

Dear Colleagues in Teacher Education:

Plans have been finalized for the 2008 Northwest Association of Teacher Educators (NWATE) conference to be held March 13-15, 2008 at the Holiday Inn SeaTac Airport.

This year's conference theme is *Teacher Education and Teaching in Changing Times: Research, Exemplary Practice, and Certification*. NWATE is the regional affiliate of the Association of Teacher Educators. We are fortunate to have an excellent group of conference speakers and have added an exciting pre-conference workshop on Knowledge Bases for Diversity in Teacher Education by Dr. G. Pritchey Smith, the William Allen Endowed Chair and Visiting Distinguished Professor at the College of Education, Seattle University.

Conference speakers include:

Paul Paese, President, Association of Teacher Educators

Segun Eubanks, Teacher Quality, National Education Association

The conference program will provide a great opportunity for Northwest teacher educators to share successful practices and discuss research and educational policy. Calls for conference presenters and manuscripts for our journal Northwest Passage are available on our website [nwate.org](http://nwate.org).

The conference will open with the pre-conference workshop on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> followed by the welcoming reception later that evening. We are inviting proposals on a variety of topics for the concurrent sessions they include: collaborations with schools in teacher education, preparing teachers for diversity, collaboration with the content areas, the 2+2 continuum and collaboration with community colleges, the field experience and internship, teacher induction, and teacher testing certification and accountability.

The NWATE 2008 conference promises to be an exciting and rewarding experience. Most meals (breakfast and lunch) and refreshments will be provided for registered participants. The conference hotel provides Internet access, exercise facilities and other amenities to make your stay pleasurable. Conference registration information is available on our web-site [nwate.org](http://nwate.org).

We have selected the Holiday Inn at SeaTac Airport because of its accessibility by air and ground transportation to the members in our region. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn at SeaTac Airport at 206-248-1000 or toll free at 1-800-860 7715. Refer to group reservation *Northwest Association of Teacher Educators*.

We look forward to seeing you in Seattle!

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Chair, 2008 Conference Committee