Spotlight on Recipients

Jennifer Anti of Slidell, LA is a second year recipient of the NAJA Graduate Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. Jennifer has been attending William Carey University in Biloxi, MS where she is working towards her Masters Degree in Dyslexia Therapy. Jennifer is currently a kindergarten teacher at Florida Avenue Elementary, in Slidell, LA. Jennifer is married to Damian Anti and they have two daughters, Mollie Ann (12), and Mary Grace (3).

Mary Emily Level of Convington, LA is a first year recipient of the NAJA Graduate Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. Mary Emily is attending University of Holy Cross in New Orleans where she is working towards her Doctorate Degree in Counseling Education and Supervision. Mary Emily is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice where she provides individual and group play therapy to children and their families.

Congratulations to both recipients for a job well done!

-Lena Joyce, Scholarship Committee Member

Book Club

I hope those of you that attended Area Meeting and heard Jeff McManus and/or purchased his book, Growing Weeder Into Leaders: Leadership Lessons from the Ground Level, have spread the word about how applicable it is to our organization. I want to share one of the reviews that I got from a member..."It is an awesome book. [My husband] said he would like for each of our kids to read it too. I have my book all highlighted...full of good advice. I absolutely loved the book. Thanks so much for sharing this with JA!". One of our goals for our Education Committee is to encourage leadership development within our Chapters. Reading or listening to audiobooks is one of the best ways to do that. So, if you haven’t already, take time to read our first “NAJA Book Club” book! We would love your feedback!

“Not all leaders are readers, but all readers are leaders.” – Harry Truman

Be looking for our new book for “NAJA Book Club” in February!

-Julie Gibens, Education Committee Chairman

Save the Date!

AEC 2019
Memphis, TN
April 26-28, 2019

*More information to follow soon!

Headquarters will close December 18th at end of day and reopen on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Staff will check emails periodically, but for immediate attention, you may email Anna Pieralisi at apieralisi@najanet.org. Wishing each of you a safe and Merry Christmas.