



Center for Urban Education Ministries Newsletter

"Relentlessly Strengthening Urban Education"



"Resources"

Current and sound research drives educational decisions. Compelling learning initiatives, community approaches, and leadership strategies need to be replicated. We share research and best practices to maximize educational effectiveness. Stronger teachers, with more resources at their disposal, leads directly to higher student achievement. This means student success for all students. That is why we have "resources" as one of our three main focus areas. The Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) is quickly becoming one essential stop for urban teachers and school leaders. Please consider donating to CUEM to support our efforts at sharing resources and positively transforming students' lives.

-Dr. Steve Gerner, Executive Director/CEO

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RECRUITMENT

High-Performing city educators and school leaders transform lives. Students, families, and communities are strengthened through highly effective school teachers and leaders. We support institutions that recruit valuable people and prepare them for urban schools.

The below picture is from our "Urban Education Speaker Series." Dr. Gerner is presenting on how to be relevant, engaging, and effective in today's classrooms. His presentation, "Be a SUPERHERO Educator," addresses innovative approaches to improve our schools.



RESOURCES

Join us at our upcoming "Connect & Grow" virtual event!

CONNECT & GROW

Hosted by the Center for
Urban Education Ministries



Join Jessica Raba & Dr. Steve Gerner for a virtual discussion on **fostering belonging within the classroom**. They will address the question: *how can I ensure my students feel a sense of belonging in their daily walk at school?*

May 7, 2024
4:30 PM EST

Join via Zoom:
Meeting ID: **414 134 5330**

Dr. Steve Gerner
is Executive
Director & CEO of
the Center for
Urban Education
Ministries.

Jessica Raba serves as Assistant Head of School | Principal at Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School (LuHi) in Brookville, NY, where she has been a team member since 2017. A product of Lutheran schools, she graduated from LuHi and completed undergraduate studies at Valparaiso University. Her professional career has spanned the middle and high school grades, where she has served as a teacher, coach, and staff developer in Lutheran and charter schools in the New York Metropolitan area. She also served as a consultant with Authentic Education, where she worked with the late Grant Wiggins providing professional development and training in Understanding by Design and related topics. During that time she worked on the Innovation Zone project with the New York City Department of Education and co-managed Toledo Learn, a project with the Toledo Public Schools. In addition, she served as Executive Director of Lutheran Schools Association, which provided advocacy and support for Lutheran schools across much of New York State. She is thrilled to be back school-side in her current role at LuHi.



CUEM works with teachers and schools to have them successfully serve all students. T.L. Cross lists five basic skill areas necessary for effective cross-cultural teaching:

1. Awareness and Acceptance of Differences - exploring the effect of this in the learning process
2. Self-Awareness - reflecting on our own background and experiences
3. Dynamics of Difference - as we communicate conflict will arise, how do we navigate this towards getting it right
4. Knowledge of Students' Culture - getting to know the students' community and their perspectives
5. Adaptation of Skills - how do we personalize learning for students

Working through these five basic skill areas allows you to successfully teach all students and make a true impact.

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RECOGNITION

Applications and nominations for the Francois-Neubauer Award are now open through May 20th! Visit www.cuemnational.org for more information.



FRANCOIS-NEUBAUER PRIZE FOR URBAN TEACHING 2024

About

In May 2024, the Center for Urban Education Ministries will be awarding 9 urban educators with The Francois-Neubauer Prize! Each winning educator will receive a certificate, a gift of \$2,000 (for personal/professional use), and be honored during CUEM's recognition event.

Deadline

All materials must be submitted to cuem.national@gmail.com by **May 20, 2024**.

More Information

Visit www.cuemnational.org for additional details on this award.

Requirements

Recipients of this award must teach full time in an urban setting in Wisconsin. Each submission for the Neubauer Award must include:

- A recorded video of you (or teacher you are nominating) that introduces the teacher (name, school, grade level), why you/they are an urban educator, and the impact you/they are having on students. The video should be 3 minutes or less. Please send the video as either an mp4 file attachment, or a YouTube link;
- A professional picture of yourself (or the nominee);
- Contact information for you (or the nominee);
- Must be available for the May 30th Awards Presentation in Milwaukee



FRANCOIS-NEUBAUER PRIZE FOR URBAN TEACHING ASSISTANTS 2024

About

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Deadline

All materials must be submitted to cuem.national@gmail.com by **May 20, 2024**.

More Information

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Requirements

Recipients of this award must teach full time in an urban setting in Wisconsin. Each submission for the Neubauer Award must include:

- A recorded video of you (or the Teacher Assistant you are nominating) that introduces the Teacher Assistant (name, school, grade level), why you/they are an urban teaching assistant, and the impact you/they are having on students. The video should be 3 minutes or less. Please send the video as either an mp4 file attachment, or a YouTube link;
- A professional picture of yourself (or the nominee);
- Contact information for you (or the nominee);
- Must be available for the May 30th Awards Presentation in Milwaukee

Reflections from Mel Keischnick

(CUEM Board Member, Emeritus)

"Administrative assistants provide brain power. Brain power, care, organization, production, counseling, calm in the midst of the storms. It is time to acknowledge, to affirm, and to support administrative assistants."

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