

TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters

**FROM: Dr. Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor
Austin Stroup, NYSSMA State Collegiate President**

MEMO: Greetings & Information for Spring 2024

On behalf of NYSSMA, we would like to extend to you and your students greetings and best wishes for a successful spring semester.

Here are a few updates:

- Make sure to check out the following:
 - Updated collegiate webpage
 - www.nyssma.org and click the Collegiate Tab
 - Handbook for your Collegiate Chapter
 - Updated social media links for chapters, websites, etc.
- 2023-2024 Collegiate membership registration instructions; It's never too late to join!
 - *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: <https://nafme.org/membership/>

OR

New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)
For membership: www.nyssma.org
COST to join or renew: \$42.00
Covers both state and national dues.

- Upcoming events for the spring semester through 2025
 - *Make plans to take advantage of what NYSSMA and NAfME are offering!*

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 your State Collegiate officers:

President: Austin Stroup
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NOTE: Institutions listed below receive the newsletter. If there is a discrepancy, please reach out to the Province representative to make changes. Thank you.

Province Rep Area 1: Jake Miller
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Province 1 Colleges and Universities
#456 SUNY University at Buffalo (Beth Etopio, Advisor)
#1107 SUNY Buffalo State University (Victoria Furby, Advisor)
#151 SUNY Fredonia School of Mus (Christian Bernhard, Advisor)
#1211 SUNY Niagara County Community College

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Province 2 Colleges and Universities

#50 Eastman School of Music (Sangmi Kang, Advisor)
#150 Greatbatch School of Music – Houghton University
(Sara Massey, Advisor)
#1043 Monroe Community College (Rollo Fisher)
#328 Nazareth University School of Music (Rich Tilley, Advisor)
#218 Roberts Wesleyan University (Dina Alexander, Adam Potter)
#980 Rochester Institute of Technology (Erica Haskel)
#858 SUNY Brockport (Natalie Sarrazin)
SUNY Geneseo (Gerard Floriano)

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Province 3 Colleges and Universities

#219 Ithaca College School of Music (Matthew Clauhs, Advisor)
LeMoyne College (Greg Giovanni)
#566 Onondaga Community College (Jennifer Greene, Advisor)
#3 Crane School of Music – SUNY Potsdam (Judy Lewis, Advisor)
#215 Setnor School of Music – Syracuse University (Christina Sisson,
Advisor)

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Province 4 & 5 Colleges and Universities

#261 Hartwick College (Meghan K. Sheehy, Advisor)
#502 Manhattanville College
#12 Schenectady County Community College School of Music (Christopher
Brellochs)
#1138 SUNY Binghamton (William Culverhouse)
#1242 SUNY Broome Community College
#1273 SUNY New Paltz (Joel Evans)
Siena College (Tim Reno)
SUNY at Albany (Duncan Cummings)

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Sylvia Hunt

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Province 6 Colleges and Universities

#856 Baruch College (Anne Swartz)

#624 CUNY Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music (Riki Braunstein and Brian Wagner-Yeung, Advisor)
#1263 CUNY City College of Technology
#1083 CUNY Lehman College (Penny Price, Advisor)
#504 Aaron Copland School of Music – CUNY Queens College (Claudia Cali, Morgan Jolly, Susan Davis, Advisors)
#1276 CUNY York College (Mark Adams, Advisor)
#975 Hunter College (Victor Bobetsky, Advisor)
#1174 Mannes College of Music
#22 New York University (Jamie Ehrenfeld)
#111 Teachers College, Columbia University (Kelly Parkes, Advisor)
#713 Wagner College (Jose Diaz, Advisor)

Province Rep Area 7:

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Province 7 Colleges and Universities

#783 Adelphi University (Heather Waters, Advisor & Robert Jordan)

#1021 Five Towns College (James Dragovich, Advisor)

#589 Hofstra University (Lauren Diaz, Advisor)

#663 Long Island University (Spence Howell, Advisor)

Mercy College (Paul Steinman)

#1133 Molloy University (Michelle Rampal, Advisor)

#730 SUNY Nassau Community College (Garry Ouellette, Advisor)

SUNY Purchase College (Jennifer Undercofler)

SUNY Stony Brook University (Perry Goldstein)

We would be delighted to visit your campus virtually and visit with your collegiate members or arrange for state collegiate officers to be present. We wish you a very successful school year and hope to see you and your students at the 2023 Winter Conference in Rochester.

With best wishes,

Keith and Austin

NAfME Collegiate New York State Advisor & NYSSMA State Collegiate President

NAfME Chapter and Student Award Program information:

*Criteria for Chapter of Excellence or Professional Achievement Award
(for a student): Click [here](#).*

*NAfME Collegiate Recognition Program
Application link: Click [here](#).*

*Information about the Shannon Kelly Kane
Scholarship, Click [here](#).*

**Deadline to submit is March 1, 2024
at 12:00 p.m. (EST) and 9:00 a.m. (PST)**

Please share & post

Renew Your C-NAfME/NYSSMA Membership¹ Online

Here's how

Greta Hansen-Schwoebel, Collegiate NYSSMA State Secretary & Treasurer

Any Questions? E-mail Greta at:

ghansen9@mail.naz.edu

1. Go to www.nafme.org
2. Click on the Join/Renew tab link (located on the top right-hand side).
3. Click Renew
4. Enter your e-mail address²
5. Enter your Password
6. A screen will open with options to check out your information.
7. Make sure to update or double check all information, especially your addresses so that documents and newsletters arrive at the proper place.
8. Once you have updated your information, click "Next".
9. Click "memberships/print membership confirmation" on the left hand side.
10. Scroll down to your most recent membership box and click "renew" on the top right hand corner.
11. Then, select "Collegiate" membership and choose your Collegiate State.
12. Input your college into the college selection box on the next page.

¹ Your dues are for joint membership in NYSSMA at the state level and NAFME at the national level. You will belong to **both** organizations. Make sure to add these memberships to your resume. You can 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. 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*.
 14. 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 \$42.00.
 15. Enter your credit card or payment information below that.
 16. Click the blue “Submit and process credit card payment” at the bottom right of the page.
 17. Confirm and finish - You should receive an email acknowledging your renewal. Congrats! You are good to go.
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Important C-NYSSMA/NAfME Dates 2024

Mark your calendars and share the information

NOW

Join or Renew your Membership: \$42.00

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.

March 2, 2024

Part 1 of our “Saturdays at 1 p.m.” Series

A one-hour virtual presentation for Collegiate Music Educators

Session Title: “Trauma-Informed Pedagogy,” a virtual session with Elira Mavraj

[Zoom link](#)

March 4, 2024

Joseph Sugar Day in Albany, NY

NYSSMA members as well as collegiate students meet with State Legislators to promote music education, arts education. For more information, click [here](#).

March 9, 2024

Part 2 of our “Saturdays at 1 p.m.” Series

A one-hour virtual presentation for Collegiate Music Educators

Session Title: “Restorative Practices in Schools & Our Music Classrooms” with NY State Teacher of the Year, Zachary Arenz

[Zoom link](#)

March 16, 2024

Part 3 of our “Saturdays at 1 p.m.” Series

A one-hour virtual presentation for Collegiate Music Educators

Session Title: “Meaning Inclusion of Children on the Autism Spectrum in the Music Classroom” with Dr. Stephen Shore

[Zoom link](#)

March 23, 2024

Part 4 of our “Saturdays at 1 p.m.” Series

A one-hour virtual presentation for Collegiate Music Educators

Session Title: “Two Sides of the Same Coin: Switching between teaching band and chorus” with Peri Bernstein

[Zoom link](#)

March 25, 2024

Deadline to apply and run for State Office

Deadline to apply and run for the 2024-2025 State Executive Board; To complete an application for state leadership, see the last pages of this document.

March 30, 2024

Part 5 of our “Saturdays at 1 p.m.” Series

A one-hour virtual presentation for Collegiate Music Educators

Session Title: “Adventures in Research for Music Teachers” with Dr. Jill Reese

[Zoom link](#)

April 1 - 8, 2024

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, 2024 at midnight. Results will be announced on April 15, 2024.

June 10 - 12, 2024

NAfME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC

For more information, click [here](#).

August – September, 2024

A virtual series of workshops will be offered for new teachers, current student teachers and future student teachers about teaching music to all learners and in all music classroom settings. Stay tuned! A more detailed announcement will be shared in April.

September 25 – 28, 2024

NAfME Biennial Research and Teacher Education Conference
The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia
For more information, click [here](#).

December 5 - 8, 2024

2024 Annual NYSSMA Winter Conference
Rochester Convention Center
Rochester, NY

April 24 - 27, 2025

The 58th biennial All Eastern NAfME Regional Conference
Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, CT

Spring 2027

All Eastern Conference
Providence, RI

Interested in Presenting a session (or two or more) at the 2024 NYSSMA Winter Conference?

Click [here](#).

NOTE: Deadline for proposals is April 26, 2024.

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: <https://www.nyssma.org/collegiate-nyssma/>

Ideas for your Chapter Meetings and Events for the Year

- 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 there 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 NYSSMA & NAfME websites, 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)

**Interested in getting involved with
Collegiate NYSSMA-NAfME
State Leadership?**

**Run for office!
Follow these two (2) steps:**

Step One:

Review the expectations by reviewing the Collegiate NYSSMA-NAfME Constitution (pp. 8 - 12). See below.

Step Two:

Complete the application process by completing an online application. See below.

**Deadline to apply is
March 25, 2024 at midnight.**

State President-Elect:

Information about the position, click [here](#).

State Secretary-Treasurer:

Information about the position, click [here](#).

State Web Editor:

Information about the position, click [here](#).

State Province Representative:

Information about the position, click [here](#).

Applications for State Office:

Click the link below for the state office that you seek.

[State President-Elect](#)

[State Secretary-Treasurer](#)

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