



UPDATES

Hey Aspiring Educators!

My name is Jonathan Oyaga, an aspiring educator from UCLA. I just graduated with a B.A. in Education and Social Transformation, focusing on the community schools movement in California and researching college persistence amongst first-generation students of color. I am currently on my post-baccalaureate journey toward a master's and credential program. In my time as a college student, I have had the honor of serving Student CTA members in different capacities, primarily as your president. As I finish my term, I reflect on the past 3 years hopeful for the future of public education. As an Association, we have done so much to support one another and restructure our Association to be inclusive and accessible for all aspiring educators.

As we enter 2024, I invite you to take advantage of the resources, networking opportunities, and professional development engagements that Student CTA, now CTA Aspiring Educators, has to offer. I have relied on these resources and the network of unionized educators to supplement my learning, find great jobs within education, and finance my college degree. Please look through this email to learn about opportunities you can take advantage of.

We have our Spring Conference coming up, which is a great networking opportunity. At this conference, we will also organize for public education and for our students, as we continue the dialogue around how we, aspiring educators, can transform our profession.

We also have scholarships for you to take advantage of! The CTA Aspiring Educators Scholarship in honor of L. Gordon Bittle is due February 9th. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship is due February 23rd.

I hope that you have a wonderful semester and I hope to see you in San Diego at the Spring Conference!

In unity,

Jonathan Oyaga
CTA-AE President

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Scholarships for CTA Aspiring Educators!

*Click on link below for more
information*

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honor of L. Gordon Bittle:
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[The CTA/NEA Pedretti
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TBD](#)

Howdy, Aspiring Educators!

Chapters are under full swing, and we would love to support you as you engage aspiring educators in your campus! Please email me at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com to set up time to further discuss the chapter making and recognition process.

Having a chapter provides so many awesome benefits for you and other aspiring educators on your campus. Did you know that CTA-AE Chapters can get up to seven (7) students to attend the CTA-AE Spring Conference in San Diego for free?? To learn more about creating a chapter, click the link above, reach out to me or to CTA-AE staff at studentcta@cta.org!

Already developing a chapter? Amazing! Click [here](#) to officially recognize your upcoming chapter. Chapter recognition allows us to help further build our network of aspiring educators across the state, and even nationally with NEA Aspiring Educators. Chapter leaders and members can get access to conferences, roundtables, professional/personal development, and more!

CHAPTER LEADERS: Please check your emails for information surrounding monthly roundtables, biweekly check-ins, and chapter recognition status.

That's all for now on the chapter side! I hope to connect with you soon!

With love and solidarity,
Ethan Collier-Moreno
CTA-AE Vice President



Declare candidacy for NEA-RA: If you're interested in becoming a NEA RA Delegate, the Declaration of Candidacy form can be found [here](#).

- Deadline to submit: January 31st at 4 PM!

Interested in being part of the CTA-AE State Board?

Current vacancies in 2023-2024

1. Secretary-Treasurer
2. Region 1 Director
3. Region 2 Director
4. Region 3 Director
5. Region 4 Director
6. REAC Director (2)
7. State Council Representative (2 + Alternate)

More information on roles and responsibilities can be found at:

www.cta.org/studentcta

Questions? Contact CTA-AE Elections Chair

Kira Anderson at scta.kira@gmail.com

Also, if you're interested in running for a Statewide Board position for the 2024-2025 year

1. Make sure you [register](#) for the CTA-AE Spring Event and RA in San Diego from April 20-21 where elections will take place and
2. Please fill out the [Declaration of Candidacy Form](#).



DECLARE TO REPRESENT CTA ASPIRING EDUCATORS AS AN NEA RA DELEGATE!

Represent CTA Aspiring Educators nationally at the 2024 National Education Association Representative Assembly!

And meet other Aspiring Educators from across the country!

WHEN:

June 28, 2024 - July 7, 2024

June 18 - July 2 (tentative)
NEA Aspiring Educators Conference

July 3 - 7
NEA Representative Assembly

WHERE:

Philadelphia, PA

HOW:

Complete the [Declaration of Candidacy Form](#)

Important Notes:

1. Required Attendance: Elected delegates must be available to attend the entire event and all meetings and activities.
2. Election Process: A ballot will be sent to all CTA Aspiring Educators with the name and statement of all those who have declared candidacy and have been determined eligible to run.
3. Number of Available Seats: The number of elected delegates that CTA Aspiring Educators may send will depend upon our statewide membership on March 15, 2024.
4. Cost: Expenses for elected delegates to attend both the NEA RA and the NEA Aspiring Educators Conference are covered by CTA and CTA Aspiring Educators. Additional participants may attend at their own expense. For more information about the NEA RA Convention or the NEA Aspiring Educators Conference, please contact the CTA Aspiring Educators office at studentcta@cta.org.

More about the NEA Representative Assembly (RA): The National Education Association (NEA) holds an annual Representative Assembly convention of its members every summer. This is the largest assembly of people for a single convention in the United States. Delegates elected from each state will attend the convention, vote on national issues, and elect national officers. In addition, elected student delegates also attend a pre-conference prior to the convention – the NEA Aspiring Educators Conference. This is a great opportunity to attend meetings and events as well as network with future and current educators from across the country.



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
January 31, 2024 at 4PM

[DECLARATION FORM](#)



CTA ASPIRING EDUCATORS
PRESENTS

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ASPIRING EDUCATORS
TAKING ACTION FOR
PUBLIC EDUCATION**



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APRIL 20-21, 2024

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

**JOIN US FOR THE
CTA ASPIRING
EDUCATORS
SPRING EVENT
AND
REPRESENTATIVE
ASSEMBLY!**

Dates:

Saturday, April 20

- Sunday, April 21

Location:

San Diego

Brief description:

**Sessions focused on
political engagement and
racial & social justice**

**Union Communities
to meet other CTA-AEs
across the state**

**Questions? Email
studentcta@cta.org**

Register here:

**SPRING REGISTRATION
FORM**

Please note: CTA will cover costs for up to 7 participants from each chapter. To create a chapter on your campus, learn more here: <https://www.cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/ctaee/chapter-leaders-corner>