



Collegiate Communiqué #1: *It's Conference Time!*

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Greetings from the PMEA Chair of the Council for Teacher Training, Recruitment, and Retention. This is the state group that represents YOU and the interests of all future music teachers (high school and collegiate), first-year “rookie” music educators (and those in their first five years), veteran teachers, mentors, TRI-M and PCMEA members and student leaders, Higher Education instructors, SMTE (Society for Music Teacher Education) members, and retired members.

From time to time using this digital venue, we will send out news releases, pertinent updates, professional “tips and techniques,” and other information to PCMEA members.

The annual PMEA Spring Conference will be held on April 19-22, 2017 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. Here are sessions “Perfect for PCMEA!”

- Opening General Session with Tim Lautzenheiser Thursday 8:30 a.m.
- PCMEA meetings Thursday 10:30 a.m. and Friday 11:15 a.m.
- *Getting the Most Out of Your Student Teaching Experience* Thursday 1:30 p.m.
- *Cracking the Graduate School Code: When, Where, Why, How, & How Much* Thursday 3 p.m.
- *Starting with the End in Mind – or – You’ve Got 4 Years, Use Them Wisely* Thursday 4:30 p.m.
- *Music Education & Gaming: Interdisciplinary Connections for the Classroom* Friday 8:15 a.m.
- *Ready for Hire! Interview Strategies to Land a Job* Friday 9:45 a.m.
- *Planning Strategies to Develop a Responsive Teaching Mindset* Friday 2:15 p.m.
- Final General Session with NAFME Eastern Division President Scott Sheehan Friday 3:45 p.m.

Tip:

Attend the PMEA Conference

The PMEA awards breakfast is FREE on Saturday at 8:30 a.m., but you should RSVP (let PMEA staff know you are coming) when you register for the conference.

Consult your recent PMEA News issue or this link for a complete conference schedule:

<http://www.pmea.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-PMEA-Annual-Conference-Schedule-for-Winter-News.pdf>

Is this your first conference? Looking for suggestions on networking and taking advantage of the benefits for attending the conference? Please review previously sent “Tips on Attending Your First Music Teacher Conference,” but if you missed it, check out the similar article “Getting the Most Out of Music Conferences” posted at <http://majoringinmusic.com/music-conferences/>.

There are rewards for being organized and “taking care of business” ahead of time. The early-bird registration for PCMEA members is only \$30 (until 2/15/17), as opposed to \$35 regular or \$45 onsite. For registration and hotel information, go to <http://www.pmea.net/pmea-annual-in-service-conference/>.

Do you need to renew your PMEA/PCMEA membership? Now is the time! Please sign-up at <http://www.pmea.net/membership-information/>. Welcome back to your professional association!

Questions? Contact your local chapter officers, the NAFME/PCMEA faculty sponsor for your school, PCMEA President Patrick Feher at pcmeapres@gmail.com, PCMEA President-Elect Benjamin Snyder at pcmeapreselect@gmail.com, or the PCMEA State Advisor Kathleen Melago at kathleen.melago@sru.edu.

See you in Erie! PKF

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