

MAEN President-Elect Dan Davinroy

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I am a teacher at The Collaborative School in St. Louis County, Missouri. The Collaborative School was created by the school districts of Brentwood, Clayton, and Ladue to help students who needed another choice towards earning a high school diploma. I also manage our Missouri Option program.

I attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where I earned two bachelor degrees in sociology and history. I attended University of Missouri St. Louis where I earned two Master's degrees in teaching and administration.

I have never taught in a mainstream school. I started my educational career across from the American Steel Mill in Granite City, Illinois. That school was called Coordinated Youth and Human Services. I taught for 3 years at The SAFE School in Belleville, Illinois. I then began teaching at The Collaborative School where I have been for the last 18 years.

I am honored and quite honestly flabbergasted that I am serving as your President Elect which also means I will eventually be the President of MAEN. Never would I have thought as I was sleeping through the MAEN Business meeting just 6 years ago at the summer conference, that I would one day be serving as the MAEN president. Now, I do not encourage conference goers to sleep through the MAEN Business meeting, but if you do, we keep the minutes and we would be happy to let you read them to see what you missed.

When I volunteered to be a regional representative from St. Louis, I decided that if I am going to serve an organization, then I better do something. My goal has always been to facilitate connections between alternative educators to get alternative educators the help they need to support and maintain their programs. We all know it is tough down in the trenches of alternative education. Therefore, I ask that you allow me to help you connect with other educators. Please know, the only way I can do that is with your help. Please introduce yourself to me so I can help connect your expertise with the educator who seeks it.