

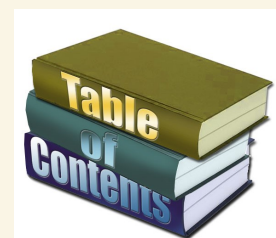
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NADE PRESIDENT, JENNIFER NOTTINGHAM



Greetings NADE Family,

I wish all of you a happy new year and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As we kick off 2023 it is time for NADE to focus on our annual recruitment drive. New members have the opportunity to get 18 months of membership by joining in January. This incentive also applies to prior members who have not been a member for at least two years. This is a key time of year for NADE membership growth. With the pandemic, our numbers have shrunk and we need to concentrate our efforts to grow our membership.

I'm excited to see how chapters are using video technology to connect. Especially with many DDSs still teleworking, NADE chapters have been using video technology to continue to meet and hold business. It has also been used to connect different chapters. This has also allowed local chapters to invite NADE leadership to meetings.

This year, the NADE board will hold our annual mid-year board meeting via video conference rather than in-person. Not only will this be a cost savings, but it will also allow other members to join in the open sessions of the board meeting. For those interested in a leadership position in the future, this would be a great opportunity to observe how the NADE board operates. Members can send agenda items to their regional director.

Planning is under way for NADE's training conference to be held in Helena, MT. As someone who has lived there, I am excited to return. The conference will be August 13-16, 2023. Montana in August is simply gorgeous with lots of natural beauty. I hope to see many of you there.

I wish you all the best,

Jennifer Nottingham

NADE President



THADE Annual Scholarship

by: Jennifer Pounds, THADE PERC Chair

Each year THADE rewards a \$750 college scholarship to a dependent child of one of our members. The recipient is selected by THADE's Professional Employee Recognition Committee. An applicant's record of past academic performance, service to his or her school and community, personal references that can attest to an applicant's character, motivation, and leadership potential and an applicant's personal statement is carefully evaluated and the financial status of the applicant, and/or his or her family, is NOT considered.

This year's recipient was Ms. Nyah Camille Johnson, the daughter of THADE member, Geneva Johnson and her husband Craig. She is a graduate of Thales Academy and was accepted to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she began her studies for the Fall 2022 semester. Ms. Johnson's application clearly identified that she is an accomplished student with great vision and determination. She is committed to helping her community thrive and consistently advocates for the human and civil rights of others. Her desire to help others is evident in her more than 100 volunteer and service hours to the community. She actively participates in the Student Initiative through the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. As a community activist, she works diligently to ensure citizens are aware of community issues and are registered to vote. During the past year, Ms. Johnson also worked to ensure North Carolinians were educated on the Covid-19 vaccine and participated in vaccination clinics in her local area.

THADE is honored to recognize Ms. Nyah Johnson as the 2022 THADE Scholarship Recipient.



THADE Celebrates Our Veterans

During the week of November 7th, THADE recognizes the many contributions of veterans, not only as prized staff members of NC DDS, but also in service to our country as a whole. Veteran's Day provided our chapter a golden opportunity to live out our Agency value of "People First" and show some well-deserved appreciation to our NC DDS veterans. The week of Veteran's Day, a banner of honor greeted our veterans near the main entrance to our building and each veteran was presented with a gift bag of plentiful snack items. Throughout the week, daily emails were sent to the entire agency which highlighted the history, purpose and unique terminology of a specific military branch, as well as the DDS veterans who had served in that branch. The emails also include links to military/veterans charities that are associated with our agency's Combined Campaign project. THADE looks forward to continuing the tradition of honoring our veterans each November!



ArkADE News & Updates:

ArkADE (Arkansas) has had a busy season this holiday season! For Thanksgiving, we did a food drive for St. Francis House, a homeless & half-way house for Veterans. The food drive raised over \$500 in food and \$150 in cash. Pictures are below.

2022 DDS SPIRIT WEEK

Thursday, December 8=Christmas PJ's

Friday, December 9=Santa Hats

Monday, December 12=High School/College Mascot Clothing

Tuesday, December 13=Christmas Socks; Cookies and Cocoa for the entire agency; Annual ArkADE Holiday Basket Silent Auction (2nd Floor Break Area)

Wednesday, December 14=Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest; voted upon by ArkADE members @ the Winter Business Meeting, \$50, \$30, & \$20 gift card prizes

Thursday-Tuesday a voluntary group picture will be taken of all those who participate @ 3 p.m. in front of Mr. B's office!

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For December, we hosted the Winter AR DDS Spirit Week, December 8-14, with each day having a different theme. We had over 75% of our agency participate (approximately 300 people) and it was good fun and helped our membership drive with potentially 14 new members! Our Toys for Tots toy drive collected \$750 worth of toys that was distributed to children around the state of Arkansas. ArkADE is proud of our work to the community and for our members and our DDS! ***Happy Holidays!***



Calling All Retirees!

By Terri Klubertanz, Retiree Chair

Hey, y'all! Some of you might remember me – you may have seen communications from me in the past as the NADE Great Lakes regional director, the NADE President-elect/President/Past President, the SSA/DDS Administrators Liaison or the NADE Strategic Plan chair. I have been proud to serve NADE in these various capacities, including positions in NADE at the state and regional level.

This year, Jennifer has asked me to serve as the NADE Retiree chair. I am thrilled to serve NADE in this capacity. I have been retired for the past nine and a half years. However, I continue to remain active in my support of NADE by continuing my membership in NADE at the retiree level, attending NADE national training conferences and serving as chair or committee member of one of the NADE committees.

Some of you might ask - Why would I do that when I am no longer employed in the disability field? Well, the main reason is that I want to do everything possible to maintain NADE's visibility, credibility and viability by continuing to support NADE's mission and vision. Despite being retired, I still believe in the good things that NADE is trying to accomplish and support the goals of the organization. How about naming NADE as your charitable organization in Amazon Smile? Or when you are doing your charitable contributions each year, include NADE? NADE is a qualified nonprofit 501c3 organization so contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Every little bit that we as NADE retirees can do to support NADE goes a long way to support NADE's mission and vision and helps continue the legacy of NADE into the future.

NADE's mission statement is:

- to develop the art and science of disability evaluation;
- to enhance public awareness about disability evaluation, and;
- to further professional recognition for disability evaluation practitioners.

NADE's vision statement is:

The National Association of Disability Examiners is committed to continually achieve innovative methods for improving the disability programs incorporated under the Social Security Act, enhancing the disability profession for our members, and providing timely, effective and quality public service.

Who wouldn't continue to support these lofty goals? If you would like to join the NADE retirees group, please send me an email at NADEretirees@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you all.



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A Note From the Editor:

Thank you for submitting articles to spotlight the wonderful happenings at NADE chapters across the nation. Please feel free to submit articles throughout the year! Let me know what your chapters did for Jan recruitment. I look forward to serving NADE as Communication Director for 2023!

Submit your articles to:

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