Pre-Service Professional Development

We love Professional Organizations!

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
4:30-5:45 p.m.
TA 130
AGENDA

1. Introduction to professional organizations

2. Brief presentation: “Teaching is a Profession, Not a Job.”
   - Becoming a member of a professional organization can provide you the support you need. By being a member of a professional organization, you can:
     ✓ Continue to grow as a professional; keep up with current research, strategies, teaching trends
     ✓ Engage in life-long learning
     ✓ Develop collegial relationships
     ✓ Engage in networking – can find out employment, grant, travel, resource, etc. opportunities
     ✓ Learn from peers
     ✓ Collaborate with peers
     ✓ Be mentored and then mentor (seek support and give back)
     ✓ Serve the profession by assisting at conferences, serving on committees, etc.

3. Topics to be discussed:
   - What are professional organizations?
   - What are the benefits of joining a professional organization? See above, plus the following:
     ✓ You will receive newsletters and professional journals on a regular basis. These consist of news, announcements, and articles written by Pre-K and university educators about strategies that have worked for them, research they have conducted, etc. You receive a lot of helpful information.
     ✓ You will receive information about their annual conferences. You may also receive a discount off of the conference fee.
   - How do you join?
     ✓ Student rates – Join while you are a student. You receive a HUGE discount as a student!!!!!

4. Visiting professional organization stations:
   Please visit representatives of the different professional organizations that interest you. Representatives will share with you conference materials, journals, newsletters, professional organization material, membership forms, etc. They will be happy to talk to you about some of the professional organizations in their discipline and answer your questions. Some content areas were unable to send representative, but left literature for you to take.
**Please complete the evaluation form before you leave and drop it off on one of the tables by the door. Thank you for attending!**