



Fall Conference

THURSDAY, September 29, 2022

At Freeport High School, 50 S. Brookside Avenue, Freeport NY

6:30pm registration & boutique 7:00-9:40pm 3 sessions of workshops

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Questions: Email Debbie Austin registration@nassauppta.org

\$15 for one PTA Leader ~ \$30 for two or more PTA Leaders from the same PTA

Session 1: 7:00 - 7:45PM

1. CREATING SPACE FOR YOUTH VOICES AND PERSPECTIVES

Join in a Youth-led conversation about creating spaces or "a seat at the table" in your PTA for students. When it comes to topics and advocacy on matters impacting youth, involve youth in meaningful ways during the decision making and planning.

Presenters: *Preston Pressoir, Youth Member; Damia Poyser Youth Member; Namiko Suga Associate Director*

2. BYLAWS

Bylaws are the backbone of your PTA. Leadership, Membership, Voting rights. These and many more are outlined in your bylaws. If your unit or council bylaws have expired or will be expiring in the upcoming year or if you just want to learn about bylaws, please join us and we'll take you online to the bylaws wizard and walk you through the updating process. Please bring a copy of your bylaws.

Presenters: *Lynn Petrofsky, Bylaws Chair; Pat Assortato, NYS PTA Bylaws Coordinator*

3. ADVOCACY BASICS

Have you been to a PTA meeting? You're an advocate! Have you spoken to a teacher or principal? You're an advocate! Advocacy is the heart of PTA, and every member is an advocate. Advocacy Basics will demonstrate how each of us is an advocate when we speak out for children and youth, from the most straightforward question to the most complicated issues.

Presenters: *Pamela Green, Diversity Chair; Michelle Geluso, Assistant Director Section 5;*

Session 3: 8:40 - 9:40PM

7. PRESIDENTS RAP

Join us for the first Presidents rap of the school year. Let's talk about how to engage your families and members, presenting resolutions for a vote in October, and so much more! Share and learn from other unit leaders, meet your AD, and get answers to your questions.

Presenters: *Susan Fisher, Associate Director; Nassau Region PTA AD, Assistant Directors and Outreach Chair*

8. REFLECTIONS

LET'S REFLECT! Learn how to run a successful Reflections program. Master the program, rules and processes to move your artwork forward to Nassau Region. Connect with peers to share tips and advice. You will feel empowered and ready to go!

Presenters: *Jen Abraham, Reflections Coordinator; Jenn Shinsky, Reflections Manager; Marian Wawryk, Special Assignee*

9. PTA AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Awards and Scholarships Workshop will get you familiar with the various Regional, State and National awards and scholarships available to units. The workshop will provide details on eligibility for each award as well as due dates for those with deadlines to keep you on track.

Presenter: *Beth Haft, Awards Chair*

Session 2: 7:50 - 8:35PM

4. RESOLUTIONS: Creating Change

Resolutions are the backbone of PTA advocacy. They provide the basis of where we stand on issues that affect all children and youth. This workshop will explain the fundamentals of a resolution, why we need them, give best practices and tips on how to write one and review how to present the NYS PTA proposed Resolutions to your membership.

Presenter: *Patricia Genco, Resolutions Chair; Advocacy Committee Members*

5. HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) PROGRAM

For anyone running, helping with or thinking of starting a PARP Program. Learn everything you need to know for a successful program. This is an interactive workshop, so please bring your questions."

Presenter: *Sandyhia Gosine, Literacy Chair, Shari Beck Associate Director*

6. THE SAFE CENTER LI presents Identifying Red Flag Behaviors

This workshop will review red flag behaviors that might signal that a child is in an abusive situation, as well as what the correct procedure is to report suspicion or instance of abuse. PTAs holding in person events may want to be familiar with the signs and reporting process. *The Safe Center LI is a cooperating partner of Nassau Region PTA. The programs and services they provide to parents and our communities align with our mission to be a resource for the welfare of all children.

Presenter: *Jennifer Rowland, MSW, The Safe Center LI Director of Education*