

Hey, friends!

Welcome to JanuFeb! Here are the most timely updates from JEA with a little commentary from yours truly.

**YOUR SENIORS SHOULD SUBMIT FOR THE GREER SCHOLARSHIP/COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR. THE DEADLINE FEB. 15, 2024.**

- Students across Colorado are invited to submit a portfolio for the Dorothy Greer Scholarship. Each year, CSMA awards a scholarship in honor of Greer, a co-founder of the Colorado High School Press Association (1970). We'd invite all high school seniors with exceptional journalistic abilities to apply. The winner will represent Colorado in JEA's [National High School Journalist of the Year](#) competition. Read more about the scholarship, submission directions, and view past winners [here](#).

**CELEBRATE SCHOLASTIC JOURNALISM WEEK (FEBRUARY 19-23, 2024)**

- This year's theme "Here to Stay" celebrates 100 years of JEA and their support of free and responsible scholastic journalism. You can join the celebration in lots of ways.
  - Participate in daily themes and lessons (Monday, Feb. 19 – [First Amendment](#), Tuesday, Feb. 20 – [Journalism then](#), Wednesday, Feb. 21 – [Journalism now](#), Thursday, Feb. 22 – [Student Press Freedom Day](#), Friday, Feb. 23 – [Journalism next](#))
  - Celebrate [Student Press Freedom Day](#) on February 22, 2024.
  - Shout from the rooftops that Governor Jared Polis has declared February 19-23, 2024 to be the official Journalism Education Week in Colorado. I've attached the official proclamation!!!!!!!

**LET'S GET TOGETHER IN KANSAS CITY!**

- Don't forget to register you and your students for the [National High School Journalism Convention](#) April 4-6 in Kansas City.
- If you and/or your students are joining us in Kansas City, shoot me a text. I'd love to coordinate a meet and greet for Colorado advisers.
- If you need any help or support in getting your kids to Kansas City, let me know.

**THE CSMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH CONTINUES.**

- From CSMA: "As per Colorado Student Media Association bylaws, the board is opening up the position of Executive Director for applicants starting this January. We will be accepting applications with the goal being to conduct interviews with applicants by late February and early March, with an April 1 start date. This is an exciting opportunity for interested candidates to be at the heart of our state student journalism. You will get to network with the best students, advisers and professionals in Colorado and be a vital part of our Colorado Student Media Association. You will find the job description and official call for applicants attached. Come be part of the CSMA team!"

My cell phone number is 720-327-8500. Please do not hesitate to email, text or call if there's anything you need.

All my best,  
Jess