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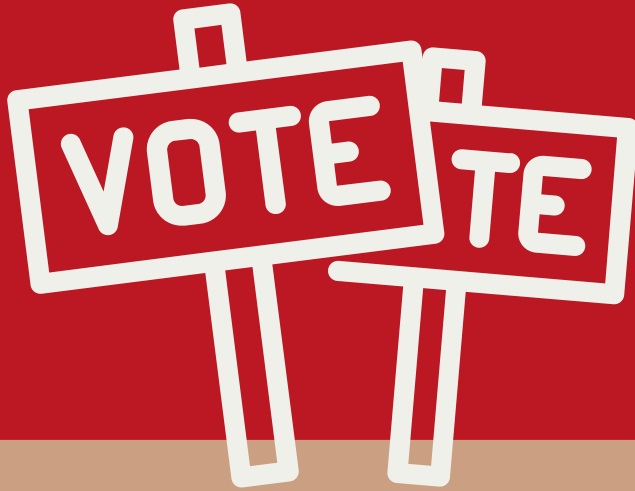
Hey Aspiring Educators!

Greetings from our nation's capital! I was in Washington D.C. representing aspiring educators at the National Education Association Board of Directors meeting. It was a busy and tiring week, but it was well worth it as I advocated for you and public education. Please review my report and let me know if you have any questions!

Lobbying Update: I had the opportunity to speak with the offices of Representatives Salud Carbajal (CA District #24), Julia Brownley (CA District #26), Adam Schiff (CA District #30), Maxine Waters (CA District #43), and Nancy Pelosi (CA District #52). I had the opportunity to speak with them about securing an ESP Bill of Rights to support our education support professionals secure a living wage and benefits; learn more about it at www.nea.org/ESPBillOfRights. I also spoke with them about how to transform communities through community schools. Regarding issues specifically affecting aspiring educators, I was able to speak with Adam Schiff's office around the barriers and inequities perpetuated by the new edition of the FAFSA.

- Join #PublicSchoolStrong!
 - Join the movement of educators and communities across the country who are fighting against book bans and LGBTQ+ exclusion, and who are fighting for honest, safe, and equitable public schools. Join at: <https://www.mobilize.us/raceforward/event/596321/>
- Mobilizing in 2024 for Strong Public Schools: It is 2024 and we are in an election year! Not only will we be voting in the presidential election, but up and down the ballot. I cannot stress enough the importance of making a plan to vote for pro-public education candidates from school board elections, congress, and the president! Make a plan to vote and make your voice heard as #AEsVote in the 2024 election. Resource: <https://educationvotes.nea.org/take-action/vote-plan/>

If you have any questions about my visit in DC, please feel free to reach out to me at scta.jonathanoyaga@gmail.com. I am looking forward to connecting with you soon in San Diego or virtually!



UPDATES FROM ELECTIONS CHAIR AND PAST OFFICER

State Council Delegate Elections - Thank you to those who applied to fill our State Council Delegate vacancies!

- Members will be able to vote via online ballot directly through Election Buddy between Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

NEA RA Delegate Elections - Thank you to those who declared their candidacy to represent CTA-AE at the upcoming NEA RA!

- We are currently waiting for NEA to confirm the number of representatives we have earned this year.
- Once we receive that information, you will receive a ballot directly through Election Buddy.
- We expect members to be able to vote via online ballot directly through Election Buddy between Monday, March 18, 2024 - Sunday, April 7, 2024.

2023-2024 CTA-AE Statewide Board Vacancies - Interested in being part of the CTA-AE Statewide 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)

2024-2025 CTA-AE Statewide Board Elections - If you're interested in running for a Statewide Board position for the 2024-2025 year, 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 please fill out the Declaration of Candidacy Form.

More information on roles and responsibilities can be found at:

Questions? Email CTA-AE Elections Chair Kira Anderson at scta.kira@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT

Howdy Aspiring Educators!

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits! This past Sunday, 2/4, I had the opportunity of connecting with Chapter Presidents across the state at our monthly roundtables. These spaces serve as an opportunity for chapter leaders to connect, workshop event ideas, and get updates from the statewide board to bring to their chapters. I loved getting to meet every single chapter leader and learning more about their goals, passions, and plans for the upcoming semester.

Upcoming Chapter Leader Roundtables are:

- March 3rd, 6:00-7:30 PM PST
- April 7th, 6:00-7:30 PM PST
- May 5th, 6:00-7:30 PM PST

All of these roundtables happen via Zoom.

Are you a chapter leader or potential chapter leader interested in attending? Email me at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com!

Speaking of chapter networking, have you registered your Chapter with CTA-AE? To be a fully recognized chapter means to have:

- Submitted your governing documents via our [Chapter Recognition Form](#)
- Your Chapter President as a [dues-paying CTA-AE Member](#)

Not sure where to start your chapter? No problem! Always feel free to reach out to me at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com to set up time and discuss your chapter's needs.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments, or just to say hi! I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming Chapter Roundtable, our Spring Event, or connecting with you via Zoom.

Warmly,
Ethan Collier-Moreno
Aspiring Educator



MESSAGE FROM CCTC LIAISON DEWEY KELLYGRAY

Exciting changes are underway for California educator candidates, offering new opportunities and benefits. The State of California legislature has approved funding to waive registration fees for required California educator examinations and performance assessments. Additionally, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has approved the retirement of the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) after June 30, 2025, as outlined in Senate Bill 488 (Chap. 678, Stats. 2021).

Teacher educator candidates now have various pathway options to fulfill subject matter coursework, providing alternatives to registering for required educator examinations like the CBEST and CSET. We encourage future California educator candidates to self-advocate and seek guidance from a California college or university with a CCTC-approved teacher preparation program for more information.

It's important to note that while the CCTC can waive registration fees, they do not have the authority to waive any coursework required for certification. Save yourself precious time by planning accordingly.

We urge future California educator candidates to proactively reach out and explore these opportunities. Your dedication to the field of education is commendable, and we wish you success in your journey towards becoming an educator.

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**EDUCATORS TAKING
ACTION FOR PUBLIC
EDUCATION**

Register at <https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24reg>

April 20-21, 2024

**Embassy Suites by Hilton
San Diego Bay Downtown**



REGISTER FOR CTA ASPIRING EDUCATORS SPRING EVENT AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY!

Dates: Saturday, April 20 - Sunday, April 21, 2024

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay Downtown

Register here: <https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24reg>

Please note: CTA will cover costs for up to 7 participants from each chapter. To create a chapter on your campus, learn more here: [CTA-AE Chapter Leaders Corner](#)

Nominations for Awards

- At the Spring Event, we honor CTA Aspiring Educators Members, Chapters and Advisors. Awards will be held at the Awards Ceremony over dinner.
- Nominate here: <https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24awards>
- **Individual Awards Categories**
 - CTA-AE W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) Award: Recognizes an outstanding local chapter leader.
 - Outstanding Chapter Advisor: Presented to outstanding faculty or staff that excel in their role as local chapter advisor.
 - CTA-AE Virginia Ann Shadwick Human Rights Awards: Presented to a local CTA-AE chapter or CTA-AE member that has made a significant accomplishment in furthering human rights issues.
 - Graduating CTA-AE Members Award: Presented for graduating CTA-AE Members (Transferring (AA-T, AS-T), Bachelor's, Master's, Teaching Credential Completion).
- **Chapter Award Categories**
 - Outstanding Local Chapter: This is the most prestigious award given by CTA-AE. This award is presented to the chapter that has excelled by empowering students and inspiring change.
 - Most Notable CTA-AE Chapter Event: Presented to a chapter to recognize an outstanding, most notable local event.
 - Newly Recognized Chapter: Presented for a new chapter in the 2023-2024 CTA-AE year.
 - Social Media Award: Presented for a chapter's social media page that has shown great engagement and consistent activity with their members.
- Please note:
 - Members may apply for an award themselves or nominate someone else. An applicant may apply for multiple awards.
 - Important Dates:
 - Deadline for nominations: March 15, 2024
 - Awards Ceremony: April 20, 2024



Questions? Email cta-ae@cta.org

**MESSAGE FROM
COMMUNICATION EDITORS**

Hi everyone!

We are your Communication Editors
for the 2023-2024 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,

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Jennifer Kay Garcia
Tiffany Richey