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Hi Member,

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FEA Member Spotlight: Jessica Yucel



FEA is proud to spotlight Jessica Yucel, who has been named DoDEA-Europe West Teacher of the Year. Jessica teaches English and Social Studies at Spangdahlem High School in Germany. This well-deserved recognition highlights her dedication to excellence in education, leadership, and her ongoing commitment to supporting and empowering students.

Being selected as the Europe West Teacher of the Year is an incredible honor that Jessica is deeply grateful for. This recognition reflects not only her commitment to professionalism and excellence in teaching, but also the meaningful work happening every day to support and empower students. As a DoDEA graduate, this achievement holds special significance, marking a full-circle moment that connects her own educational journey to the work she now does in the classroom.

For Jessica, this opportunity is both humbling and motivating. It challenges her to continue refining her practice, growing as an educator, and striving to be the best version of the teacher she aims to be. She views this recognition not as a finish line, but as a platform to learn, lead, and contribute even more to a community that has given her so much. She is proud to represent her district and to advocate for the excellence that defines DoDEA schools.

If you'd like to spotlight yourself or someone else in the weekly FEA newsletter or the Spring Journal, please reply to this email with a photo and a few details.

2026 FEA Annual Membership Meeting & NEA Representative Assembly Overview

The FEA Annual Membership Meeting (AMM) and NEA Representative Assembly (RA) will take place from June 30 to July 8, 2026 in Denver, Colorado.

If you are interested in attending the Annual Membership Meeting as a non-delegate, please reply to this email for more information.

Key Dates

- June 30: Arrival /Free AFSPA Reception
- July 1-2: FEA Annual Membership Meeting
- July 3-7: NEA Representative Assembly (Registration on July 3)
- July 8: Departure

If you have any questions please reply to this email or contact FEAdmin@nea.org. If you want to attend FEA's Annual Membership Meeting as a non delegate please reply to this email or contact FEAdmin@nea.org.

Reminder: Goodbye Grievances

A goodbye grievance is essential for departing Overseas educators in Europe and the Pacific. It is the only way FEA can continue supporting members in retirement, especially if issues like debt letters arise. Without one on file, FEA's ability to assist after separation is very limited.

For members preparing to retire or leave, filing a goodbye grievance ensures continued union support during a time that can bring unexpected challenges. Membership is required to file and access this protection.

If you or a colleague are planning to retire, now is the time to act. Filing a goodbye grievance is a simple step that can make a lasting difference. Please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

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