



Center for Urban Education Ministries Newsletter

"Relentlessly Strengthening Urban Education"



"Work"

At a recent gathering of community members, someone asked me about the work of CUEM. The positive energy and pure excitement after listening to the Center for Urban Education Ministries' work was contagious. It was so easy talking about CUEM's importance and role in strengthening urban schools. We sometimes forget how these efforts are so necessary for urban schools. Through CUEM, students are achieving more, teachers are better prepared, principals are stronger leaders, and communities experience greater hope. Work is difficult, tiring, and at many times, seems endless. But CUEM will continue to work hard and

meet the vast needs of our city schools. Let's work together! Contact us if you want to partner with us on our important goals.

RECRUITMENT

- **Urban Education Strategy** = assisting schools to become sustainable and successful (assessments, financial, curriculum, forecasting, effective models, development)
- **Excellence in Urban Education Night** = high-performing educators present on key topics to future teachers (university students)
- **Immersion Insights** = future teachers (as a cohort of 4-8) examine, participate, and view up close highly successful urban schools
- **The IMPACT Initiative** (Innovative, Motivating, Positive, Achieving City Teachers) = activities and practices to prepare our future educators to be ready for the many challenges of our urban schools (participate in book talks, attend a speaker presentation, visit a teacher, interview a school leader, study a teaching method, practice your performance skills as an educator, etc.)

RESOURCES

- **Link In & Learn** = Daily posting on LinkedIn aimed at our current urban teachers and school leaders to gain valuable knowledge and skills
- **Innovative Research** = CUEM develops or highlights imperative research that urban schools need to excel
- **LEA Connects** = CUEM offers videos, links, and key information that schools can utilize to improve
- **CUEM Speaks** = National urban education experts present on vital topics
- **SUPERHERO EDUCATION Podcast** = Podcasts addressing urban education issues for parents, educators, leaders, and the community. This podcast is available for free on iTunes and Spotify, reaching a large national audience

RECOGNITION

- **Creativity Influencers** = Award for people who are having a positive influence on urban education through creative thinking and action
- **Champions in the Community** = Award for people in the community who are supporters and champions of urban schools
- **Award Winners** = Award for high-performing educators or teacher assistants who are gaining great success with students (EX: The Neubauer Prize for Urban Teaching and The Neubauer

Prize for Urban Teacher Assistants)

- **Uplifting Lives Event** = A special “thank you “ to our city teachers and leaders
- **Scholars of Success** = Award for students who are performing at exceptional levels in behavior and academics (EX: The Jake Nelson Achiever Award and Litman’s Learners)

-Dr. Steve Gerner, Executive Director/CEO

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RECRUITMENT

Rosa J. Young Scholarships to Support African American Church Work Students

In the early 1900s, Dr. Rosa J. Young (1890-1971) traveled around Alabama teaching African American children who were not allowed to attend public schools. In 1916, she wrote to Dr. Booker T. Washington – a former slave and the founder of Tuskegee University – asking for his help with her work. Washington suggested she write to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), which was already known for its mission work among African Americans in the South. With the support of the LCMS, Young worked tirelessly to educate African American children and young adults, a passion that resulted in over 30 historically black schools in Alabama. She regularly told young people that their future was working for the church.

To honor Young’s legacy, there is the Dr. Rosa J. Young Scholarship Endowment at both Concordia University Chicago (CUC), River Forest, Ill., and Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis., and Concordia University Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, Mich. (CUWAA) to support future church workers. If interested, contact CUC or CUW to gain more information.

RESOURCES

Since 1980, the Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) has been making a positive impact in urban communities. This picture shows Charlie Gundelach, Pastor Bob Nicholus, Mary Gundelach, and George Hoyer - all major supporters and friends of CUEM. Their early work with CUEM was a true catalyst for improving our urban schools.



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RECOGNITION

Nominations are now being ACCEPTED for the Neubauer Awards! **Nominations are Due April 25th**

Named after a generous donor in honor of Dave and Laura, two very special people who greatly respected the love and commitment of teaching, these prizes honor excellence in urban education. In May 2022, we will be awarding 24 urban educators with a Neubauer Prize! Each winning educator will receive a certificate, a financial gift for personal/professional use (\$1,000 for Teachers and \$500 for Teacher Assistants), and be honored during CUEM’s virtual recognition event. This year, the Center for Urban Education Ministries will be presenting two Neubauer Prizes:

Neubauer Prize for Urban Teaching: *This year has presented enormous challenges to educators. Communication, engagement of the students, and quality content are just a few of the barriers to success. Teachers have responded with great energy and drive to improve instruction and increase student achievement. We know that educators who build strong student relationships and positively engage their students see tremendous academic achievement. And students love learning from these*

educators! The Center for Urban Education Ministries wants to hear about these high-performing educators. 12 Teachers will be recognized in 2022.

The Neubauer Prize for Urban Teaching Assistants: Teacher Assistants are extremely invaluable to student success. Whether grading papers, providing small group instruction, or assisting with content development, these individuals play a vital role in the classroom. CUEM wants to recognize these impactful educators. 12 Teaching Assistants will be recognized in 2022.

The Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) will review the submitted materials for each award and score the applications based on the following requirements:

- Demonstration of ability to increase student achievement and/or positively impact student success (rated 1 to 3)
- Clear expression of genuine passion and thoughtful commitment to urban education (rated 1 to 3)
- Quality and complete submission materials (rated 1 to 3)

By submitting a nomination, you are granting permission and consent to the following on behalf of yourself or your nominee:

By completing the requirements of this award and submitting the necessary work, I am hereby granting permission and consent for the Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) to use photograph, video, and wording of all submissions for presentation, publicity, web content, and promotion.

Recipients will be contacted by May 6th, and awards will be delivered to each educator's school or home after participation in the recognition event.

Visit our website for more information on these awards!

Reflections from Mel Keischnick on "Failure in Schools"

(CUEM Board Member, Emeritus)

"In all my years of schooling, not once was I asked to just observe a few moments of silence. Not once was I taught to meditate. Not once was I given any real guidance on what it means to "be still and know that I am God."

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