

A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE PRESIDENT ETHAN COLLIER-MORENO

Howdy, Aspiring Educator!

I hope this finds you well! CTA-AE transitioned its leadership this past weekend, and our new board is excited to continue the work ahead. As aspiring educators, we are empowered to work collectively with all of you to shape our membership's landscape and further develop the quality of education available to those aspiring to join the education field. Teachers, counselors, social workers, paraprofessionals, and more help shape the future minds of our nation and beyond. As the next generation of those careers, we must work tirelessly to further engage members together on your campus and beyond.

We are consistently dedicated to evolving the needs, goals, and projects of our organization to fit all of our needs. Our biggest leading value is that the U in Union is not just for "you," but "you and I." Check out all the amazing ways to get involved with CTA-AE on all of our levels. From running for a State Council position, filling a board vacancy, starting a chapter, or joining a statewide committee, there are endless opportunities to get involved, stay involved, and continue to fight for aspiring educators like you and I across the state.

Always feel free to reach out to me at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com if you ever have an idea, suggestion, or comment you'd like to bring before the board! I hope to see you soon at our Fall Conference or visit your campus to connect with you and other aspiring educators!

With Care and Solidarity,
Ethan Collier-Moreno (he/him/él)
Aspiring Educator & CTA-AE President

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MEET THE 2024-2025 CTA-AE BOARD

ETHAN COLLIER-MORENO, CTA-AE STATEWIDE PRESIDENT

Howdy! My name is Ethan. I am in my fourth year at UC Berkeley studying Political Science, Ethnic Studies, and Educational Sciences with a minor in Dance and Performance Studies. I grew up between two cities, Spring Valley and Chula Vista, both of which are in the southeast of San Diego. I'm also the son of a veteran public school teacher who has been in the classroom for nearly 30 years, and who's one of my main inspirations for entering the education field myself. I have been involved with CTA-AE (p.k.a. SCTA) since my first year of college, serving as Executive Vice President for two years. I am passionate about member development, chapter organizing, and creating a community within all levels of our organization to uplift marginalized voices within the education field. As the next generation of educators, it is our responsibility to ensure we deconstruct the oppressive systems within the education system that hold back students (like ourselves) from achieving our fullest potential. Thus, as President, I hope to achieve this vision with you all and uplift our voices to create more pathways for students to enter the education field.

MADELAINE VERA CURZIO, CTA-AE STATEWIDE VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Madelaine Vera Curzio, I am a fourth year transfer student at CSU Chico going for my Bachelors in Bilingual Liberal Studies. While I was growing up it was always just my Mom and I, she is an immigrant from Mexico. My first language is Spanish and I was an English-Language-Learner student. I did not learn English till I was in 1st grade. I am now a first generation college student. I hope and plan to continue after my bachelors into the Bilingual credential/ masters program. It's a big dream for me to be an English-Language-Learner educator and supporter for students that are where I once was. Joining the CTA- AE Board I hope that I can learn more about our education system while helping our Aspiring Educators on their journey. I hope to help build a community within the chapters and the board around supporting each other and finding helpful resources. I also believe this can be a pivotal stepping stone in my journey to becoming the best educator I can for my future students and fellow educators.

ISAIAH OPHASO, CTA-AE STATEWIDE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Hi, I'm a first generation student who graduated from CSU Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in English. I'm going to be working towards completing my credentials in the upcoming academic year. I'm the former President of Aspiring Educators club on campus. I look forward to continuing my path within the education field with the hopes of becoming an English Literature professor someday.



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ROBERT HOOD, CTA-AE REGION 2 DIRECTOR

I recently graduated from CSU, Chico with a B.A. in English Studies, minors in Secondary Language Arts and Linguistics, and a TESOL certificate. Next fall, I will be starting the credentialing program at CSU, Chico's School of Education in Single Subject. During my student teaching, the plan is to work in a high-risk high school after which I will hopefully transition into a full-time position. My personal, professional, and educational experiences inspire me to work with students who come from a similar background to mine. Growing up in the Bay Area, I too went to a series of high-risk schools and feel that having a teacher who can relate will give these students a better opportunity to succeed. I have recently been elected to the position of Region 2 Director for CTA-AE for 2024-2025. I am excited to bring my years of networking, management, and community service experience into working with the campuses in my region. My goal is to increase CTA-AE membership numbers, discuss possibilities of conferences closer to some of the lower membership rate schools in hopes of getting more students to become involved, and bring the CTA-AE into the forefront of these CSU campuses by working with other chapters.

NAVNEET KAUR, CTA-AE REGION 4 DIRECTOR

My name is Navneet Kaur, and I am originally from India. I am pursuing an Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree in Early Childhood Education at Santa Ana College. My educational aspirations include obtaining a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in education administration or leadership. I am deeply passionate about education and committed to fostering a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for young children. My goal is to eventually take on a leadership role within the educational system to advocate for and implement policies that enhance early childhood education. Joining the CTA-AE board represents a significant step towards achieving my dreams. It would allow me to collaborate with like-minded professionals, contribute to meaningful discussions on educational strategies, and influence positive changes within the community. To ensure everyone has access to high-quality education and a solid basis for the future, I am excited to contribute my viewpoint, commitment, and excitement to the board.

JIMMY SALVADOR-CONTRERAS, CTA-AE REAC DIRECTOR

Hello, my name is Jimmy Salvador-Contreras. I was born and raised in Fontana, California. I am a Latino undergraduate at the University of California, Los Angeles, where I am studying Mathematics of Computation. I aspire to pursue a career in software engineering and game development to achieve my goal of becoming a resource for K-12 students from underrepresented communities. Beyond teaching challenging subjects like calculus and programming at a high school level, I hope to inspire students to pursue higher education and careers in STEM. Through the CTA-AE Board, I aim to expand my resources and knowledge across California to be an equitable and fair educator.



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JENNIFER KAY GARCIA, CTA-AE COMMUNICATIONS EDITOR

My name is Jenn (she/they) and I am a student at Western Governors University. I'm currently living in the San Fernando Valley area and work as a Registered Behavior Technician focused on early intervention and helping kids learn to communicate effectively and cope in a society which is not built with them in mind. I am a huge advocate for neurodiversity and disability and plan on continuing to bring these viewpoints to the communications team. When I'm not working or studying, you can find me on stage at various theaters in my local area.

SARAHY TORRES, CTA-AE COMMUNICATIONS EDITOR

Born and raised in Oxnard, CA, I am a proud first-generation college student and Latina from a low-income background. As the daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter of farmworkers, I carry the values of hard work and resilience. This fall, I am excited to begin my journey as an incoming PhD student in Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA, marking a significant milestone as the first in my family to pursue a graduate degree. My goal in joining the CTA-AE board is to create an inviting space where our members feel encouraged to engage in our events, particularly during the Fall and Spring events. I am passionate about increasing involvement from a diverse range of educators. One of my fundamental aspirations is to raise awareness about the financial resources available to our members, ensuring they have the support they need to succeed. Additionally, I aim to enhance our social media presence, making it more visible and engaging to connect with and inspire more educators across our network.

TIFFANY RICHEY, CTA-AE COMMUNICATIONS EDITOR

My name is Tiffany Richey and I am a mom of three girls and a wife. I am so excited for this journey into teaching. I am a senior at Stan State and I am going to be finishing up with my Bachelors then getting a multi subject credential for teaching.

KRISTIN MURRAY, CTA-AE PAST OFFICER AND ELECTIONS CHAIR

I am so excited to continue working with CTA Aspiring Educators as I serve as your past officer/elections chair for the upcoming school year. I just recently graduated from Western Governors University with my BA in Educational Studies with a focus on middle grades mathematics. In July I will start my master's with WGU and then in August, I will begin teaching 7th and 8th grade math on an emergency credential. This fall I hope to be able to connect more with my local union and help with local elections. As your elections chair, I endeavor to do what I can to fill all the roles on the board, so that they can work most efficiently for the needs of Aspiring Educators in CA.



UPDATE ON ELECTIONS

CTA-AE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: *Want to get involved in CTA-AE on a statewide level but not sure if you can commit to being a CTA-AE Statewide Board member?*

The CTA-AE Elections Committee might be the place for you! If you're interested in learning more, please contact the CTA-AE Elections Chair Kristin Murray at kristinmurraycta@gmail.com.

STATE COUNCIL DELEGATE ELECTIONS: *Here are some updates!*

We received a declaration of candidacy from 5 CTA-AE Members for the 3 State Council Delegate positions and 1 Alternate position that we have earned for the 2024-2025 year. In accordance with our [CTA-AE Election Policies](#), we will run an election for all CTA-AE members to vote for our State Council Delegates via Election Buddy. Below is the timeline. Please look out for your electronic ballot that will be sent directly to you via Election Buddy to vote between Friday, June 14 at 10AM to Friday, June 21 at 11:59PM.

CTA-AE STATEWIDE BOARD VACANCIES: *It's not too late to join!*

The following positions are still open. If you're interested, please fill out this [2024-2025 Declaration of Candidacy Form](#) or contact the CTA-AE Elections Chair Kristin Murray at kristinmurraycta@gmail.com.

1. Region 1 Director
2. Region 3 Director
3. REAC Directors (2 positions available)

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

The Region 1, 2, 3, and 4 Directors shall coincide with the CTA regions and:

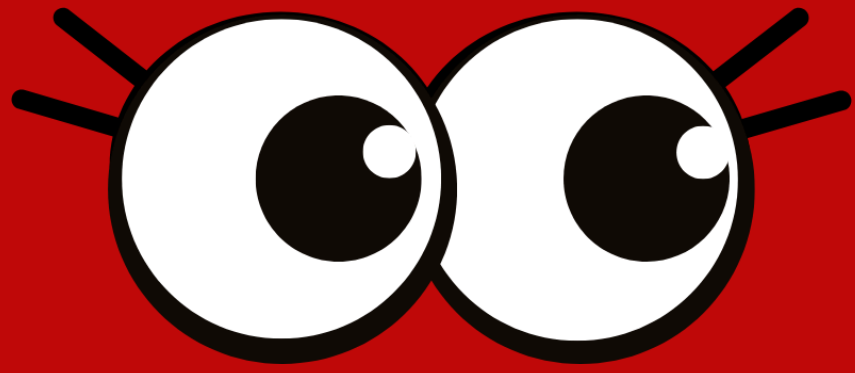
- Assist the Vice President in the coordination of state membership recruitment and retention.
- Attend all meetings of the CTA Aspiring Educators Board.
- Attend all statewide CTA Aspiring Educators events.
- Work directly with the local chapters and members in their region to provide resources, support, leadership, mentorship, and guidance.
- After consultation, the CTA Aspiring Educators Statewide Board may assign other duties, such as planning regional events.

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+.



Reminder



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.

CTA-AE CHAPTERS!

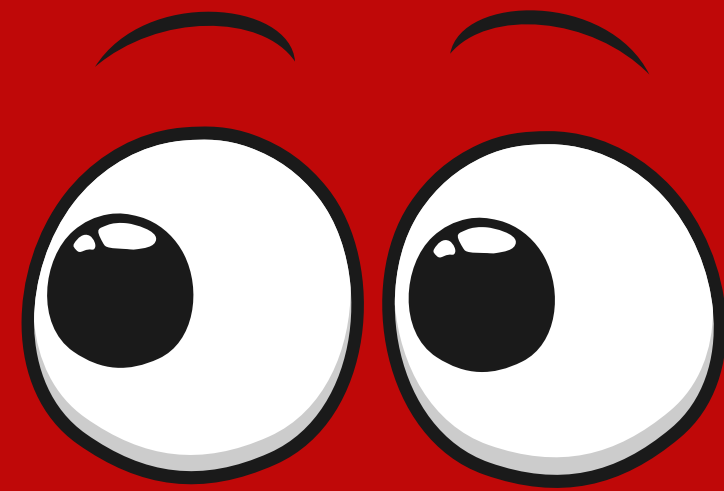
Look out later in the summer for information on rechartering your CTA-AE chapter or starting a new CTA-AE chapter! There are a lot of benefits to being part of a CTA-AE Chapter and CTA-AE board members and staff are here to help you do it.

As a reminder as you prepare, per the CTA-AE Standing Rules:

II Chapters, Section 2 - Chapter Status:

To be officially recognized as a CTA Aspiring Educators chapter, the following four requirements must be met:

1. Must obtain official club status on campus.
2. Must have elected leaders.
3. Must have at least one advisor.
4. Must submit governing documents to CTA Aspiring Educators Statewide Board.



A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE COMMUNICATION EDITORS

Hi everyone!

We're excited to continue our work on the board as your communications team! We look forward to interacting with everyone. As always, make sure to follow our socials for the latest news and don't hesitate to send us a direct message, as we love to hear about and highlight the incredible work you're doing with your individual chapters.

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Warmly, Sarahy Torres, Jennifer Kay Garcia, Tiffany Richey



A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE BOARD LIAISON DEWAYNE SHEAFFER

Hello! My name is DeWayne Sheaffer and I have the pleasure of serving as your CTA Board Liaison representing District Q which covers Higher Education and Aspiring Educators.

Allow me to introduce myself, I am starting my 29th year as a Counseling Faculty Member at Long Beach City College. During this time I have served in various leadership roles. Just to name a few, I was Local President of the Faculty Association, served as Secretary for the Community College Association, which is a statewide organization representing Community College Faculty. Last but not least, I am finishing serving as president of the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE). I served in this leadership role for ten years. I enjoy making a difference in the many roles I have served in.

I trust that as you are preparing to become an educator that you consider a leadership role. What you do in the classroom is very important. However, there is so much happening outside of the classroom that needs attention as well. Have a great summer and get plenty of rest as you will need all your skills when the academic/union year begins.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time at dsheaffer@cta.org or by phone at 562-881-0423. Looking forward to a productive and exciting year!!

