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## Our strongest advocates are the JEA mentees. Here's what they have to say:



"Journalism can feel like a solitary journey. When I face those big questions, I have turned to Joy [Lessard], my mentor. Her advice, from controversial topics to daily curriculum and critiques of each issue, has been invaluable to me and my students who pour over her comments for each issue. I am deeply grateful for Joy and the mentoring program."

~Anna Ferdinand, Sedro Woolley High School, Sedro Woolley, Wash.



"When Steve [Slagle] comes to visit, my students are excited to see him. His presence in my classroom communicates to my students that their adviser is trying to be better and that they have a fresh set of eyes to their photos and stories. My mentor gives me a chance to bounce ideas off of him from basic story writing and upcoming events to administrative policy and curriculum. I'm confident in the program I'm building at my school, and my mentor Steve, plays a big role in that confidence."

~Annette Deming, Don Antonio Lugo High School, Chino, Calif.



# JOURNALISM MENTOR PROGRAM

Journalism Education Association  
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"Leading the way in scholastic journalism and media education"

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## DID YOU KNOW...

Schools that provide effective support for new media advisers and teachers attract the most capable teachers who remain on the job and improve student performance.

Student media programs thrive with a knowledgeable, supportive adviser who helps students develop a culture of responsible journalism within the school community.

Studies have found that mentors provide the most value to new teachers of any form of assistance.

## JEA mentors serve teachers and students across the country.

Check out our map at [tinyurl.com/mentee-map](http://tinyurl.com/mentee-map). See where our mentors and mentees are located.

## MORE INFORMATION

Go to [mentoring.jea.org](http://mentoring.jea.org) and download information under the Program Docs tab. If you are a new student media adviser, contact us about arranging for a mentor who is trained specifically for journalism mentoring at no cost to your school or district. This educator will work with you for two years to help develop a strong journalism program at your school. **Contact the Mentor Program chair at [mentoring@jea.org](mailto:mentoring@jea.org).**

The mentors' work and training are supported by funding from the Journalism Education Association and other state and regional organizations.

## MENTORS AS RESOURCES

- Mentors have extensive personal experience in journalism teaching and student media advising. They also have a network of other mentors which include former advisers of every kind of student media.
- Mentors have files of curriculum ideas, lesson plans and staff management documents that they are willing to share with their mentees.
- Mentors can assist their mentees with presentations and some even do workshops or special sessions for the students of mentees, depending on their areas of expertise.

## MENTEE COMMITMENT

- Mentees should be in their first or second year of teaching journalism or advising student media. This means the mentee could be a veteran teacher but new to journalism. Or the mentee could be a veteran adviser of one kind of media, but unfamiliar with the new media to which he/she is being assigned or struggling with advising.
- Mentees should be willing to commit to two years' work with their mentors.
- Mentees should be open to a long-term commitment to journalism education after the mentoring ends.
- There is no cost to the mentee, the school or the school district. In fact, mentees receive free membership in JEA during the time they are mentees.

## MENTORING ACHIEVEMENTS

- The mentees have a high retention rate, with more than 86 percent of them still in the classroom after completing two years of mentorship. One of the goals of the mentoring program is to combat the national statistics showing that more than half of new teachers leave the profession within five years.
- Students of JEA mentees show improvement in their media program, as evidenced by the awards and recognition they receive.
- JEA mentors work with new advisers to cultivate them as teacher-leaders. A number of mentees have received JEA's Rising Star Award. Others serve on the boards of their scholastic press associations.



## THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU!

### The JEA Mentoring Program will

- Complement the mentoring program already in place at your school.
- Promote effective teaching and instruction, including First Amendment rights and responsibilities.
- Support new journalism teachers so they will become highly qualified teachers.
- Provide an ongoing support system that is part of the professional learning community at and beyond the new teacher's school.
- Encourage development of new journalism teachers professionally and personally, especially through the resources of continued training at workshops, conferences, conventions and classes.
- Create journalism programs that encourage diversity in the classroom and student media.
- Utilize the expertise of retired journalism educators with extensive knowledge of journalism and advising.
- Provide you with a two-year JEA membership with access to the curriculum.

