

# NAEA Student Chapter E-bulletin

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## Good luck!

Well well well. You made it. Some of you, at least. A spiffy college graduate. La ti da. Congratulations! You deserve praise for entering an honorable career. Probably a cookie too. In any case, we have some advice for those of you entering the workforce (see #3 below). For those of you not yet ready for the real world, we have plenty of goodies for you this month too.

Unfortunately, this will be my last E-bulletin. As President I move up to writing the Student Chapter portion of the NAEA News. I'm looking forward to it but I will miss our monthly get-togethers. It's been a great year and we've had some great additions. I guarantee you'll see some more this coming year. Thanks again to all of you who have submitted articles for Student Chapter Spotlight and those of you who have contributed in other ways to improve communication within NAEA. With that, I'm very happy to turn the reigns over to President-Elect Bart Francis. Go easy on him. Please try and make sure the transitions for your new student chapter officers are also as smooth and easy as possible.

Our Student Chapter Spotlight this month is the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and they've got a fantastic project to share with all of you! Will your chapter be next? Send in your submissions!

Love,  
-Jim O'Donnell, President

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## 1. 2006 Convention Proposal Deadline: 6/30

Do you have an idea that will improve art education? Research? Present to your peers at a national conference. The deadline for proposals for the 2006 NAEA conference in Chicago is June 30, 2005. You need to fill it out online, print it, and mail it to Reston (I know, their working on becoming a little less old-fashioned). Remember to select the "Issues Group" category and type in "Student chapter." This will ensure that the proposals are sent to us, which will give you a great chance of getting accepted!

Also, many schools have travel funds available for students (esp. post-grads) presenting at conferences. Don't miss your chance to present, add a line to your resume, and get money to travel to Chicago.

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## 2. Calling All Presidents!

Presidents don't let future presidents stay in the dark about National Student Chapter. Most of you are having elections (unless you have a despotic President-for-life). Make sure you e-mail us contact info for your President-elects so that we can be better connected. If you are not a president, please forward this message to them.

Presidents, please try to make the transitions for your President-elects as easy as possible. A great idea is to create a binder with all the pertinent information, records, and advice that you've learned over the past year that can be passed on from year to year. I know it took me a few months to figure my way around school bureaucracy...don't let that experience go to waste!

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## 3. 10 Tips for a Better Job Interview

Many of you and your peers will soon be looking for jobs. This month we offer some advice for your upcoming job interviews.

1. Do your homework!: Research your prospective school/district. Most schools/districts have a website with information about the specific school, programs, objectives, and improvement plans. Know this information well, especially the improvement plan/goals of the school and know how you would fit in. Visit the area and get a feel for the neighborhood.
2. Prepare questions: Remember that you're interviewing a potential boss. Sample questions include: How involved are parents? What support could I expect if problems arise? Ask about the previous art program. Do NOT ask about your salary.
3. Know your portfolio: When you're discussing your abilities/experience, you should be able to find the picture or section that best shows you walk the walk.

University

Penn State University

Eastern Illinois University

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University of Illinois

\*Send us your chapter's web address!\*

**Student Chapter Spotlight:  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

IUP NAEA does so much during the year that rather than gloss over all of our projects I thought I would outline the project that has fast become our most enjoyable and rewarding activity yet. Just this past school year, our group created a special bond with the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. It all started last fall when we felt we should extend our reach to those that are in the greatest need of happiness through creating and

4. Dress for success: Buy a suit. Get a haircut. Be professional. You take teaching seriously and you want to be taken seriously even though you probably have little experience. Be polite to everyone. Practice good eye contact. Don't stare at that wart on their chin.

5. Prepare a cover letter: This is a formal introduction for yourself and lets your boss know you are serious about the job. For tips, visit the "Download" section of our website and get the "Interview Packet".

6. Practice interview: Get feedback. Don't go in cold and hope for the best. Even if you have to apply for a temp job, get practice interviewing. For examples of questions download the "Interview Packet."

7. Sell yourself: Make yourself marketable. What makes you unique? What do you bring to the table. Remember that you're competing against veteran art teachers from across the country and everyone you graduated with.

8. Mentionables: Education is teaming with keywords. You would be wise to touch on: collaboration, flexibility, parents, diversity, discipline, assessment, and others (not necessarily in that order). Principles usually know NOTHING about art so you have to use THEIR words. Make sure you answer questions with specific examples of your abilities and background and fit these into answers whenever appropriate. You only have a brief window to tell them everything they need to know about how cool you are.

9. Expect anything: Not all interviews are formal. Mine was very conversational which threw me off at first. Some are hyper-formal. Be flexible. For example, when one of my professors went to an early interview he was asked, "Can you defend yourself?" (He didn't take that job).

10. Leave a resume: This will remind them how great you are (make sure its nice, maybe even printed on one of them executive-type papers. Fancy!) A business card wouldn't hurt either. You can get them pretty cheaply and it just means you get taken that much more seriously.

Please download the ["Interview Packet"](#) for more help! Happy hunting!

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#### 4. Photos and Feedback

WHAT? No feedback or photos from the Boston Conference!? Send in your pics pronto and visit our message forum. Your opinion counts. Let us know what you liked and what you didn't like about Boston.

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#### 5. Charity Ideas?

I'm looking for some ideas about a potential charity/service project for National Student Chapter. With students all over the country, I figure that we have a great chance of doing some good. Remember, it would have to be something that could be done by individual chapters or that could come together at the 2006 NAEA convention in Chicago. Anything

experiencing art, the patients at the Children's Hospital. We couldn't do much with our meager budget so we needed to fundraise, yes the most dreaded task of any student organization.

However, with all the ingenious people in our group, it wasn't difficult to come up with a fun, new idea. Indiana is a small town with nothing much to do for college-age students let alone high school. So we decided what better way to raise funds, give back to the local high school community and have fun than to have a benefit concert! We also looked at what genre of music most high-schoolers enjoy and were able to get five fabulous punk-rock/rockabilly/emo bands together and put on a show. The bands were also gracious enough to play for free!

Finally, the concert arrived,



work with the patients. After all the hard work, long hours and anxiety of if we could pull it off, the smiles on every child's face made it all worth it!

With the success of the first concert we have decided to make the event happen each semester. If your organization would like more information on this event, please email us at [iupnaea@yahoo.com](mailto:iupnaea@yahoo.com). Have a restful and wonderful summer!

-Alisha McCurdy

\*E-mail us your Student Chapter stories\*