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Representative Assembly and Outreach to Teach

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A few weekends ago, over 150 delegates gathered in Racine at the Marriott hotel for the Representative Assembly. Student WEA members had a Welcoming Ceremony and Awards Banquet. Betsy Kippers, the WEAC Secretary-Treasurer, spoke to the crowd about living in their own reality. Betsy stated that the professional development, community involvement, and networking offered through Student WEA puts all delegates as exceptional future educators. Her speech was followed by the Awards Ceremony where local Student WEA chapters were commended for all their hard work and dedication to this recognized organization.

On Saturday delegates updated a few parts of the state constitution. Also, the new State Board was elected after several candidates delivered speeches to run for each position. Then, Representative Assembly wrapped up and delegates went to get ready for the long hours ahead of them at Outreach to Teach in Kansasville, WI. All 180 volunteers headed over to this small school that has a total enrollment of 85 students.

Each classroom has two grades being taught in it. Kansasville had a referendum a few years ago, but lost by two votes unfortunately. The principal, educators, parents, and several other community members had open arms to this project. Work began on Saturday evening, with the biggest project being the gymnasium. Classrooms had murals painted, hallways had wood finishing added to them, and paneling was sanded. All in all, the volunteers left Kansasville with an entire face lift.



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Student WEA 1st Annual Spring Professional Development Seminar

On Saturday, April 4th, 2009 around seventy education majors from all backgrounds gathered at the Nursing Education Building for Student WEA's Spring Professional Development Seminar. Student WEA received a grant to host this event. The Executive Team decided to have this seminar because the regional Spring PDS at the Student WEA state level was cut due to budget concerns.

The day was filled with a vast array of speakers centered on many current issues involving the educational system. The morning started out with Ann Wusterbarth from New Holstein. Ann teaches in the Sheboygan School District as an elementary teacher. She gave the participants many insightful ways on how to have a well-run, organized classroom. All of her ideas were very creative and appealing to all grade levels.

The day continued with numerous breakout sessions including motivating student learners, incorporating ELL students in your classroom, having successful parent/teacher conferences, bullying, reducing test anxiety, etc. All had a central focus on useful tools for in the classroom and working with children. Over lunch, the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Frederick Yeo spoke to participants. He commended their time and energy set aside to attend this seminar. Professional development is a positive act and students should be well aware of the benefits it offers.

Overall, the entire day was very successful. The Executive Team has received feedback from this event and a few of those comments are listed below. Thanks to all of those people that made this day a success.

Ann Wusterbarth Keynote Speaker

I had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Keynote Speaker at the UW-Oshkosh Wisconsin Education Association Professional Development Seminar. I'm writing to share with you how impressed I was with members of this student organization prior to and during the event.

I really enjoyed the PDS. It was my first seminar, and it was a very positive experience for me.

Allison Healy
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Department of Public Instruction Site Visit

If it seems like COEHS has been extra busy lately, it's because we're preparing for the Department of Public Instruction's site visit for program approval this week. They'll be looking at program data and artifacts, interviewing students and faculty on campus, and visiting local schools and staff. Many thanks to the Student WEA members who are helping out by participating in focus groups!

President's Goodbye! Tina Sikorski

It's hard to believe that a whole year ago, I was just starting my journey as president of Student WEA. I was so excited, and filled with anticipation for the year to come! As I reflect, I can't believe that it is over, but I am so proud of the executive team, and all of the members that were loyal to the organization. I think back to the times where the executive team helped me keep my sanity through all of the Student WEA stuff, but what sticks out even more is when they helped me through all of the college life stuff! I think back to our first meeting, being so nervous, and wondering if I was going to be a good enough leader. I now realize that while I was a leader in this organization, it was easy because of the group of people I was leading, a group of people always willing to lend a helping hand! As the year finishes, I am once again excited and filled with anticipation for the year to come because I know that Brittany and her new executive team are going to soar to heights beyond belief. Thank you for giving me the pleasure to serve as your president, and I look forward to having the pleasure to serve as a loyal Student WEA member in the year to come...APPLEBUCKS!

