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**MACTE May 2025 Newsletter**

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## May 2025 Newsletter

The Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) publishes a newsletter monthly during the academic year. MACTE members with information or opportunities of interest to the broader teacher education community are invited to submit items for the newsletter. Please contact [mactecommunication@gmail.com](mailto:mactecommunication@gmail.com) for more information.

## MACTE Updates

### Fall Conference: Call for Presentations

MACTE is currently seeking presentations for our fall conference. [The conference will be held on October 23 and 24th at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth.](#) MACTE's executive committee has chosen to continue a focus on AI in teacher education throughout the coming academic year. Therefore, presentations focused on AI are especially encouraged, though other topics are also welcome.

Our fall conference is our only in-person event, as we will continue our practice of holding Winter and Spring conferences online. We hope that as many members as possible will join us at the Crowne Plaza in October.

We encourage you to reserve this date and make plans to attend and also hope many of our members will consider presenting.

Submit a Fall Proposal

## **New Self Study Symposium Planned for Fall 2025**

MACTE and PELSB are partnering to create an event connected to MACTE's fall conference to support units as they prepare to write their self study and host their reaccreditation site visit. MACTE is looking for input from members about the topics and format that will best meet their needs for self-study support. Please consider filling out [this form](#) to help guide our event preparation. You can also reach out to Cari Maguire ([maguire@umn.edu](mailto:maguire@umn.edu)) to share ideas.

## **MACTE to attend Elevate Teaching Convening**

MACTE will be represented at the Elevate Teaching Convening on May 31st, hosting a table to provide information about teacher education in Minnesota and the multiple options for licensure programs available through our members. MACTE Executive Director Cari Maguire will be hosting a table at the Roseville locations and MACTE President Keri DeSutter will be hosting a table at the Fergus Falls event location. MACTE members and anyone interested in teacher education are encouraged to stop by!

Details about the event can be found on [the Elevate teaching website](#).

## **MACTE is Seeking a Treasurer**

After five years of excellent service to the MACTE community, Athena Novack's time as our treasurer is drawing to a close. MEC is looking for someone to step forward to fill this important service position. The treasurer often serves simultaneously as a member of MEC but this is not required. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Cari Maguire ([maguire@umn.edu](mailto:maguire@umn.edu)). Athena is also happy to meet with interested members and discuss the work of the MACTE treasurer.

## Summer 2025 Newsletter Hiatus

Congratulations on the end of the 2024-25 academic year! The MACTE Newsletter will be on summer break in June, July, and August. We will return in September. The MACTE Executive Committee wishes you all a restful summer!

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## Legislative Updates

### **Legislative Session Ends Without Final Education Budget Deal – Special Session on the Horizon**

The 2025 legislative session officially ended on May 19 without a final agreement on the K-12 education and higher education budgets—where many of our key priorities were under consideration. Both the House and Senate K-12 education committees were assigned spending targets of \$0 for the next two years, with \$420 million in education cuts scheduled for the following budget cycle. A major point of contention in K-12 was funding for unemployment insurance for hourly school workers, which became a sticking point in the final days of the session.

With many unresolved issues, a special session is now inevitable. While the exact timing is still uncertain, lawmakers must finalize all outstanding budget bills soon to avoid a government shutdown in July. Committees have already begun meeting in public “working groups,” although it seems much of the negotiation is happening behind closed doors. Once the special session is officially called, we expect the process to move quickly: conference committees will form and send bills to the House and Senate floors for final votes. With the House evenly split, compromise will be critical to any deal.

Several of our legislative priorities remain at risk, including funding for teacher apprenticeships, residency programs, student teacher grants, and Grow Your Own programs. The Aspiring Teachers of Color Scholarship Program was not included in this year’s proposals. CUGMEC, under a new name, appears to be preserved. Our supported updates to the Read Act (provisions on re-licensure for Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers) is tied up in the broader K-12 Education Finance bill due to associated fiscal impacts with the larger bill. Bills can be found on the conference committee website (<https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/cc/>) with our areas

of interest housed in K-12 Education Finance, K-12 Education Policy, Higher Education, and Labor.

We will continue to monitor developments. If the special session concludes successfully in June, we will send a follow-up update reporting the outcomes related to our legislative agenda.

## **TeachMN Updates**

As we move into summer, TeachMN wants to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued collaboration! Your partnership is critical in helping clarify and strengthen the pathways to licensure for prospective teachers here in Minnesota.

Below are a few important updates and opportunities for programs:

### **Reminder: Complete Your TeachMN Profile AND Checklist spreadsheets**

We're now in the creation phase! Thanks to the 8 TPPs who have submitted profile and checklist spreadsheets so far! Our team is hard at work in creating your pages.

To help ensure your Teacher Preparation Program is featured on TeachMN.org, please aim to complete your profile and checklist spreadsheets by Friday, June 27th.

**Need more time, or have questions?** Please reach out to Angela Wunderlich ([awunderlich@teachmn.org](mailto:awunderlich@teachmn.org)) directly to talk through a preferred timeline or complete the spreadsheets alongside her.

### **Submit Your Events for Our Statewide Events Page**

Planning any upcoming events that are open to prospective students? Whether it's a campus tour, info session, or admissions webinar – we'd love to help amplify it to the future teachers visiting our platform!

Submit your events [here](#) to be featured on the [TeachMN Events Page](#), a central hub where aspiring educators explore opportunities across Minnesota.

### **Co-Host a Summer or Fall Event with TeachMN**

Let's team up to spotlight your program! We're seeking summer co-hosts for virtual or in-person events designed to attract and inform future educators. Some ideas we'd love to partner on:

- *Learn About [Your School Name]’s Apprenticeship Program*
- *Financing Your Education at [Your School Name]*
- *What Should I Teach? Exploring teaching pathways at [Your School Name]*

If you’re interested in co-hosting, reach out to Angela (contact info above) and we’ll set up a quick planning call. TeachMN will take care of generating all promotional materials!

### **Coming Soon: TPP Toolkit**

In June, we’ll be releasing a custom toolkit created specifically for Teacher Preparation Programs across Minnesota. It will include:

- Outreach templates to promote your program
- Information on TeachMN’s free resources designed to increase your start-to-submit rates (especially the \$100 application fee reimbursements and \$1K scholarships)
- Customizable TeachMN graphics and messaging
- Strategies to encourage applications and engagement

Utilizing this toolkit is a critical component of our partnership, and we hope it will be useful within your networks, helping you to boost visibility and reach more aspiring teachers statewide.

As always, we’re grateful for your partnership, and for your time and input in this early phase of collaboration.

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## **AACTE Updates**

### **A Call to Reforge the Historic Compact Between Higher Education and the Federal Government**

The longstanding partnership between the federal government and colleges and universities has made American higher education the envy of the world and an engine of national progress and prosperity. All Americans, whether they went to college or not, have benefited from this compact. The results are embedded in the smartphones they hold in their hands, the cars they drive, the medical

care they receive when they need it most, and the inventions that power our world-leading economy.

The undersigned associations represent those colleges and universities and the communities they serve. On behalf of tens of millions of students, educators, researchers, and administrators nationwide, we oppose recent government actions that jeopardize this partnership. We urge the administration to work with us to reforge this compact and advance our shared national interests. [Continue reading on AACTE's website.](#)

## **AACTE Accepting Submissions for the 2026 Awards**

AACTE is now accepting submissions for the 2026 Awards from now until later this summer through the application portal on the [AACTE website](#).

The AACTE Awards Program celebrates excellence in educator preparation by honoring both member institutions and individuals who have made significant contributions to the field.

Nominations may be submitted to recognize an individual, colleague, or institution whose work exemplifies innovation, leadership, and a commitment to high standards in educator preparation. Full details on eligibility, criteria, and submission guidelines are available on the [AACTE Awards Program page](#).

Award recipients will be formally recognized at the 2026 AACTE Annual Meeting, taking place February 20 – 22 in New Orleans.

## **Empower Your Leadership Journey at AACTE's 2025 Leadership Academy**

AACTE invites deans, department chairs, faculty leaders, and other academic administrators to register for the [2025 Leadership Academy](#), taking place June 23–26 in Baltimore. This highly regarded professional development event is designed to strengthen leadership capacity across educator preparation programs while fostering a national network of peer support and shared learning.

Whether you're a seasoned administrator or just beginning your leadership journey, the Leadership Academy provides a transformative space to explore strategic challenges, develop solutions, and invest in your professional growth away from the daily demands of campus life.

# PELSB Updates

## Annual Board Retreat

PELSB invites you to join the Board's annual retreat on **June 16, 17, and 18** in the 7-county metro area. The theme for this year's retreat is **Emerging Trends: The Future of Education**. Please join us in conversation as we consider how to best serve Minnesota's students and teachers.

The [Board Meetings page](#) on the PELSB website will be updated with more information and materials as the retreat dates approach.

## Elevate Teaching Spring 2025 Convening

### *Celebrating Teachers and Educators*

Elevate Teaching is hosting a Spring Convening event on May 31 celebrating teachers and educators. The gathering will feature a keynote address by 2024 Teacher of the Year Tracy Byrd, an engaging champion panel, youth performances, activities, food & beverages, and a community resource fair.

#### Event Details

- May 31
- 10am-2pm (coffee and networking begin at 9:30am)
- Concurrent Events across Minnesota in Roseville, St. Cloud, and Fergus Falls.

This event is for all teachers, educators, and those who support the teaching profession - including aspiring educators, district leaders, students, families, and community members.

[Learn More or Register Here](#)

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# Resources & Opportunities

## We Share Solar Partnership

The [Minnesota State Engineering Center of Excellence](#) has partnered with [We Share Solar](#) to develop an engineering unit for its solar electricity curriculum for 7th-10th grade. On August 11-12, we will offer a two-day teacher training for the We Share Solar kits and the engineering unit at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The equipment fee is \$400/school for up to two teachers, and teachers will receive a \$200 stipend for participating.

[View the flyer for more information.](#) Interested schools/teachers should apply before it is full!

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