



JULY 2017

Upcoming Events

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NASB/NASA Labor Relations
September 6-7 | Lincoln

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Madison Bridges Community and Public Education

Madison Public Schools, located in Northeast Nebraska, has the motto: We Are Madison: Where Kids Come First!

Madison is a diverse community of approximately 2,300 people, celebrating 150 years this August, with a district makeup whose student body is over 80% diverse and 80% of the students qualify for Free or Reduced lunches.



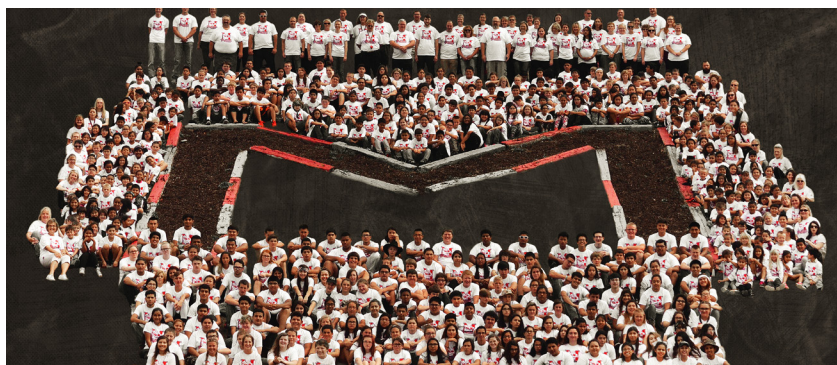
The district offers a successful Migrant program and annually hosts Bi-National Teachers from Mexico to help with their School programs. With that, a high percentage of Madison students over the last five years are first time graduates, meaning they are the first person from their family to receive their high school diploma.

Madison boasts Graduation Rates above the state average, the elementary school was recognized as a Title I Distinguished School in 2016; the district Received the 2016 TeamMates Gold Standard award; and the district was recognized by the Nebraska Latino American Commission with the 2015 "Organization Award".

None of this could be done without the work of a strong board, and community support. Along with the board, administration and teaching staff, the commitment and dedication from parents, businesses, and community members to provide strong educational opportunities for all of Madison's children has been key to their success.

DID YOU KNOW ...

OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS 15% OF MADISON GRADUATES
ARE FIRST IN THE FAMILY TO GRADUATE!



Madison Public Schools

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Home of the Dragons

Enrollment = 506
NASB Region #16

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Five recent high school graduates took the time to share their experiences with something they all feel has had an incredible impact on not only who they are now, but where they plan to be in the future.

UNMC's High School Alliance is a health science enrichment program currently offered to area students from public schools in the Omaha-metro area.

It is a one-year program* where Juniors and Seniors leave their current campus to take classes at UNMC every day from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. And not just in one class with other high school students. The classes are all over the UNMC campus to expose the students to true college life. *(Select Juniors may apply to return for a 2nd year.)

THE HISTORY

In 2008, Bob Bartee, the Vice Chancellor for External Affairs at UNMC had the idea to have a full time high school on the UNMC campus. Every day. All day. This was met with some resistance by the area districts who did not want to give up their best students. From here, the current afternoon format was put in place for the 2010-11 school year.

The program's first year saw 32 students participate. This past year, the program was at its capacity with 65 students.

All classes are co-taught by UNMC faculty and certified Nebraska teachers to allow the students to receive their high school credits, in a setting that mimics what it is like to go to medical school, pharmacy school, etc, giving them that experience at a younger age. The Alliance offers exposure to students in all parts of healthcare, not just nursing or becoming a physician.

Students choose from four of the classes below for the academic year:

- Behavioral Health
- Biology and Prevention of Cancer
- Biomedical Research
- Dimensions of Community Health
- Exploration of Human Anatomy
- Human Genetics
- The Study of Patient Care
- Infectious Diseases
- Pathology
- Pharmaceutical Sciences



The program is funded by the Sherwood Foundation, who cover all program costs including supplies, uniforms, badges, and more. UNMC contributes the faculty and classroom space in-kind, and Omaha Public Schools provides the teachers.

THE ALUMNI

We met with five former students to hear firsthand how the experience has shaped their current and future path, and whether that path still includes medicine. Here is what they had to say:

- Jon Kent, Omaha Burke '16, now at UNL, working to become an Orthopedic Surgeon
- Brianna Shaw, Omaha Burke '14, now at UNL, wants to work in Internal Medicine
- Elijahiana Parker, Omaha Central '16, now at UNL, wants to become a Pediatrician
- Jesus Perez, Omaha South '15, now at Creighton on a Gates Millennial Scholarship, wants to become a Surgical Oncologist
- Sydney Kirkpatrick, Omaha Burke '17, now at Creighton, wants to become a Pediatrician, or work in Pediatric Pharmacy

"Once you hear UNMC, and all the program offered, I knew I wanted to take this path," said Jon Kent. "There are so many great opportunities in various aspect of the medical field. Everything is hands on, the anatomy lab, real life learning, practical exams, identifying bones, working with cadavers to identify various muscles, items you can't get in the traditional classroom setting."

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UNMC High School Alliance Program ...

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Elijahiana added, “I knew I wanted to do something in medicine, this program gave me the opportunities to find out what I had a knack for.”

An ‘A-Ha’ moment for Jesus, “... taking my first pathology exam, I received the worst score I’d ever gotten on a test. It was eye-opening. I knew I had not studied as much as I should have. I came back and got a 100 on the next test. You learn the importance, and how to study very quickly.”

Sydney followed up Jesus’s comments, “The tests were really challenging, not simply multiple choice. More hands on. You really learn and remember the techniques when you’re in a setting of doing.”

Brianna closed, stating, “Everything is very in depth. You’re taught to think about how this will impact patients.”

Kaschke supported all of the student’s thoughts stressing that the overall mission of the program is to create a more diverse Nebraska workforce, and to get them ready for their undergrad and then ideally to get the students back to UNMC after that, but she added, “Whether they go to UNMC or somewhere else, that is a win for us and this program.”

Kaschke continued, “When we set the program up, we chose not to go the AP route to give us a more robust, challenging, flexible curriculum. If faculty decide on a whim that they want to go look at brains in the anatomy lab, they can. The courses themselves are of the same AP difficulty, maybe beyond, but without the constraints. My advice is to not be afraid to allow your program to be out of the box and teach what you know. It has kept our students more interested, and they seem to have some fun with it.”



THE FUTURE

The UNMC High School Alliance program is looking to expand outside of the Omaha-metro area. They are applying for eLearning grants, and want to take the curriculum to then push the lessons across the state. Ideally, a high school teacher in Chadron, McCook, Ainsworth, anywhere could log into an account and gain access, while then working with healthcare professionals in their area to provide students the hands-on experience of the industry.

All five students raved about their experience, and how it has shaped who they are and where want to be. All would definitely do it again, if given the opportunity.

To learn more about the UNMC High School Alliance program, and see how it may work in your district or ESU, contact Heidi Kaschke at 402-559-1358, or hkaschke@unmc.edu. You can also visit the High School Alliance website at www.unmc.edu/alliance.



LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

NORFOLK | JUNE 28

LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

NORTH PLATTE | JULY 12

LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

GRAND ISLAND | AUGUST 7

LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

CHADRON | AUGUST 29

The Legislature convened Sine die on May 23, but as we state over and over, the Legislature is year-round! Since then, NASB has been busy seeing how the dust settled with the 2017 sessions, while also looking towards both the 2018 session, and beyond.

NASB has continued the monthly Legislative Lunches hosted in Lincoln during session, taking them on the road this summer. Our first stop was in Norfolk in June, with a stop in North Platte this July. Incredible attendance, as well as networking and communication at all!

Mark your calendars, and join us for two upcoming Legislative Lunches in August, the first in Grand Island at the Career Pathways Institute, Monday, August 7th, starting at 11:30 AM. Later in the month, we will be in Chadron on Tuesday, August 29th at 11:30 AM as well! Please RSVP to mbelka@NASBonline.org if you would like to attend.

Earlier this month, the NASB Legislation Committee also met for their annual meeting to review the previous session, and preview the upcoming session. Here, committee members discussed NASB's role in creating a vision for Nebraska's future and how to get Nebraska's 1,724 school board members actively engaged within their communities, analyzed recent survey information sent to all board members on property taxes, reviewed the Association's current Legislative Resolutions to build a roadmap for next year's offensive strategy, and much more.

With so much going on, inside and outside the Capitol, it is imperative to stay in front of the action year-round.

2017-18 NASB LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

The NASB Board of Directors has approved the elections and appointment of members of the Legislation Committee. Each member is elected for a three-year term. Legislation Committee seats are organized by grouping like-sized districts by student enrollment numbers. This year's Committee is as follows:

Lanny Boswell - 2017 President-Elect - Chair

Linda Richards - 2017 President

Steve Blocher - 2017 Vice President

Lou Ann Goding - Member #1 - Omaha

Ben Perlman - Member #2 - Omaha

Lacey Merica - Member #3 - Omaha

Connie Duncan - Member #4 - Lincoln

Kathy Danek - Member #5 - Lincoln

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Dan Brosz - Member #7 - Grand Island

Beth Morrisette - Member #8 - Westside

Tim Higgins - Member #9 - Kearney

Tresha Rodgers - Member #10 - Ralston

Laura Schneider - Member #11 - Hastings

Larry Grosshans - Member #12 - Norris

James O'Rourke - Member #13 - Chadron

Lisa Wagner - Member #14 - Central City

Steve Koch - Member #15 - Hershey

Jim Vlach - Member #16 - Lyons-Decatur

Christopher Waddle - Member #17 - Giltner

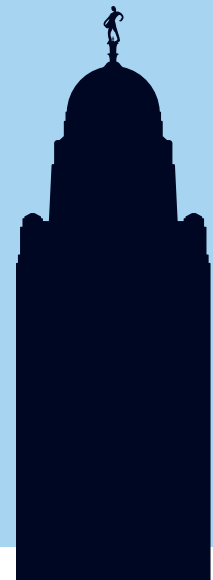
Glen Larsen - Member #18 - ESU #9/NESUBA

Dana Blakely - Region 2 Director - Westside

Pat Conway-Boyd - Region 8 Director - Papillion La Vista

Brad Wilkins - Region 15 Director - Ainsworth

Patti Gubbels - Region 16 Director - Norfolk



Summer Workshop Recap! #liveNASB



July saw a number of meetings and workshops across Nebraska, including the NAEP Annual Workshops, Open Meetings Law workshops, and a new venture with the Nebraska State Bar Association, a seminar on the Intersection of School Law & Juvenile Law. It was incredible seeing so many people take time out of their summer to join us. The learning and networking opportunities for school board members, administrators and administrative professionals is year round, and it is always great to hit the road and see everyone. It is always fun too, to be able to conduct meetings within the walls of our schools and administration buildings. Thanks so much to Thayer Central Elementary, North Platte High School, Scottsbluff High School, Kearney High School, The Career Academy – Lincoln, Blair Administration Office, and the Norfolk Public Schools Administration Building for your hospitality.

TAKEAWAYS FROM NAEP:

- Great table sessions for members to collaborate in finding solutions to common problems
- Members furthered their expertise with Excel with an interactive training session
- Picked up some great tips on office and desk organization, and how to manage responsibilities proficiently
- Networked with fellow members and discussed the many similarities and differences of their jobs

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE STATE BAR SEMINAR:

Held at the University of Nebraska College of Law, attendees heard from leading experts on topics ranging from: School-to-Prison Pipeline Panel, Diverting School-Based Offenses from the Juvenile Justice System, The Educational Needs of Children in Out-of-Home Care, The Role of the Guardian ad Litem and Defense Attorney in Educational Advocacy, and Special Education and Students with Disabilities. Look for similar seminars in the future!

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW WORKSHOPS:

With Nebraska law requiring all public bodies to comply with the Open Meetings Act, Matt Dunning, NASB's Legal Counsel, and members of the Nebraska Council of School Attorneys, including Larry Baumann, Jerald Ostdiek, Karen Haase, Bobby Truhe, Tim Malm, Kelley Baker, Jim Gessford, David Kramer, Megan Neiles-Brasch, and Nicholas Lesiak, conducted workshops across Nebraska. Topics included an interactive analysis of factual scenarios based on Attorney General disposition letters and questions received by NASB! Thanks to all of those who came out and participated in some phenomenal back and forth discussion.



Nomination forms for seats on the NASB Board of Directors will be emailed this month.

This year, Regions 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, and 17 will be contested.

NASB region directors are called from 19 geographically based regions, determined every decade based on the results of the Legislature's redistricting process. Once all nomination forms are received by the August 25th deadline, ballots will be mailed to the regions with two or more nominations. The new directors will assume their seats after the 2017 Delegate Assembly in November.

The following is a list of the seats that are up for election (or appointment*), as well as the incumbent.

- Region 2 – Dana Blakely, Westside*
- Region 5 – Connie Duncan, Lincoln*
- Region 8 – Pat Conway-Boyd, Papillion La Vista*
- Region 11 – Jim Vlach, Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Region 14 – Sandy Noffsinger, Dundy County Stratton
- Region 17 – Richard Dohma, Ponca

This is a great opportunity to expand your leadership horizons by serving on a statewide board committed to providing resources to other school and ESU board members. The director positions are elected to three-year terms and require attendance at five NASB Board of Director meetings each year, along with other responsibilities. Please visit <http://members.nasbonline.org/bod/SitePages/Regions.aspx> for specifics regarding the region in which your district or ESU resides.

Any additional questions may be emailed to Sallie Svatora at ssvatora@NASBonline.org.



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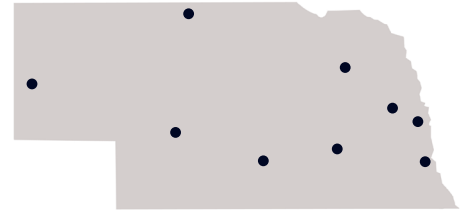
Join NASB, as we tour the state for various workshops, meetings and events throughout the year.

To learn more, and register for all, visit the Events tab of www.NASBonline.org



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Training, Recognition, Networking, Vision. These annual meetings provide an excellent opportunity for board members and administrators to network with other school leaders in their region. Vision & Training Session topics include: Continuing the Vision, One Vision – One State; The Board's Role in Developing Resilient Students; The Master Key to Managing Your Board Meetings!; Educating and Equipping Board Members; Communicating the Capitol to the Community; Negotiations – Timing and Data are Everything!; and Can We Talk?



Labor Relations Conference

September 6-7 | Lincoln

Whether you're a novice at the bargaining table or an experienced negotiator, this conference will provide the latest information in the labor relations arena. This conference is presented annually, each September.



Sparq Data Solutions Tailgate Party

October 7 | Lincoln

Join SparqData for the 2nd annual Tailgate Party, Saturday, October 7, prior to the Wisconsin game! Play some bean bag toss or ladder ball and enjoy sliced brisket, pulled pork, smoked pastrami, plus a number of sides, snacks, and beverages. Mark your calendar!



99th Annual State Education Conference Leadership Starts Here

November 15-17 | La Vista

This conference, presented annually the week prior to Thanksgiving, offers school leaders the latest in educational information and technology through such activities as preconference workshops, keynote presentations, breakout sessions, and commercial exhibits. 2017 keynotes include Alex Sheen, and John O'Leary. Look for the full brochure to be posted online and mailed out shortly! **REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 3RD!**

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