

MAEO NEWSLETTER



MICHIGAN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

WINTER 2019

President's Message

Wow! Is it February already? MAEO had a very busy fall with new and improved events in November. We held our first one day conference since 2011. This PD opportunity, titled *Trauma Informed*, was hosted by *Renaissance High School in Plainwell* and was well attended by current MAEO members as well as some new faces around the tables. Participants were overheard making comments like: "This is the best professional development I've had in years!". About what they had learned with respect to resilience techniques: "We can do these things!" was said. As someone who participated, I can say from my own experience that it was magic, the combination I look for in every conference I attend: knowledge and techniques that I can apply right away.

Did I hear magic? MAEO STARS Kick Off and Leadership Conference was held on November 14 with a new location and a special guest who performed magic and discussed his strategies for overcoming life's obstacles. A record eleven schools attended, including three school programs new to STARS. There were over one hundred twenty participants. Lots of enthusiasm was expressed both for getting our alternative students together as well as opportunities for our teacher advisors to network and share what they are doing in their schools.

Upcoming Events: The MAEO Annual Spring Conference is all set for keynote speakers but is still in the planning stages if you are interested in presenting. Please go to the maeo.org website and fill out the Call for Presenter's form as soon as possible. We are working hard to get you the information about what will be offered in April.

Scholarship and Service Award Nominations

Please be aware that the deadline for submitting Service Award nominations and Scholarship Applications has been extended to **February 20, 2019**. All of these snow days are a great time to think about and submit these forms before the deadline.

Last but not least, it is during this time of year when the weather is throwing us curve balls at every juncture, and it is easy to get down, that we need to take notice and celebrate our successes. I wish to express my appreciation for all you do for students in alternative education across the state and celebrate our schools/ programs ability to give them *Another Choice, Another Chance*.

Thank you,

Deb Baughman

2018-2019 MAEO President

**SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE
EXTENDED!!!!
All scholarship
applications must
be **POSTMARKED**
by **February 27,**
2019!**

March 20, 2019
MAEO STARS
Legislative Day

**MAEO ANNUAL
SPRING CONFERENCE**
Double Tree Hotel
Bay City, MI
April 24-26, 2019

Visit www.maeo.org for all the details, registration forms, and hotel booking links.

Remember to check out www.maeo.org and connect with us on social media for the most up-to-date information and photos!