

Collegiate Communiqué

"Ask and You Shall Receive" – A Little Relief for College Music Education Majors

PMEA – *your* professional association – truly listens to its members – active, retired, collegiate, and corporate! We have heard that more than a few of our PCMEA friends are facing economic challenges. This has been a hot topic at meetings of the PMEA EXCOM and Council for Teacher Training, Recruitment, and Retention meetings... and this problem and related issues will continue to be addressed in the future.

Well, albeit very small "first steps," several initiatives have been recently introduced by PMEA members to assist our most valuable resource – college music students – soon to be the major players and "the future of our profession." All that is asked is that the collegiates become active and engaged in their professional associations – PCMEA *and* PMEA – pay their NAFME and local chapter dues and participate in PMEA professional development opportunities for enrichment.



Are YOU aware of the initiation of these new programs over the past year?

- **Send a Collegiate to the Conference** (see page 3). In January or February 2014, a digital news bulletin will be emailed to you to sign-up for the random drawings of complimentary PMEA/Erie registrations (\$40).
- **Breakfast is on PMEA for PCMEA members** (see page 5) who attend the opening "early-bird" session of the *Council TTRR Showcase* on Thursday, April 18 at 8 a.m. "Do I have to get up early?" Yes, but at least it is one fewer meal expense you will need to budget!
- **Two NEW scholarships** for reimbursement of college expenses: the PMEA Council TTRR Continuing Education Awards and the PMEA Music for Lifelong Learning Award, both funded by the Stark-Fox Family Fund. This past year, we are proud to announce the first recipients of the PMEA Council TTRR Awards (\$5,000 each): Elizabeth Corbett, a junior at Duquesne University; Adam Hanna, a senior at Susquehanna University; and Mitchell Hourt, a senior at Moravian University. For more information, visit the scholarship page on the PMEA website or <https://www.pmea.net/scholarships-and-awards/stark-fox-family-fund-scholarship/>

Of course, these were added to the other "benefits of membership." Be sure to peruse the PMEA website to reach PMEA mentors, access the Retiree Resource Registry, find mock interviewers, and use the links to the PCMEA leadership and other helpful contacts, collegiate member discounts, etc. *PMEA is here for YOU!*

Employment Resources for PCMEA Members, "Rookies," or New Transfers – from Past Issues of the PMEA Collegiate Communiqué

<https://paulkfoxusc.files.wordpress.com/2023/04/nafme-pmea-interview-clinic-s041523.pdf>

How should you prepare for interviewing and getting ready for those upcoming employment screenings?

Did you miss the 2023 PMEA Spring Conference at Kalahari Resort? No worries. PMEA Council TTRR Chair and workshop presenter Paul Fox has provided a way for you to download the handouts and articles for his past session "Interview Clinic 2.0," including one of the most comprehensive set of links to blog-posts and other sources of interview questions, developing story-telling skills, learning how to market yourself, the do's and don'ts at job screenings (to avoid those big boo-boo's and bad habits that crush your chances), and creating a professional (e-)portfolio, résumé, website, and business card. This PDF file will only be active and available for a limited time.

Go to the link above or visit www.paulfox.blog and click on "Training/Jobs" from the top menu.

For more assistance, please feel free to peruse other sections from these websites:

- <https://paulfox.blog/category/interviewing/>
- <https://paulfox.blog/category/training/>
- <https://majoringinmusic.com/category/music-education-2/>
- <https://nafme.org/blog/mock-interviews-unraveling-the-puzzle-of-landing-a-music-teacher-job/>
- <https://nafme.org/blog/storytelling-developing-employment-marketing-skills/>
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