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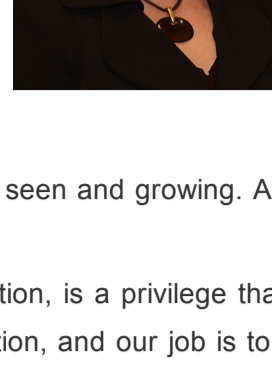
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

NAPSF News

December 2020

2020, The Darkest Night

Wendy Van DeLaCastro, Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools



I get the honor of bidding a not-so-fond farewell to a 2020 that brought us all so many mixed emotions. We saw our communities devastated by the economic and health impact of the pandemic. We lost touch with each other and with those we care about. However, our communities showed us their strength and resilience. We bore witness to the generosity of those who gave to those who had lost. We saw families rally around our teachers, recognizing them as a critical threads of the fabric that holds our community together. We saw teachers overcome unbelievable obstacles at great personal risk to ensure that students not only kept learning, but that they were safe, seen and growing. Aren't we lucky?

I truly believe that working in the non-profit sector, especially in education, is a privilege that so few get to experience. We see the best and worst of the human condition, and our job is to find and activate solutions so that tomorrow's leaders have what they need to reach their full potential.

I took some time to reflect on the solstice this year. Having past the longest night of the year, we are now celebrating the coming light. The days are getting longer and I don't know about you, but my next steps feel so clear. This is a welcome change from the chaos and uncertainty of the last year.

In our office, we are looking ahead at how we can partner with our district to help kids overcome "COVID Slide," to help those students who fell behind during the pandemic and get them back on track to graduation. We also know it will take a long time for families to recover from the economic impact of 2020. We stand ready to do what we can to ensure our families are feel safe and stable, and our students are ready to learn. Finally, we are looking to the future, taking what we learned during the pandemic and launching exciting programs in the coming years that will be life changing for our students.

I hope you can take some time to reflect on 2020... the longest night. Remember, the days will only gradually get brighter, clearer and more hopeful.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday and a bright new year.

Wendy Van DeLaCastro
President, Foundation for LPS



NAPSF Coffee Talk

We had a great turnout for our first NAPSF Coffee Talk on Dec 3. It was decided to continue Coffee Talk via Zoom the first Thursday of each month. Join us for our next rap session on **January 7, 9am- 9:30am**.

Bring any topic or question to discuss with your peers during this informal gathering. Find out what's working for other foundations, get advice, and receive support.

[Join Coffee Talk](#)

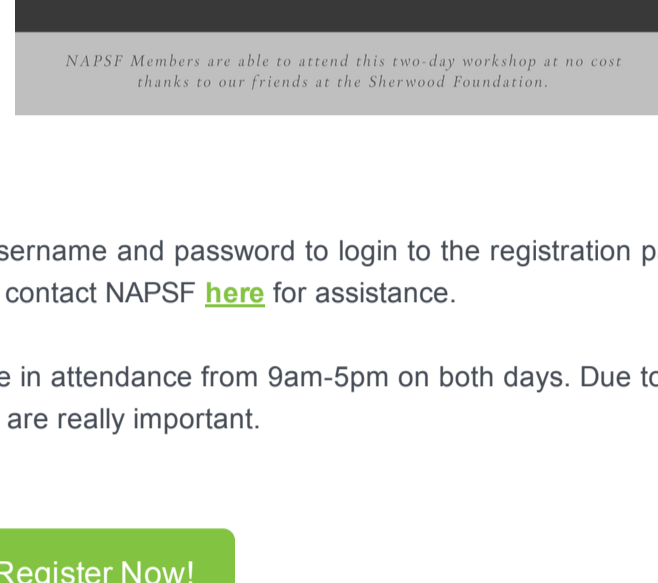
Racial Equity Workshop

February 15 & 16, 2021

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

via Zoom Video Conferencing

We appreciate the interest this event is receiving across Nebraska! There are only 20 spots left. If you haven't submitted your registration yet, please do so using the button below. We do recommend organization leadership attend the training, but other staff and/or board members are welcome.

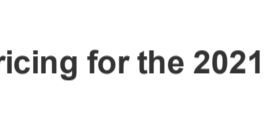


NAPSF TIP: You will need your NAPSF username and password to login to the registration page. If you need your login information, please contact NAPSF [here](#) for assistance.

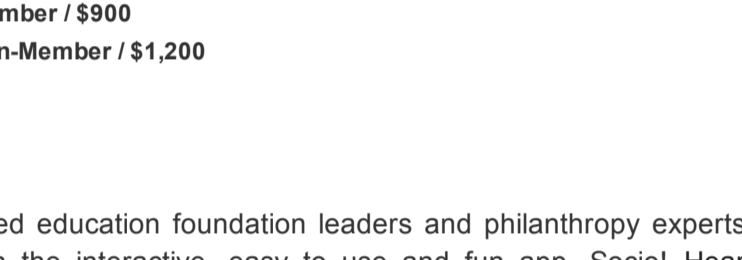
REMINDER: Attendees must commit to be in attendance from 9am-5pm on both days. Due to the content material, face-to-face interactions are really important.

[Register Now!](#)

Find more information at [Racial Equity Institute](#).



The NSFA National Conference is Just Around the Corner!



Take Advantage of Early Bird Pricing for the 2021 Conference!

- **Early-Bird Member / \$225**
- **Early-Bird Non-Member / \$305**
- **Early-Bird Organizational Bundle Member / \$900**
- **Early-Bird Organizational Bundle Non-Member / \$1,200**

[Prices go up after December 31, 2020!](#)

Learn from innovative and highly skilled education foundation leaders and philanthropy experts from across the country-- virtually via the interactive, easy to use and fun app, Socio! Hear nationally recognized [keynote speakers](#). Join workshops led by your peers in the field. Meet vendors in the virtual Exhibit Hall. Take a virtual yoga class. Have a cocktail with friends from across the country. Enjoy all the benefits of an in-person conference from the comfort and safety of your home or office while saving you and your foundation valuable time and resources.

[Register for NSFA Conference](#)

700 Guitars Donated to Foundation for LPS

Dennis Zager and his son, Dennis Zager Jr. - owners of Zager Guitars - aspire to put music directly into the hands of local children. Covid-19 has brought on a stressful school year, but the Zagers hope to give students an outlet through music.



Click the button below to read the article.

[700 Guitars Donated to LPS](#)

NAPSF Membership Benefits

NAPSF Website - We Want to Hear From You

Does your foundation have an inspiring success story? Has your foundation been in the news? Do you have information or insight your peers would benefit from?

Submit your foundation stories, news, or articles [here](#) to be featured in upcoming NAPSF newsletters.

NSFA Membership

All members of NAPSF receive a NSFA membership. This includes free NSFA Webinars and discounts for NSFA conferences.



We are currently 30 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.

- Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation
- Aurora Public Schools Foundation
- Beatrice Educational Foundation
- Bellevue Public Schools Foundation
- Bennington Public Schools Foundation
- Cardinal Education Foundation (South Sioux City)
- Central High School Foundation (Omaha)
- Columbus Public Schools Foundation, Inc.
- Cozad Public Schools Foundation
- Creek Valley School Educational Foundation
- DC West Schools Foundation
- Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
- Gering Public Schools Foundation
- Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
- Hastings Public Schools Foundation
- Kearney Public Schools Foundation
- Millard Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
- Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
- North Platte Public Schools Foundation
- Northwest Education Foundation
- Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
- Omaha Public Schools Foundation
- Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
- Pioneer Fund Foundation
- Ralston Community Schools Foundation
- School District 145 Foundation for Education (Waverly/Eagle)
- Scottsbluff Schools Foundation
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.

Haven't Become a NAPSF Member Yet?

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!

[Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits](#)

NAPSF Event Calendar

Upcoming Meetings

NAPSF Coffee Talk

When: Thursday, January 7, 2021, 9:00am - 10:00am CST
Location: Zoom Meeting - [Join Coffee Talk](#)

NAPSF Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 10:00am - 12:00pm CST
Location: Zoom Meeting - [Join Board Meeting](#)

Additional Information:

Meeting ID: 945 3855 3652 One tap mobile +16699009128.,94538553652# US (San Jose) +12532158782.,94538553652# US (Tacoma) Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 945 3855 3652

Racial Equity Virtual Workshop

When: Monday, February 15, 2021 & Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 9:00am - 5:00pm CS
Location: Zoom Meeting - Link will be sent to registrants at a later date - [Register Now!](#)

NSFA National Conference

When: February 23-26, 2021
Location: Socio App - Link will be sent to registrants at a later date - [Register Now!](#)

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