

Newsletter

ALABAMA NAFME
COLLEGIATE

October 2026



Fall cNAfME Summit Recap

First, we want to thank everyone who attended the 2026 AMEA NAFME Collegiate Fall Summit! It was incredible to get to meet so many new people, learn from many different perspectives, and to experience the energy of the future of music education in our state.

If you attended, please take a moment to fill out the NAFME Collegiate Summit Feedback Form. This will help in planning future collegiate events in our state and ensure that the 2027 Summit is representative of what collegiates in our state are interested in.



FEEDBACK FORM



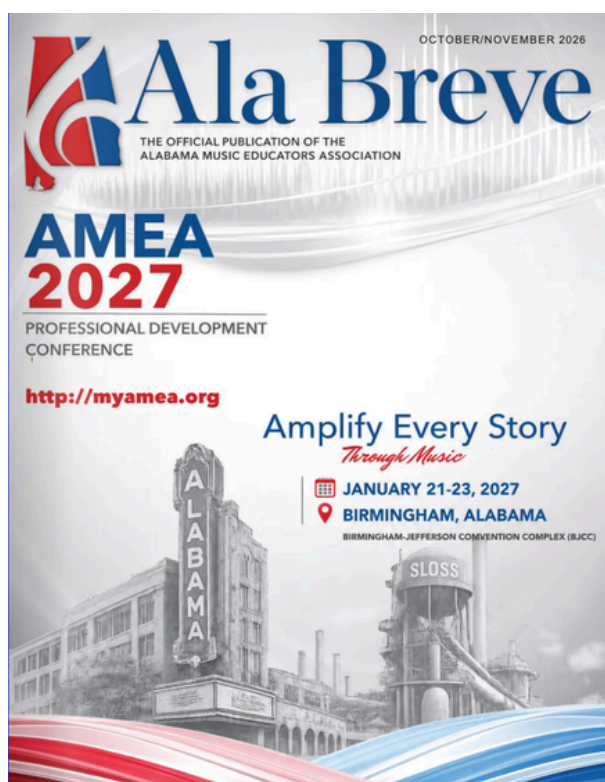
Happening in AMEA



The 2027 Conference will take place at the BJCC in Birmingham, Alabama from January 21-23, 2027.

To receive the discounted AMEA member registration rate, you must have a current NAFME membership before registering for the conference. To join or renew your NAFME membership visit the NAFME website. Keep in mind all previous year NAFME memberships expires on June 30, 2025.

Collegiate member registration is \$40.00, and you will also have the option to register for the collegiate luncheon (which is free!). *Early conference registration will end on January 11th, 2027 and prices will increase by \$15.00 at this time.*



Check out the October/November
Ala Breve Article!

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Music Advocacy Starts With US!

An article by our very own AMEA
Collegiate President!



NAfME Collegiate Chat

NAfME Webinar

NAfME Virtual Opportunities - Upcoming October 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.

Sequencing Folk Dance Skills for All Students

October 7th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM CT

Successful folk dancing can teach a lot of skills but doesn't magically happen in one lesson. This webinar will help teachers understand how to sequence folk dance skills from kindergarten to upper elementary, including strategies for including special needs students.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Music Education and Students with Disabilities and/or Those Living in Poverty: A NAfME Symposium

October 10th, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM CT

Where is the field of music in special education and the care of students who live in poverty heading in the next 10 years? How can we prepare to be the best teachers possible for our students?

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Guitar Teaching Focused on Creative Development and Composition Skills

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

This webinar presents an approach to guitar instruction for children ages 5–11 that cultivates creativity and early compositional thinking. It integrates theoretical understanding, practical musicianship, and expressive development, offering a substantive alternative to technique centered traditional models.

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Move It or Lose It: Joyful Movement Activities That Foster Classroom Community

October 20th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM CT

Movement is a powerful and engaging way to bring music concepts to life in the classroom. This webinar explores how simple movement activities can be used to quickly engage elementary students while reinforcing important musical skills.

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More Than a Rehearsal: A Music Teacher's Guide to Acing Observations

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

What does a strong music lesson look like through an administrator's eyes? In this dynamic session, Kamil Cooper and Principal Troy Cato bridge the gap between rehearsal-based instruction and formal teacher evaluations.

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