

A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE PRESIDENT JONATHAN OYAGA



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024!

We are so proud of your achievement as you turn the page onto a new chapter of your life. Whether you are continuing your Aspiring Educator journey or entering the classroom, your union is here for you! If you are continuing as an Aspiring Educator through a credential and/or master's program, don't forget to renew your membership. [Early registration is now available on our website.](#) If you are graduating and signing a contract, join CTA! At new hire orientation, make sure to connect with your site representative. [Learn more about how to become a CTA member on the CTA Website.](#) Did you know that you can rebate up to 4 years of Aspiring Educator Membership as an NEA/CTA member? Learn more here on how to get your rebate at: nea.org/aerebate. As aspiring educators, you have had access to scholarships, conferences, and more. As an active educator, you can take advantage of these same resources and so much more! Make sure to maintain your membership in CTA to continue receiving your benefits, liability insurance, and resources to support you on your #AspiringEdLife journey or as an early career educator.

It has been an honor serving you all these last two years! Being a CTA Aspiring Educator has tremendously shaped my life and I hope that our Association can continue to have an impact on your life. From lobbying for paid student teaching to abolishing the EdTPA and RICA, our Association is working for you and the future of our profession. This is not a moment, it is a movement, and the movement continues!

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CTA-AE SPRING EVENT & RA RECAP & HIGHLIGHTS!

The CTA-AE Spring Event & Representative Assembly, “California Love: Aspiring Educators Taking Action for Public Education” was a success! From content sessions, meals shared, celebrations, and connections made, it was a great opportunity for aspiring educators across California to build relationships.

On Saturday, April 20, participants joined a general session titled, “Aspiring Educators: Leading the Way and Taking Action for Public Education.” Students were also able to pick one of two workshop choices titled, “Aspiring Educators: Leading the Way: Charting Your Own Leadership Path” and “Membership Pays, it Doesn’t Cost.” To end day one, participants celebrated this year’s CTA-AE Award Recipients and members graduating this year. On Sunday, April 21, participants heard from chapter leaders and advisors speak on a panel titled, “ABCs of Chapter Organizing” and a session titled, “Democracy in Action: Get to Know Your Union.”

The second session was facilitated by CTA-AE President Jonathan Oyaga and CTA District Q Director DeWayne Shaeffer. Before breaking for lunch, CTA-AE Elections chair Kira Anderson took nominations for the 2024-2025 CTA-AE Statewide Board and conducted an election for contested positions. To close out the weekend, CTA-AE President Oyaga presided over a business meeting where delegates voted to ratify the election results for the 2024-2025 CTA-AE Statewide Board and heard reports from 2023-2024 Statewide Board Members and Chapter Presidents.

Shoutout to members from CSU Chico, CSU San Bernardino, CSU Los Angeles, CSU San Diego, CSU Stanislaus, Los Angeles College West, Pasadena City College, Point Loma Nazarene College, San Bernardino Valley College, Santa Ana College, University of Redlands, UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, and Western Governors University for attending and making this year’s Spring Event & RA a huge success!



Congratulations!

2024 CTA-AE AWARDEES

Graduating Member Award

Michelle Smither, WGU

Emily Silva-Rodriguez, CSU Stanislaus

Isaiah Ophaso, CSU Stanislaus

Virginia Ann Shadwick Human Rights Award

Haley Castello, CSU Los Angeles

Jonathan Oyaga, UCLA

Outstanding Chapter Advisor

Dr. Ana York, CSU Stanislaus

Alfredo Vargas, CSU Stanislaus

W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) Award

Dewey Kelleygray, San Bernardino Valley

College

Newly Recognized Chapter Award

Aspiring Educators Club CSU Stanislaus

Most Notable Chapter Event

Book Bans and Origami Event Tomorrow's

Teachers Club, CSU Channel Islands

CPR Certification & First Aid Training, SDSU

SCTA 18th Annual Cinderella's Closet Prom

Wear Giveaway Event, CSU Chico

CTA-AE Chapter Outstanding Local Chapter

San Diego State University SCTA

NEWLY ELECTED

CTA-AE 2024-2025 STATEWIDE BOARD

President

Ethan Collier-Moreno, UC Berkeley

REAC Director

Jimmy Salvador-Contreras, UCLA

Secretary-Treasurer

Isaiah Ophaso, CSU Stanislaus

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Region 4 Director

Navneet Kaur, Santa Ana College





INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A STATE COUNCIL DELEGATE POSITION OR THE STATEWIDE BOARD?

Fill out the Declaration of Candidacy Form by May 22, 2024!

2024-2025 Statewide Board Elections

- Current vacancies for CTA-AE are as follows:
 - Vice President
 - Region 1 Director
 - Region 3 Director
 - Racial & Equity Affairs Committee (3 Available)
 - State Council Representative (3 available)



To learn more about the positions, please visit the CTA-AE Website:

www.cta.org/ctaae

Fill out this Declaration of Candidacy Form for any 2024-2025 Statewide Board Vacancies or to run for at CTA-AE State Council Delegation Position:

<https://bit.ly/ctaaedecclare2024-2025>



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT

May 22, 2024



MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE VICE PRESIDENT & INCOMING PRESIDENT ETHAN COLLIER-MORENO

Howdy, Aspiring Educator!

Wishing everyone a happy transition to the summer season. Whether you are graduating and entering the field, transitioning into a graduate/credential program, or continuing your undergraduate education, remember to always take care of yourself first and rely on your network. We are here to support and uplift each other as we navigate our educational journeys!

We wrapped up the last of our Chapter Leaders Roundtables this past Sunday. Thank you to all the amazing chapter leaders in attendance. This year, we had the amazing opportunity to work with 11 stellar chapters statewide. I cannot wait to see them grow throughout the coming years.

Speaking of chapters, are you interested in starting one? Amazing!! Chapter recognition form will open in June-July of this year! Take the summer to get organized, recharge, and engage aspiring educators on your campus. For more questions, please feel free to reach out at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com!

The past two years have been an amazing journey of self-discovery and growth. Serving as your Executive Vice President and growing alongside you has been an honor. As I transition into the President role, I hope to increase our membership further and enhance the educational and professional development of aspiring educators across the state. I plan to engage our new statewide board in statewide and national advocacy for an equitable educational experience in K-12 and higher education to ensure all students have access to a quality education. CTA-AE provides a community and network to fall back on, so let's work together to make our organization great. Thank you for these past two years as EVP, and I am incredibly grateful and excited to serve a third as your President.

Please never hesitate to reach out to me with questions, comments, or feedback! Your voice deserves to be heard, and our statewide board wants to work for you, and with you, to develop AEs across the state!

Warmly,
Ethan Collier-Moreno
Aspiring Educator



ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE: A WEEK IN WASHINGTON D.C. WITH THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

UPDATE FROM NEA DIRECTOR, JONATHAN OYAGA

In light of recent events, I had the opportunity to fly out to Washington D.C. to represent aspiring educators from California and across the country on the board of the National Education Association. NEA is our union's national affiliate and we had a busy week in the nation's capitol.



1. I had the opportunity to meet with several California Representatives and advocate for paid student teaching. After discussions with Representative Adam Schiff's office, the congressman is interested in learning more about the student teaching experience and his office is investigating what it will take to make Paid Student Teaching a reality. I am working with Aspiring Educators from Georgia and Virginia, alongside NEA, to identify representatives who are interested in investigating and cosponsoring such legislation.
2. NEA President, Becky Pringle, reaffirmed our Association's commitment to protecting the right to protest and freedom of speech. As students in colleges and universities organize peacefully, our union remains steadfast in supporting aspiring educators who wish to get involved peacefully. I had the opportunity to share about the injustice taking place at UCLA, my alma mater, and uplift the fight for a free Palestine.



UPDATES FROM CTA-AE COMMUNICATIONS EDITORS



Hi everyone!

We're excited to continue our work on the board as your communications team! 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

