

Newsletter

ALABAMA NAFME
COLLEGIATE

September 2026



Alabama NAFME Collegiate Summit

The Alabama NAFME Collegiate Summit is a FREE professional development opportunity for all NAFME Collegiate members in the state of Alabama. This is a chance to collaborate with and learn from college students, professors, and music educators across the state.

This year's Summit will take place on **Sunday, September 20th from 1:00-6:00 PM** and will be hosted at the **University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL**. There will be guest speakers, a panel of young teachers from disciplines across the state, opportunities to meet new people, and a reception with free food and chance to speak with AMEA Leadership.

If you plan to attend the 2026 Summit, fill out the Collegiate Summit Registration no later than **Thursday, September 10th at 11:59 PM**.

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	12:30–1:00 PM	ARRIVAL & CONNECTION
	1:00–1:20 PM	WELCOME & OPENING
	1:20–2:05 PM	FEATURED LEADERSHIP SESSION
	2:15–3:00 PM	INTERACTIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
	3:00–3:45 PM	TEACHER PANEL DISCUSSION
	4:00–5:00 PM	RECEPTION WITH AMEA LEADERS
	5:00–5:40 PM	THE FUTURE OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN ALABAMA
	5:40–6:00 PM	CLOSING: WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

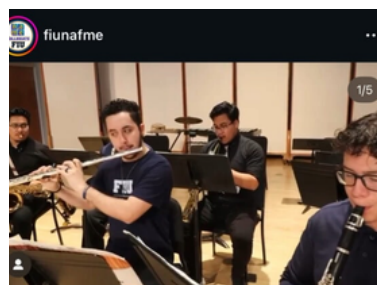
NafME Collegiate Kickoff Week

September 14th-September 18th



Collegiate Kickoff Week is a celebration of our collegiate members of NafME. The event focuses on recruiting, team-building, and advocacy activities implemented and shared by each NafME Collegiate chapter. Kickoff Week offers students the opportunity to highlight their local programs and membership while participating in service and volunteer events.

Chapters will plan activities each day with social media promotion centered on a daily focus connecting to their state, division, and national associations.



NafME Collegiate Fall Membership Rally

September 16th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM CT

Join NafME Collegiate members and advisors from around the country during NafME Collegiate Kickoff Week for an exciting back-to-school virtual rally! Get to know your Collegiate Advisory Council representatives, hear from your national leadership, and win door prizes alongside other NafME Collegiate members!

Invite your chapter and prepare for the most inspiring back-to-school event yet! Continue to prepare for this year's NafME Collegiate Kickoff Week and follow NafME Collegiate on Instagram (@nafmecollegiateofficial) and Facebook (@nafmecollegiateofficial.)

Schedule

- September 14th: Service Monday
- September 15th: Musical Tuesday
- September 16th: Advocacy Wednesday, Virtual Collegiate Rally
- September 17th: Professional Development Thursday
- September 18th: Chapter Recruitment Friday

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NAfME Collegiate Chat

NAfME Webinar

NAfME Virtual Opportunities - Upcoming September 2026

NAfME presents live virtual events at no charge to all as a service to the music education profession. To register, you must enter your NAfME member information or create a nonmember account. After registering, check your email for instructions. A recording of the programs will be available to all registrants for one week following the live event. Members can also view archived NAfME webinars in the NAfME Academy.

Collegiate Chapter Leadership Training 2026

September 3rd, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

All current, future, and potential NAfME Collegiate Chapter leadership and chapter advisors are invited to join members of the NAfME Collegiate Advisory Council and NAfME Collegiate Program Manager Ben Reyes for a special leadership training this fall.

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Promoting Music Engagement for Student with Profound Intellectual Disabilities

September 9th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

This session includes strategies that promote engagement for individuals with profound intellectual disabilities, who represent a historically disenfranchised population.

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Inclusive Curriculum Design for the K-8 Modern Music Instructor

September 15th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM CT

Public education music classrooms vary wildly depending on the school size, location, budget, and resources available. Therefore, making a one-size-fits-all music education curriculum is nearly impossible.

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Percussion Frameworks: Practical Pedagogy for the Non-Percussionist

September 23rd, 6:00 - 7:00 PM CT

Participants will leave with practical strategies for immediate classroom implementation, tools for improving percussion student outcomes, and a clearer understanding of how to support balanced, high-quality ensemble performance.

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Guitar Educator Town Hall, Fall 2026

September 24th, 7:15 - 8:15 PM CT

Join the members of the Council for Guitar Education as we answer your pedagogical guitar questions. We will create breakout rooms to specifically address your needs in the classroom.

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NAfME Every Child is Musical: Access, Barriers, and Belonging in Music Education

September 28th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM CT

This session examines common access barriers in elementary music instruction—including sensory, cognitive, and physical—and explores how lesson design can either reinforce or remove those barriers.

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Get to know your state board members!



Sarah Beth Black
President

Year: Senior
Instrument: Tuba
School: University of
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From: Pelham, AL



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School: University of
Alabama
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Treasurer

Year: Senior
Instrument: Horn
School: University of
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From: Homewood, AL



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