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The capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance. Casals

From the President:

A couple of points of interest:

REGION 4 – (CESA's 3&4)

We are in need of a representative from these CESA's to complete a term on the NARENWICH board. We have five meetings each year. We need your voice. Please contact Randy Hughes at hughesr@kaukauna.k12.wi.us

CONFERENCE

Breakout sections will be posted on the web – shortly

We toured the conference facility and are very excited about it

Just a parking reminder for the conference – there are public lots on College and Superior Streets. (\$1.00 to get in)

Region Meetings at the Conference are planned for Friday morning. Get to know your geographically close colleagues.

Conference "Walk-ins" be expected to offer a credit card or P.O. the day of registration.

Board Members will meet after the Membership meeting on Thursday and possibly after the conference on Friday.

Offer From Andrea Utrie

NAREN PROPOSAL

Please consider the following request for NAREN approval

Objective: To provide a rich travel experience to New York City to explore and network with nontraditional at-risk programs that address multiple intelligences

Brief Description: An intercultural dialogue with a variety of ethnic, and socio-economic groups of 6-10 days will take place in New York City and Harlem. Participants will interact with leaders and young people who are addressing at-risk issues through dance, music groups, direct instruction and tutoring and other creative strategies. Participants will focus on successful and innovative programs and then develop their own applications for personal classroom use. Time will be allotted for traditional New York exploration and a Broadway show.

When: August, 2008 or Summer, 2009

Who: First opportunity would go to NAREN members, then open it to other educators, administrators and a legislator or two.

Resources:

Jeremy Kamps-Harlem teacher, writer, dramatist and Beaver Dam graduate,; traveled extensively in Africa

Andrea Utrie-at-risk instructor, experienced organizer of study trips

Documentation: A videographer would accompany the group to prepare a documentary to use for a variety of purposes, including with legislators

Graduate credit: Perhaps one of you would have better luck trying to link this as a course or Independent Study with a university

Transportation: Airplane and chartered van

Financing:

NEA grants, donations, partial payment by participants, Alliant Energy grant, Kellogg Grant, Quad-Graphics; Bill Gates, Oprah

Proposed advisors:

Tony Dallmann Jones

NAREN Executive Board

Jeremy Kamps and others on this end from the East coast

Travel agent-to be named

Others as needed

Marian College rejected this proposal several years ago because it was shortly after the terrorist bombings and they were afraid of liability. We would have to look at NAREN liability and insurance coverage

Possible pre or post trip:

The students who founded TEAM that first September morning are now entering their sophomore year at top boarding, day, parochial and magnet high schools around the country. Though the average student in that first class entered the fifth grade already two to three grade levels behind their peers nationwide, they made multiple years of academic progress each year. Four years after they began, these students had reversed the achievement gap, outperformed their peers in Newark, the state of New Jersey, and the nation, and earned over \$600,000 in scholarships to some of the finest high schools in the country, including Phillips Exeter Academy, Loomis Chaffee and Deerfield Academy.

There were no shortcuts. No excuses. No formulas. Just hard work. And a lot of it.

Since 2002, hundreds of other young men and women have followed the lead of the founding class and spent countless hours pushing themselves to meet high academic standards and expand their worlds in ways they never expected. They have spent long afternoons running the length of a cross country course, learning the true meaning of a Shakespearean play, or staying after school for extra help. They have stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and recited the words of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. They have hiked the Grand Canyon, walked the redwood forests of Northern California, and danced salsa in Puerto Rico. And they have volunteered in food banks, cleaned up local parks, raised money for hurricane victims, and shown that being a compassionate citizen is just as important as being a good student.

Today, TEAM Academy has grown from a class of 80 kids in a cramped hallway into a network of three TEAM Schools serving over 600 students, with plans to expand further. Rise Academy, TEAM's second middle school, opened in August 2006, and the high school, Newark Collegiate

Academy, opened this fall. The commitment and extraordinary achievements of those first 80 students have paved the way for hundreds more of Newark's students to join in this mission and prepare themselves for college and beyond.

Though TEAM's growth has been fast over the past five years, there is even more expansion, and more impact, yet to come. Within the next three years, TEAM Schools will add two K-4 elementary schools, extending the network to a K-12 model. Fully enrolled, TEAM's five schools will serve over 2,000 students, or 5% of the students served by the Newark public school district. Though many daunting challenges – from recruiting excellent school leaders and teachers to obtaining suitable facilities – litter the landscape, the hundreds of students on TEAM's waiting list serve as a constant reminder that growth is imperative.

Visit one to two innovative school created by Ryan Hill from Beaver Dam. He has been featured a television programs and in magazines for his mission in working with at-risk populations. Please visit these web sites for additional information.

2008 NARENWICH Board Elections

We are currently looking for individuals from the following regions to consider throwing their name in the ring to be candidates for our 2008 board elections. If you are interested in serving your region, please contact Randy Hughes at hughesr@kaukauna.k12.wi.us

Names Submitted

Region 3 (CESA's 7 & 8 / Conference Committee)	Kim Hoffmann
Region 5 (CESA's 5 & 6 / Membership Committee)	Sid Vineburg
Region 6 (CESA's 1 & 2 / Political Action Committee)	Kelly Schwegel

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2008 NARENWICH Conference Information

March 6 & 7 2008

The Paper Valley Hotel (Radisson) 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 733-8000 or (888) 201-1718 info@radissonpapervalley.com .

People who choose to stay there will be able to get rooms for \$89 per night. Reserve your rooms by Feb. 6th to get the discounted rate.

Parking is \$1.00 per ramp entry

Themes

- Differentiating in the Classroom
- Brain-Based Learning;
- Mental Health Resources for Students;
- Middle School Programs
- Professional Development
- Staff Wellness

Keynote Speaker is Jerry Conrath

Workshop Sessions will be posted on the Web

2008 NAREN Conference Information

February 19-21, 2008

Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City, Florida

The theme for the 2008 conference will be “Successful Programs & Practices.” The conference will be colleagues sharing their success in a highly-charged, powerful atmosphere where there will be over 20 inspiring field-tested models, programs and teaching methods that work well with at-risk youth.

Pre-Conference Seminar: *The Angel/Warrior Educator & Quality Standards of At-Risk Education*

Note: College credit(1) is available through NCATE accredited Marian College for an extra \$195, bringing total cost for the Seminar with credit to \$300 (before applicable discounts).

<http://www.atriskeducation.net/index.html>