

News About Music Therapy Students

AMTAS SPRING 2002 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR NATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR ~

Your 2002-2003 Officers can only be described as truly AWESOME. The e-waves have been burning with communication about establishing a new student scholarship, ways to finance that scholarship, and ways to involve as many students as possible in AMTA and AMTAS. All you have to do is wish to get involved and they will make it happen!!

I have been asked to coordinate a "Make Your Own Kind of Music" project between several New York City schools, day programs, and Music Therapy Clubs. To date, seven music therapy clubs are participating by responding to three schools and an Adult Day Program which are all located near the site of the 9/11 attack. The principals of the schools with which I have communicated are very strong, caring, women who are pleased with the music therapy services they have received through the Grant and are touched that our students (you) want to reach out to these children and adults. Unfortunately, this began late in the school year. I am unsure as to what we will be asked to do next fall. September may be a very difficult month for New York City and we may be asked to step forward to help out. Please keep this in mind and be prepared to assist.

Have a great summer, rest your weary brains, practice your instruments (you know which ones!), and return refreshed and ready to continue the journey. Know that your Officers will be working hard in planning for Atlanta.

JoEllyn Berky Beck, PhD, MT-BC

The President Speaks~

Hello, everyone!! The New Year brought a lot of excitement and hard work to the AMTAS Executive Board. We have been working diligently to create a new scholarship to encourage participation in the National organization within the sophomore and junior classes. We have finished (application available in this newsletter)! To support this scholarship, we are working on a fundraiser, which we anticipate to hold at

National Conference in Atlanta. I can honestly say this year's Executive Board is extremely hard working and focused on the students' needs. We are planning to present a student focus session during concurrent sessions at National Conference to target your needs as students and as a student organization. We are interested in what the students' opinions are and are always open to your suggestions. As your president, I want

to be able to help you in any way I can. We are the future of music therapy and it is an exciting future. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas at ginny_d_mr@hotmail.com. I want to work with you to make this organization as strong as we know it can be.

Sincerely,
Ginny Darnell, AMTAS President

THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY SAYS ~

This year is off to a pretty good start. Contact between old and new representatives have been good, and many have been good with reporting in to the national office. I still need all regional representatives to contact either Ginny Darnell, President or me with any updated contact information so that can be distributed to everyone.

My national office is one of the most positive aspects about this year. It's great getting to know the entire executive board and planning the fundraisers and scholarships. I enjoy discussing these issues and many other different ideas from people all around the country. I have learned so much within the last five months. I highly recommend that everyone get involved on this level. Thank you everyone for all of your hard work. See you on Halloween!!

Sarah Gagnon, AMTAS Secretary

THE TREASURER REPORTS ~

Hi everyone! My name is Laura Shearin, from Appalachian State University, and I am serving as your treasurer for AMTAS this year. The AMTAS has been busy working to plan for a scholarship to help increase student involvement. I hope we all work together to help AMTAS best utilize our budget so we can be as helpful to you as possible. I look forward to meeting many of you in Atlanta this fall. Start fundraising now to help defray the costs! Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. See you in the fall!

Laura Shearin, 2002 AMTAS Treasurer

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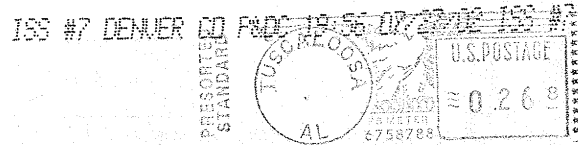
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