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The Advocate

President's Message >>>

Welcome new ACEA Members!

Unit 1

Tiffany Litton	WA
Gale VanHouten	WA/FO

Unit 4

Courtney DiNicola	SP
Lindsay Howell	JH
Brandi Jefts	BE
Nora Kennell	MS
Stephanie Scaletta-Wageley	SP
Autumn Walker	JH
Brittany Wilson	WT
Tracy Whetzel	JH

The Summer Sabbatical

Sabbatical [suh-bat-i-kuhl] noun: (lowercase) any extended period of leave from one's customary work, especially for rest, to acquire new skills or training, etc.

I will never forget one specific appointment with a doctor a few years back. During the course of our conversation, she floored me with the suggestion that I didn't have to work all summer! Any 10-month educator knows that this couldn't be farther from the truth. If one is not seeking a master's degree, or some other advanced degree, one is usually participating in some type of continuing education required of your position or certification. Many are also writing lesson plans for a new curriculum, preparing for an additional course to be taught, revising past lessons to align with a new pedagogical philosophy, or preparing for the next season of extra-curriculars. And most of which are unpaid or underpaid, brings me to an additional misconception: educators are paid all summer to do nothing! After correcting this with the fact that we get paid only for the work we do during the academic year, we must save for summer, and/or work a second or third job or summer school to make ends meet, most are left speechless.

I hope that you don't encounter such erroneous jargon, but if you do, I hope this helps you to educate them on the reality and constant hard work we do year round. And, however you choose to spend your summer, we hope you make the best of it and include as much R&R as possible! It is much needed and deserved. In solidarity and service,

Kim

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ACEA President

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**Last Day for ACPS Students:
Tuesday, June 7**
**Last Day for ACPS 10-month Educators:
Wednesday, June 8**
But who's counting?!?



"I go to public school, but I am home-summered."

The 2022 **ACEA** ESP of the Year



Congratulations to Sherry Zembower,

secretary at South Penn Elementary School, for being selected as the **2022 ACEA Educational Support Professional of the Year!** Sherry was nominated by her colleague, Susan Sommers, an Instructional Assistant, also working at South Penn, and was selected by our committee of retired educators.

In her nomination, Susan shared that in the largest school in our county, Sherry's work requires her to support a staff of more than 80, as well as nearly 500 students. She multi-tasks from arrival through dismissal to get it all done with a positive attitude: "Mrs. Zembower is the GUTS of our school community." Sherry is also a huge advocate for pets, and has embraced the service dog community with assistance through training and donations. Awesome!

UniServ Update

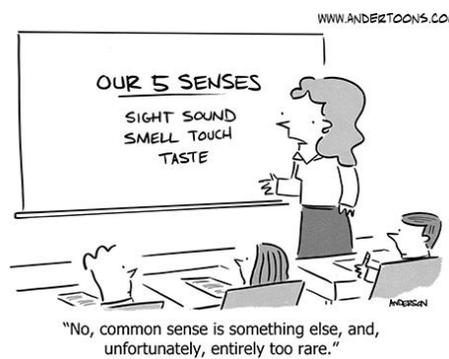
Thank You John!



With the transfer of our former UniServ, Evan West, to the *MSEA Center for Education Policy and Practice Department*, ACEA has been fortunate to be served by the dedicated (and technically retired!) interim UniServ, John Gates. John has been an amazing resource for both our members and leaders. We want to take this opportunity to thank him for sharing his vast knowledge and valuable time with ACEA in this capacity. Even though John will be completing his time with ACEA in early July, we are fortunate that he lives here in Cumberland, and that we will still have him as a valuable resource as we move forward with a new UniServ Director.

Welcome Rich!

It is a pleasure to introduce our new UniServ Director, Rich Calhoun. Rich will be covering both ACEA and GCEA beginning July 5. We are excited about Rich's arrival!



NEW\$ THAT PAY\$

AUGUST 31st PAY

August 2022 is a 3-pay month for deductions. Therefore, the August 31, 2022, pay will have optional deductions turned off, and they will be taken on the pays of September 14th and September 28th. This is also the first pay of the fiscal year for 10-month employees.

NEA Member Benefits

ACEA Members have used their NEA Benefits to purchase new tires, new computers, to book a trip, and rent a car at the best rates! To find out more and save, go to

<https://www.neamb.com/>

MSEA and ACEA Offering Continuing Education Courses

If you missed the email blasts about this, here is what you need to know.

Certificated Unit 1 Members: C.A.R.E. Course (eligible for MSDE CPD)

Register for the Culture, Abilities, Resilience and Effort (C.A.R.E.) Workshop series to be held in Western Maryland this summer. Based on the NEA CARE Curriculum and broken down into three separate workshops, July 21-22, July 27-28, and August 3-4.

ESP Unit 4 Members: Trauma, SEL and De-escalation for ESP

Register to receive free training in Trauma Informed and Social-Emotional Learning approaches to verbal behavior interventions and de-escalation. Register for any one of the three sessions held on July 21, 28 or August 3.

Register through the links in the email or through our website at www.aceamsea.org.