



CTA-AE NEWS this month!

A MESSAGE FROM ETHAN COLLIER-MORENO CTA-AE PRESIDENT

Howdy, Aspiring Educator!

I hope all is well as we transition into the back to school season for many of us. Our CTA-AE board is so excited to launch and unveil exciting new initiatives and plans to make your experience the best it can be.

This past weekend, our CTA-AE board came together to ground, set goals, and collectively work together as we work towards our first event. We are super excited to unveil our Fall Event to you through the next coming weeks. Additionally, we've sworn in our new State Council Representatives who will represent you all to the CTA State Council! We are excited for the work to come ahead.

As we look ahead, we are excited to unveil our newly developed membership and chapter development plan. This will be your guide to fostering aspiring educators on your campus. Our Chapter Development and Membership Recruitment Committee is working tirelessly to make our member experience the best it can be. We cannot wait to share it with you all.

We wish you an amazing transition into the following school year! I am excited for all that is to come! Please feel free to reach out to me any time at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com!

In solidarity,
Ethan Collier-Moreno (he/him/él)
Aspiring Educator



CTA-AE AUGUST BOARD MEETING | CTA HQ, BURLINGAME

Top from Left to Right: Rob Hood (CSU Chico, R2 Director), Dewey Kelleygray (San Bernadino Valley College, CCTC Liaison); Tiffany Richey (CSU Stan, Comms Editor); Gabriel Mendoza, Jr. (UC Berkeley, State Council Rep); Lamson Nguyen (WGU, State Council Rep); Jimmy Salvador-Contreras (UCLA, REAC Director); DeWayne Sheaffer (CTA-Board Liaison); Bottom from Left to Right: Jennifer Kay Garcia, (WGU, Comms. Editor); Mali Vera Curzio (CSU Chico, Vice President), Ethan Collier-Moreno (UC Berkeley, President); Isaiah Ophaso (CSU Stan, Sec-Treas); Kristin Murray (Past Officer)

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**Education.
Activism.
Solidarity.**

REFLECTIONS FROM NEA AE CONFERENCE & RA

In late June, four CTA-AE members attended the National Education Association's annual Aspiring Educators conference in Philadelphia. Former CTA-AE President Haley Castello, incoming REAC Director Jimmy Salvador-Contreras, incoming Region 2 Director Rob Hood, and outgoing President Jonathan Oyaga participated in two and a half days of workshops and community building with hundreds of AE leaders from across the country. In addition to speeches from many of NEA's officers, we heard powerful keynote presentations from Micia Mosley with the [Black Teacher Project](#) and Connie Miller from [Project 26 Pennsylvania](#), which is mobilizing student voters. The [Art Build Workers](#), who make large banners and other mobile artwork for NEA labor actions, brought banners and patches for us to paint. CTA-AE chapters can request any of these items to use at local events! We hope to bring many of the workshop lessons to our chapters in the coming year.

"This past June, I had the pleasure of attending the 2024 National Education Association - Aspiring Educators Conference. As my first conference experience, I gained valuable insights into topics ranging from deconstructing coded language in schools to the importance and implementation of quiet time. Additionally, I had the opportunity to network with aspiring educators from across the nation, which broadened my perspective on the larger vision and scale of our work as aspiring educators." - Jimmy Salvador-Contreras, Racial Equity and Affairs Committee (REAC) Director

WELCOME NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS REPRESENTING CTA-AE AT CTA STATE COUNCIL!

Gabriel Mendoza

Gabriel Mendoza Jr is an undergraduate 4th year student at the University of California, Berkeley studying Society and Environment, Legal Studies, Education, and Chicano Studies. Gabriel is a Mexican and Puerto Rican first-generation bisexual student, the proud son of a hard-working single immigrant mother, a brother to two caring sisters, and an uncle to two intelligent nephews.

Given his roots in Imperial Beach, California, within San Diego County, Gabriel has been catalyzed to one day work with some of the most politically active binational communities in the United States. It is in conversations that Gabriel has shared both domestically and abroad that he has centered his aspirations to be a community organizer who highlights and responds to the needs and demands of students by providing accessible and responsive avenues to meet them. All to say that his return back to the CTA-AE Board will not only continue to center and honor who he is and those who have walked along his journey, but also be a means of supporting, collaborating, and uplifting the stories of current aspiring educators across California and the future voices of the CTA-AE Board.

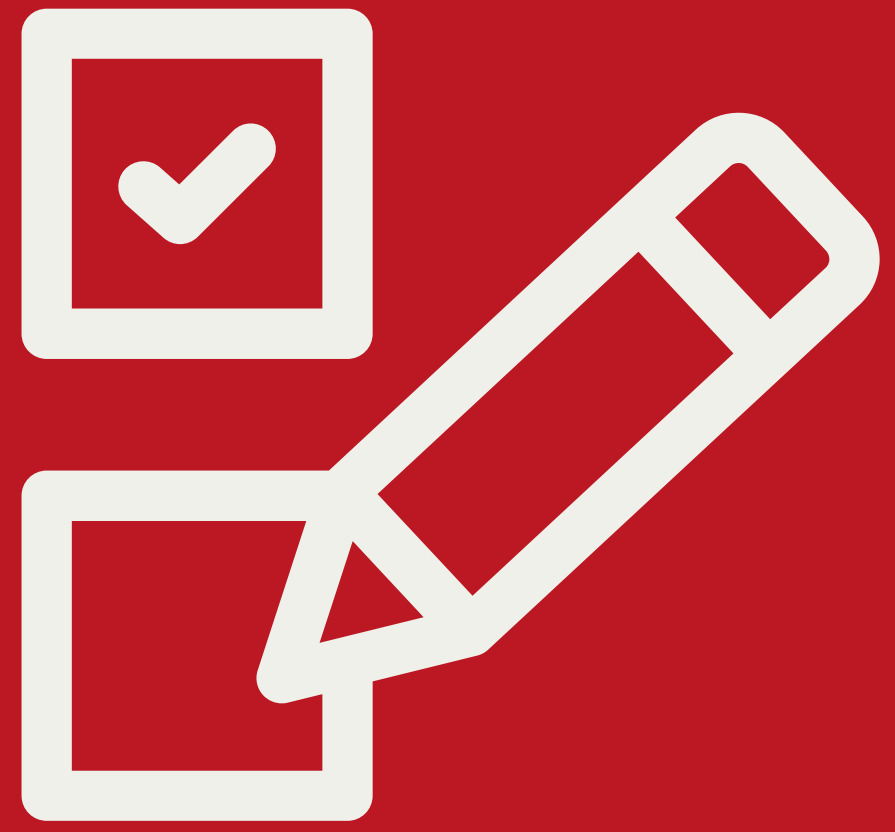
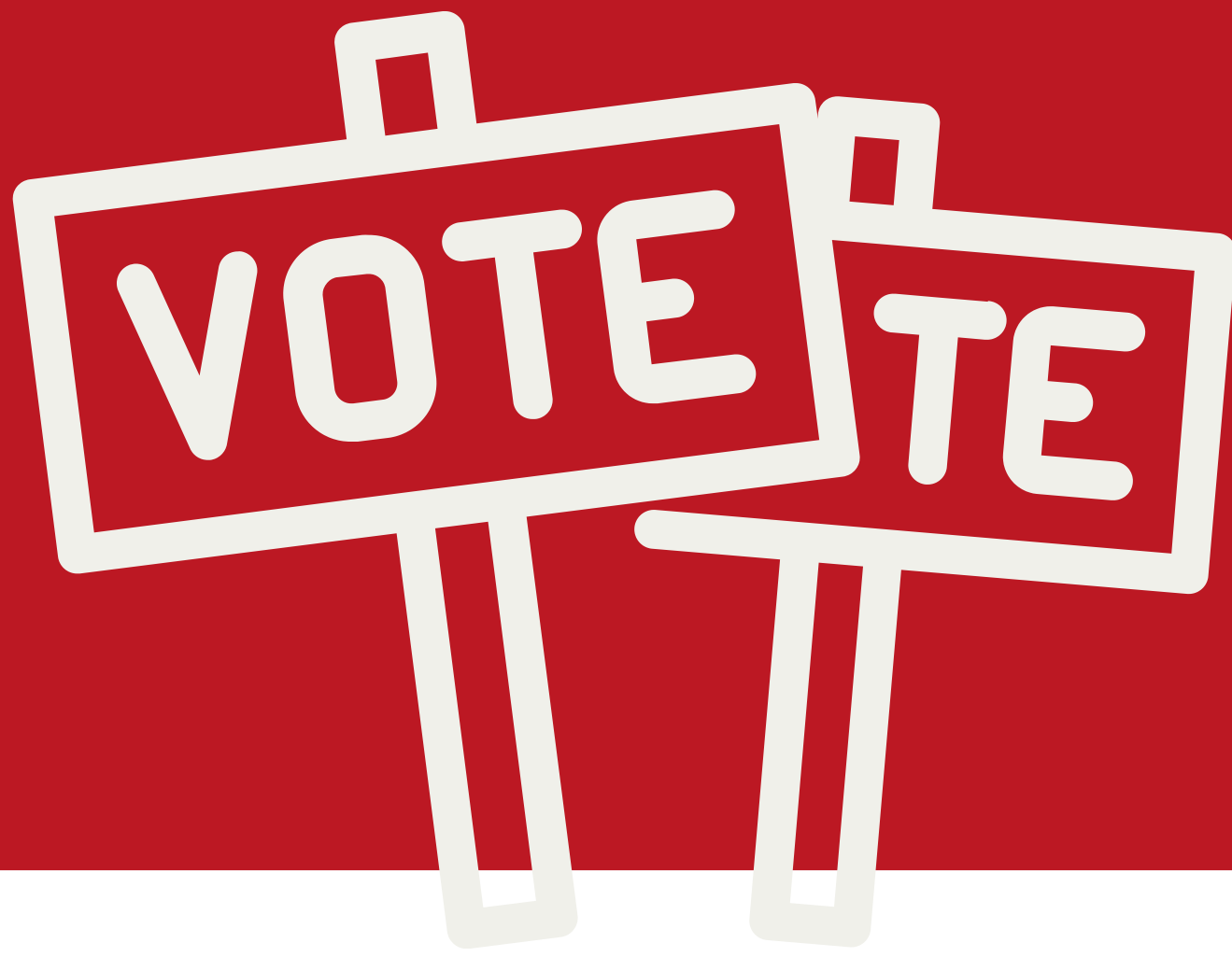
Jonathan Oyaga

Jonathan Oyaga graduated from UCLA in 2023 with a B.A. in Education and Social Transformation and a minor in Central American Studies. He is a first-generation transfer student from Pasadena, CA and the son of Guatemalan and Colombian immigrants. He has worked in public education spaces for 5 years and has served as president of CTA-AE for the last 2 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Education Association representing Aspiring Educators. This year, he serves on CTA's State Council of Education and will primarily work in member recruitment and chapter organizing. He is currently working as a research associate with the UCLA Center for Community Schooling aiding the Research Practice Partnership at the UCLA Community School. His primary focus has been developing a College and Careers Transition course to support first-generation students of color at the school.

Lamson Nguyen

Lamson Nguyen is a student at Western Governors University working towards a Master's degree in mathematics education and a teaching credential. He earned a Bachelor's degree in mathematics at Cal State Fullerton, where he did research in topology with Dr. Rathbun. Lamson is committed to the success of all students and passionate about finding ways to improve the working conditions of teachers. In joining the CTA-AE board, he hopes to gain new tools and become a more effective advocate for teachers and students.





WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES ON THE CTA-AE STATEWIDE BOARD



- Region 1 Director**
- Region 3 Director**
- REAC Director (2 positions available)**
- Alternate State Council Delegate**

If you're interested, please fill out this [2024-2025 Declaration of Candidacy Form](#) or contact Past Officer/Elections Chair Kristin Murray at kristinmurraycta@gmail.com.

You can find more about the positions and duties here on the [CTA-AE Standing Rules](#) and below:

<p>The Region 1, 2, 3, and 4 Directors shall coincide with the CTA regions and: Assist the Vice President in the coordination of state membership recruitment and retention. Attend all meetings of the CTA Aspiring Educators Board. Attend all statewide CTA Aspiring Educators events. Work directly with the local chapters and members in their region to provide resources, support, leadership, mentorship, and guidance. After consultation, the CTA Aspiring Educators Statewide Board may assign other duties, such as planning regional events.</p>	<p>The Racial Equity Affairs Committee Directors shall: Identify and monitor racial, ethnic and social justice concerns regarding educational issues and Association activities and report pertinent information to the CTA Aspiring Educators Statewide Board for action. Attend all meetings of the CTA Aspiring Educators Statewide Board. Focus on recruitment and retention of BIPOC and diverse educators. Serve as the co-chairs of the CTA Aspiring Educators Racial Equity Affairs Committee. Share all information concerning minority teaching incentives, programs and scholarships with the membership. Shall attend additional conferences. CTA Equity and Human Rights Conference CTA LGBTQ+ Issues Conference Be responsible for other duties as assigned by the Statewide Board or the Representative Assembly. Must identify as Black, Indigenous and/or People of Color (BIPOC) and/or LGBTQ+.</p>
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For the Alternate State Council Delegate position, please see below for the timeline that was approved by the CTA-AE Statewide Board at the August 2024 CTA-AE Statewide Board Meeting.

Mon, Aug 26, 2024	Deadline for nominations, verify eligibility
Tues, Aug 27, 2024	Voting begins electronically for 1 week at 10AM
Tues, Sept 3, 2024	Voting ends at 11:59PM
Sat, Sept 21, 2024	Newly elected member to join CTA-AE Board Meeting
Oct 18-20, 2024	Elected member attend CTA State Council in Los Angeles



**IMPORTANT!
INFORMATION!**



**END OF THE YEAR
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CTA-AE CHAPTERS!

CHAPTER CHARTERING LINK

Chapter recognition form is now open for the 2024-2025 year! Time to get organized and engaged with aspiring educators on your campus! For more questions, reach out to Mali Vera Curzio at cta.ae.madelainecurzio@gmail.com Please see a link to the form: <https://forms.gle/kaytEQQqPUae2dtu7>

Any CTA-AE members who do not have a chapter on their campus, reach out to me so we can create one. For more information or to set up an appointment for our master template presentation, contact Rob Hood at: rhood68edu@gmail.com



Fall Event
November 2-3, 2024
Sacramento, California

**SAVE
THE DATE**





A MESSAGE FROM DEWAYNE SHEAFFER CTA-AE BOARD LIAISON

Happy 2024 Fall Semester CTA Aspiring Educator!! I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating summer break. As we know, all good things must come to an end, Time for you to prepare to attend your classes, work, and try to keep a social life, it is very important for you to maintain balance. Take time out for you to be calm. This is easier said than done. Many times we are making sure we take care of others. Please understand that I am not saying family is not important. To be able to provide or give to others you must be on full. Fully rested!! Fully clear headed!! This does not mean that outside pressures will not show up because you are balanced! Some call it lifing!! This is a new word to me. Others may refer to it as living.

I am making this point because as you are adulting new things come your way. Now you must pay attention to those things you once had someone else take care of. My ask of you is that you create some balance in your life. You will find this is hard to accomplish no matter the age or life experiences. I still to this day must work towards creating balance in my life.

I trust these few words shared will assist you as you began the semester and you create balance in your life. Take the challenge and understand this is not a sprint. This is a marathon. Go slow to go fast. Additionally, I wish to share these words of inspiration. Select the phrases that inspires you, You can select them all!!!!

1. Find your passion. Your why!!
2. Create Balance
3. Be an innovator
4. Take appropriate initiative
5. Contribute in the teamwork process
6. Bring your expertise to the process

I am looking forward to working with you all. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to connect with me through my email which is dsheaffer@cta.org.

Let us bring our best selves to the table.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

As the 2023-2024 Year comes to a close, don't forget to renew your CTA-AE Membership at www.cta.org/ctaae.

If you're renewing your membership, please try to use the same CTA ID number or Email Address that you used in the past.

If you need to change your email, please email cta-ae@cta.org for us to help you do it on the backend.

MESSAGE FROM COMMUNICATION EDITORS

Hi everyone!

We are your Communication Editors for the 2024-2025 CTA-AE Statewide Board.

Make sure to follow our socials for the latest news!

We'd love to hear from you! Don't hesitate to send us a direct message, as we would absolutely love to see and showcase the incredible work you're doing with your individual chapters.

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Warmly,

Sarahy Torres
Jennifer Kay Garcia
Tiffany Richey

