

Saturday, December 4, 2021

March 1 - 31, 2022: Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM)

PRACTICE-A-THON EVENT www.hcpracticeathon.com; Contact your Province Rep for more information.

March 2022: Joseph Sugar Day in Albany, NY (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

NYSSMA members as well as collegiate students meet with State Legislators to promote music education, arts education. It's also a celebration of New York Music Education in the Capitol Building. For more information, Email Mr. Alan Orloff (NYSSMA Government Relations Chair): grc@nyssma.org

March 25 & 26, 2022: State Collegiate NYSSMA Conference

The state collegiate conference will be in-person and hosted by the collegiate chapter of Syracuse University, Setnor School of Music. For more information, email Syracuse Collegiate Chapter President: Ronnie Ditchek at rbditche@syr.edu

March 25, 2022: Deadline to run for State Office

Deadline to run for State Executive Board; To complete an application for state leadership, click https://naz.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dn9WtETrognQvCm OR email Dr. Koster for to receive the application link (kkoster8@naz.edu).

April 1 - 8, 2022: State Office Elections (E-ballot)

Annual E-Elections for State Executive Board; *Terms run from May 1 to May 1*; NOTE: Each collegiate chapter advisor will be sent a secure link to the ballot. Send the link to your student members so that they can vote. VOTING ENDS ON APRIL 8, 2022 at midnight. Results will be announced on April 15, 2022.

June 2022: NafME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC

For more information, E-mail Mr. Alan Orloff (NYSSMA Government Relations Chair) grc@nyssma.org OR check out the following link: <https://nafme.org/advocacy/nafme-collegiate-advocacy-summit/>

August 2022: NYSSMA Summer Conference, Albany, NY
WHERE: Hilton Albany Hotel, 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207;
For more information: www.nyssma.org

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHAPTERS??

HERE'S HOW!

Visit www.nyssma.org & check out social media links for all of our collegiate chapters. Click the Collegiate tab and check out the new layout.

Follow us!

State C-NYSSMA/NAfME Links

Facebook Group: [NYSSMA-Collegiate](#)

Facebook Page: [NYSSMA-Collegiate](#)

Instagram: [@collegiatenyssma](#)

Gmail: nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com

Website: www.nyssma.org/nafme-collegiate-nyssma/

Ideas for your Chapter Meetings and Events for the Year

- For the latest teaching resources and support as it relates to **pandemic**, visit www.nyssma.org and review the information with chapter members.
- Once you join or renew your Collegiate Membership, add the following to your e-mail signature: *Member; Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME*
- Once you join or renew your Collegiate Membership, post a picture on social media indicating that you're a member of Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME.
- Promote a Collegiate NAfME-NYSSMA drive at your school. Be prepared to speak about the value of membership in our largest music organization for music educators! Use the promotional materials that were sent to your Chapter Collegiate Advisor.
- Reach out to area high schools to establish partnerships with an area Tri-M Chapter. If area schools don't have a Tri-M Chapter, assist the Music Teachers their in establishing one.
- Invite Tri-M students to your meetings, attend theirs and consider joint-sponsored events (guest speakers, service activities, Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) events, etc.
- Create social media accounts for your Chapter; Follow other collegiate chapters; Create a collegiate chapter website which can serve as the primary source for all things Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME
- Need a meeting agenda item? Lead your chapter members in a walk-through of the NAfME website, noting special events and opportunities for collegiate members.
- Consider a meeting where members watch an NAfME Academy Webinar OR other online podcast brought to you by NAfME.
- Collaborate with other Collegiate Chapters in your Province. Reach out to your Province Representative to assist.
- Make plans to establish the Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon event on your campus. This would be a wonderful activity for Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM).
- Invite a state collegiate officer OR Dr. Koster to attend your next collegiate chapter meeting. State officers and Dr. Koster can assist you with just about any aspect of your chapter.

- Promote events mentioned in the Fall and Spring Newsletters that your Chapter Advisor receives. (NOTE: Make sure that your Chapter Advisor circulates each newsletter with you.)
- Host a Mini-Afternoon Province Conference: Invite state officers, area NYSSMA members, and students from your Province. NOTE: Coordinating this kind of event is always good practice should your chapter want to host a state collegiate conference in the future!!
- Need a road trip? Consider a trip to Washington DC with a visit to NAfME headquarters in Reston,VA.
- Host a student teaching panel with student teachers from your school.
- Invite area teachers to speak at an upcoming meeting.
- Invite area music vendors to speak at an upcoming meeting.
- Invite area music supervisors to a meeting and present a session about the job interviewing, hiring processes.
- Host a Music Education Alumni Recital and Reception event. It's a great way to connect with former graduates and current teachers from your school.
- Don't see the conference sessions that you would like to see at a conference? Reach out to presenters, teachers, etc., and encourage them to submit conference session proposals for future conferences. The process is easy! Information about conference session proposals can be found at www.nyssma.org OR e-mail Dr. Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu)