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## LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING YOU



Greetings all! I hope you have all had a successful start to the school year. My Name is Scott Wilson, and as of August 1, I am the new Chapter Director for Ohio EdTA.

I am a drama and speech teacher in the Columbus City School District at Centennial High School. This is my twelfth year teaching.

I have served on the Board of OEdTA for eight years now and have learned a lot during those years under the leadership of both David Leist and Gloria McIntyre. I hope to continue with the great programs we have developed while exploring new options for our students.

My bachelor's degree was earned in musical theatre from Otterbein College. I later returned there for my teacher certification. In 2007 I completed my thesis to earn a Master of Theatre Studies degree in Design and Production from Southern Oregon University.

In addition to my work with OEdTA, I have served on committees for the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education and wrote model curriculum for the Ohio Department of Education. I have also had the opportunity to represent Ohio at National Arts Advocacy Day in Washington, DC on two occasions. Last summer allowed me the opportunity to be a delegate to Governor Strickland's Institute for Creativity and Innovation in Education Summit.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to meeting you at our events this year!

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OCTOBER 3

The annual Leadership Conference will be again at Hilliard Davidson High School on Saturday, October 3.

The current SSOs will lead classes in different aspects of leadership for your troupe leaders and emerging leaders.

In addition to leadership training, there will also be a track of classes to introduce all of the opportunities we offer to your students.

A college audition workshop and potential SSO workshop will also be offered.

Our Junoir Troupe delegates will

have the opportunity to meet collectively and start planning their state conference. Board members Mike Belcuore and Becky Rhinehart will help guide these sessions.

The adults in attendance will receive the latest information on government issues pertaining to arts education from the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education's Joan Platz. In addition we will update the troupe directors with the latest information from the EdTA Home Office.

The registration form was sent with the opening letter and is also available to download on the website (ohedta.org). Your registration is due to Sandy Belcuore by September 25.

## 2009-2010 OEdTA Events

*Leadership Day*  
*October 3*  
*Hilliard Davidson HS*

*Junior Conference*  
*February 19-20, 2010*  
*Olentangy Liberty MS*

*Ohio Thespian State*  
*Conference*  
*March 19-21, 2010*  
*Ashland University*

### AREA EVENTS

*Central Area*  
*Dec 5- Bexley HS*

*North Area*  
*Jan 16- Edison HS*

*Northeast Area*  
*Jan 9- Firestone HS*

*Northwest Area*  
*Jan 30- TBA*

*Southeast Area*  
*Dec 5- Crooksville HS*

*Southwest Area*  
*Dec 12- Northmont HS*

[www.ohedta.org](http://www.ohedta.org)

## FEE CHANGES ARE COMING

Due to the changing economy and other factors, the Board voted to increase certain fees for the upcoming year. We went with the philosophy that we would charge more for the “extras” at conference, rather than increasing the registration fee for everyone.

Individual Events registration will change from being \$5.00 per category to \$5.00 per person. Therefore, if you enter a duet musical competitor, the cost would be \$10.00. Every competitor now receives an official EdTA certificate for participating in IEs.

The cost of the shuttle has been the same for 13 years. It will now cost \$12.00 per person to help defray mileage and gas costs charged by the bus service.

We will also begin charging students to participate in the college auditions. The fee will be \$5.00. This will help cover the costs of the meals and goodie bags given to the college representatives.

Finally, the cost of conference t-shirts will now be \$12.00 with XXL costing \$15.00. We will also offer small t-shirts this year.

**IE CHANGE...** In order to align with the rules at the National Individual Events Showcase at the International Thespian Festival, **we will no longer allow live accompaniment for IEs.** There will be a CD/iPod/MP3 player in the room, but it is recommended that the students bring their own playback device as a back-up.

**2010 ALL-OHIO... *Indian Blood*** by A.R. Gurney will be the All-Ohio Show this year. It will be directed by freelance director Doreen Dunn and the technical director will be Scott Price from Ashland University. Further details will be available soon.

**HERB SPROWLS GRANT...** The application for the Herb Sprowls Grant is available on our website ([ohedta.org](http://ohedta.org)). The application deadline is November 30. We will award four Thespians the grant which will cover their registration and travel expenses to attend the state conference. In the five years we have been awarding this grant, only once have we had more than four applicants.

## CRITICAL LINKS COURSE BEING OFFERED TO MEMBERS

The syllabus for Critical Links Online, the Educational Theatre Association’s 2009–10 professional development class for theatre educators, is now available as a PDF on the EdTA website.

The focus of the course will be the Critical Links Inquiry Process, a professional development program that helps educators refine their teaching methodology through classroom-based action research.

Enrolled teachers will be eligible to earn two or three graduate credits through the University of Northern Colorado.

The two-semester course will be conducted on UNC’s online blackboard, and taught by Critical Links co-creator Cheryll Ostrom and Dr. Byron Richards, education research coordinator at the Perpich Center for Arts Education in Minneapolis.

Much of the curricu-

lum will be drawn from the 2007–09 Ohio Critical Links Pilot Project, in which twelve theatre educators from throughout Ohio created classroom-pertinent inquiry questions, and shared the gathered data with their colleagues in three “learning community” meetings.

The EdTA registration fee for the class is \$300; UNC graduate credits are \$195 each. Registration is limited to twenty-four

students. All registrants must apply for at least two graduate credits per semester. EdTA will also make CEUs available. Interested teachers must register with both EdTA and UNC.

The class is scheduled to begin October 4 and run through May 15, 2010.

More information is available on the EdTA website or at [www.criticallinks.org](http://www.criticallinks.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Ohio was very well represented at the International Thespian Festival this year. In addition to ALL SHOOK UP being featured on the mainstage, Kiandra Lane from Cincinnati School for Creative & Performing Arts and Rachel Robinson from Centerville HS were featured in the NIES Final Showcase. Jamard Richardson won the largest Thespian Scholarship, Edison HS performed as a freestyle production, and the “Ohio Domination” Tech Challenge team won two of the individual challenges! Hathaway Brown HS was also recognized with a 2009 Outstanding School Award.