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TO: Student PSEA Chapter Advisers  
Student PSEA Chapter Presidents

FROM: Dr. Christopher M. Clayton  
Student PSEA Program Director

RE: 2018 Student PSEA Conference & Convention – “WE ARE...The Change”

It's that time of year again... time to register for the 2018 Student PSEA Conference & Convention! This year's conference will be held **April 5-7, 2018**, at the **Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA**.

**Please review this packet carefully as there are several steps to registration.** This year's event features enhanced information on the Student PSEA website, an all-inclusive registration fee, an online workshop and Outreach to Teach selection process, and a meeting for chapter advisers that focuses on your issues and concerns.

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#### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING?

- Membership Roster, Registration Materials, and Return Envelope
- Adviser Registration Form and Meeting Invitation
- Conference Activities Fliers including APEX, Learning Center, and PACE instructions – please share with your chapter and post on bulletin boards to encourage participation! (Note: Fliers are available at [www.psea.org/studentconference](http://www.psea.org/studentconference) if you need additional copies.)
- Student PSEA Award Nomination Information
- Outreach to Teach Cover Letter and Flier

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#### REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$85 for **each** Student PSEA member and \$25 for each chapter adviser. The fee includes registration, meals, materials, and the conference T-shirt.

Meals provided include breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday.

There is no limit to the number of participants who can attend the **conference**; however, the number of **voting** delegates for the **convention** (business meeting) is determined by chapter size. This number is listed in the upper right-hand corner of your roster cover sheet.

**Please note that all participants must be Student PSEA members to attend the conference and convention.**

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## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

1. Return the enclosed membership delegate roster listing everyone from your chapter who is attending the 2018 Student PSEA Conference & Convention with payment. Checks should be made payable to "PSEA Student Program" and returned by **March 23, 2018**, in the enclosed envelope or mailed to:  
Susan Watson  
PSEA Student Programs  
P.O. Box 1724  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-1724.
2. Direct your students to the Student PSEA website at [www.psea.org/studentconference](http://www.psea.org/studentconference), so they can select their individual workshops and Outreach to Teach project. **Please note that if a student does not select their workshops online, they will not be considered registered for the conference, even if their name is on the delegate form. The delegate roster only registers students for the convention (business meeting).**
3. Students will register for Outreach to Teach projects when they register for their workshops. There is no paper registration for Outreach to Teach. All registrants for Outreach to Teach must register using the online registration form.
4. Register yourself for the 2018 Student PSEA Conference & Convention online or use the enclosed Adviser Registration Form.
5. If your chapter is competing in the **APEX and/or Learning Center** competitions, complete the preregistration form(s) available at [www.psea.org/studentconference](http://www.psea.org/studentconference).

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Penn Stater Hotel at the following dedicated link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=475&Chain=475&template=RBE&shell=RBE&arrive=4/5/2018&depart=4/7/2018&adult=1&child=0&group=PSEA18A>

**Or you can call the hotel at 1-800-233-7505 and ask for 2018 PSEA Student Conference or Group Code PSEA18A by March 5 to guarantee the PSEA rate of \$114.**

Guests should mention "PSEA Student Conference" to ensure the discounted rate, and all rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrangements may be made with other chapters if you need to fill a double, triple, or quad. Space is limited; please call to make reservations ASAP. Parking is available at the hotel and is free for the outdoor parking lots.

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## APEX & LEARNING CENTERS

The **APEX Showcase** (Achieving Professional Excellence) is a wonderful opportunity for Student PSEA chapters to demonstrate their level of commitment to Student PSEA and its mission in the areas of:

- Community Service
- Leadership & Membership Development
- Political Awareness, Action, & Advocacy
- Professional Development

**All online APEX entries must be submitted to: [students@psea.org](mailto:students@psea.org) by March 30. Include the university name in the subject line (i.e., Clarion University APEX Submission).**

### **Learning Center Competition**

Individual (one participant) and chapter (two or more participants working as a group). Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each category.

Registration forms for the Learning Center Competition are available at [www.psea.org/studentconference](http://www.psea.org/studentconference) and **MUST be postmarked by March 23, 2018, in order to participate!**

**Guidelines and registration forms** for both **APEX and Learning Centers** are available on the Student PSEA website at [www.psea.org/studentconference](http://www.psea.org/studentconference).

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT: CHAPTER “COMPETITION”**

In an effort to give back and support the community, we will be once again holding a “competition” among the chapters to see who can bring the most “high-need” items to support the Harrisburg Downtown Daily Bread “Food Plus” program.

This amazing downtown Harrisburg soup kitchen provides hot, nutritious lunches 365 days a year, as well as phones, mail service, lockers, showers, haircuts, clothing, counselors, transportation, and more to the needy and homeless in the city. The work they do every single day literally makes a life or death difference for people, and they are in dire need of donations to help support their cause!

Encourage your chapter members to bring any and all of the “**wish list**” items found **on the flier included in this packet** to the conference, and your chapter could win prizes and recognition for your efforts to support this worthy cause. Please help us support those in need; every single item collected will really help.

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### **ELECTIONS**

At the convention, we will **elect state and region officers for 2018-19**, as well as delegates to the **PSEA Houses of Delegates** and the **NEA Student Leadership Conference and Representative Assembly** (which will be held in Minneapolis, MN). Additional information about the positions, duties and responsibilities, and the election process is available at [www.psea.org/studentconference](http://www.psea.org/studentconference).

Serving in a leadership position or representing Student PSEA at a state or national event provides unique opportunities to our members, including networking and professional development.

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### **ATTIRE**

**Thursday:** Chapter T-shirts are encouraged for the ice cream social event.

**Friday: Conference attire is business/business casual;** dress as you would on a day as a student teacher at your school. Dress jeans or comfortable slacks are appropriate – no sweatpants/yoga pants.

**Friday evening** before heading off to Tyrone Area School District, you can change into comfortable pants and sneakers that you don't mind getting dirty, along with your conference T-shirt. We hope that everyone will wear their conference T-shirt to the Outreach to Teach project, as we want to be one big team while we are there!

**Saturday is business casual**, as we have much business to accomplish!

**As always, we recommend that you donate \$10-\$15 to PSEA-PACE. With your donation you will receive the opportunity to purchase a professional headshot, photo booth photos of you and your friends at the conference, and tickets for baskets at the silent auction.**