

# Wisconsin Actively Engaging in Improving Minority and Diversity Issues

Minority Issues and Diversity are topics at the forefront of the Student Wisconsin Education Association's (WEA) mission this year. Although the National Education Association (NEA) and Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) highlight these as undeniably important, the leaders within the Student Program in Wisconsin have decided to make strides towards promoting and demonstrating commitment on these issues that face education today. The Student WEA has formed an ad-hoc Minority Affairs Committee for their student members. The goal of this committee is to provide each local chapter with the contact information of diversity and minority organizations on their campuses in hopes that networking and interest in the Student Program results for those seeking education-related degrees. This committee, along with eight others, will meet three times during the school year and will accomplish tasks on hand---all in hopes that the Student Program continues to excel in excellence and pre-service professionals are equipped with the knowledge and experience necessary to be competent and innovative leaders within Education.

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2007-2008 School Year

## Monthly Report

### September Report

- Washington Education Association Student Program Leadership Conference-Keynote Speaker
- College Affordability Induction Ceremony– Capital Hill (Participant)
- Television Interview on College Cost Reduction Act (*My Office*)
- Meeting with Tom Manatos Director of Advance in *Speaker Pelosi's Office* (*My Office*)
- Celebrity Bartender Night Fundraiser– Capital Hill (Celebrity Bartender)
- NEA Executive Committee Meeting-NEA Building
- South Carolina State University College Affordability Rally -Speaker
- NEA Board Meeting-NEA Building
- Student Tennessee Education Association- Keynote Speaker (Nashville, TN)
- NEA Board Meeting

## Semester Reminders!

- ⇒ ***Ideas For On Campus College Affordability Events:***  
CAC Workshop, Cyber Lobby Lab, On Campus Rally, Paper Petition Drive  
Online Petition Campaign, Letter Writing Campaign, Congress Call-In  
Day, District Lobbying
- ⇒ **Get Students Registered To Vote For “08”**
- ⇒ **Connections Conference ,November 9-11,2007 in  
Louisville, KY**
- ⇒ **Incorporate PAC Fundraising at your state conferences.**
  - ⇒ **Recruit more freshman & sophomores**
  - ⇒ **Membership Goal 70,000-80,000**
  - ⇒ **YouTube video and or commercial contest**  
(For more information log onto [collegeaffordabilityconcernsme.org](http://collegeaffordabilityconcernsme.org) and  
view the vodcast.)
- ⇒ **Online Education Resource, 21st Century Skills ([thegateway.org](http://thegateway.org))**
- ⇒ **Praxis II Online Study Guide ([nea.org/student-program](http://nea.org/student-program))**
- ⇒ **10% Off Textbook Discount Barnes & Nobles-[nea.org/student-program](http://nea.org/student-program)**

## Benefits of being a Student Member

### Membership Goal: 70,000-80,000

Website : [Nea.org/student-program](http://Nea.org/student-program)

- 10% Discount on all Textbooks from Barnes & Nobles Online (Free shipping and handling for qualifying purchases over \$25.00)-[nea.org/student-program](http://nea.org/student-program)
- Professional Development
- Networking
- Collective Action
- Teacher Toolkit Discounts-<http://www.nea.org/marketplace/ttk.html>
- 18% off Sprint bill Monthly-
- 10% off Nextel bill Monthly-<http://www.neamb.com/>
- Legal Services-[nea.org](http://nea.org)
- Publications-Tomorrows Teachers, NEA Today-[nea.org/student-program](http://nea.org/student-program)
- Scholarships-Tom Joyner & Jack Kinnaman-[nea.org/student-program](http://nea.org/student-program)
- Grants available to assist with community projects and recruitment
- Legislation and lobbying-[nea.org/student-program](http://nea.org/student-program)
- Praxis II Preparation-[nea.org](http://nea.org)
- Two National Conferences
  - Student Leadership Conference (*Summer*)
  - Connections Conference (*Fall*)
- State Conferences
- Campus Workshops
- Educational Resources: Lessons Plans, Activities, 21st Century Skills  
GEM:[thegateway.org](http://thegateway.org)

**Lets get those freshman and sophomores!**