

Greetings!

This year I will be leading those of us who work in the Middle School/Jr. High school levels. My goal is to share knowledge through professional development and networking. To that end, I welcome your input, tips and tricks, ideas for training and experience. If you have questions or areas you would like us to explore, please share them. Remember, we can all benefit from sharing with each other and that's what NAEOP is all about.

Across the nation we have affiliates on both the local and state levels that hold conferences and professional development days. Most of these are open to everyone and can provide you access to growth. Starting this fall, NAEOP will be hosting a series of webinars on a variety of topics. Be sure to visit the NAEOP website at naeop.org and mark your calendars for those that interest you.

NAEOP's Professional Standards Program (PSP) is another avenue to invest in yourself. The program has two options for completion. Option 1 is for those who do not hold college degrees, Option II is for those who hold an Associate degree and higher. Both options focus on education, professional development, participation and leadership. Once you have completed the levels in your Option you can apply for your Certified Educational Office Employee designation (CEOE). I participated in the PSP and attained my CEOE in 2014. It was a great opportunity to invest in myself and reminded me that I am a lifelong learner.

This year, NAEOP President Lisa Morehouse, CEOE, has asked us to "Accept the Challenge, Become the Difference." I hope this inspires you to not only learn and grown, but to share what you've learned with others so they can do the same. This year make a promise to yourself to take on a challenge both at work and in your personal life. Look for experiences that will give you some "growing pains," you won't regret it.

Remember, I'm here to help you grow and explore. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about NAEOP, our council or opportunities in our educational field.

I look forward to working with both President Morehouse and the NAEOP Board as we "Accept the Challenge and Become the Difference."

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