

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

President's Letter January 2024

Chris Ouellette, *NEALS President*

Happy New Year to our NEALS' Members and Supporters,

I hope your holiday season brought you what you were looking for as we closed out 2023 and rang in the start of 2024. Last week at Emma Willard, we spent some time choosing three different learning sessions delivered by our peers. Nine of our colleagues produced seven 45-minute workshops covering topics ranging from mental health trends to learning from alumni about life after high school. I was thrilled to see that five of the seven offerings focused on student support!

In December, I shared what I was grateful for during the holiday season. This month, I want to take a moment to reflect on both what NEALS has been able to accomplish and what we hope to bring to you moving forward this year.

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NEALS COLE FUND

NEALS Cole Fund Application 2024

The Northeast Association of Learning Specialists (NEALS) established the **Cole Fund for Educational Equity**. This grant honors Susan Cole Ross, President Emeritus of NEALS. The Cole Fund aims to promote educational equity in various ways, including but not limited to:

- Institutional memberships in NEALS
- Best practice speakers
- Professional development and training for Learning Specialists
- Direct service
- Classroom materials
- Networking opportunities



The **application** (found [HERE](#)) must be **submitted by March 1, 2024**. Grant recipients will be notified in early April. To learn more about the Cole Fund, please visit <https://nealsonline.org/ColeFund>. We would welcome your assistance by sharing this information with colleagues who may be interested in support for their pursuit of educational equity at their school/institution.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

Annual NEALS Member Conference, April 19, 2023



8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, [Emma Willard School](#), Troy, NY
Book at the [Marriott](#) in Troy, NY

Do you know a school in the Troy / Albany area that might like to join us?
Please email us at board@nealsonline.org

NEW YEAR ... NEW IDEAS?



Please help us help you...share ideas for programming and/or our newsletter.

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WITH GRATITUDE
AS WE MOVE ON TO

2024
Thank you