



**SEPTEMBER 2024**

## **A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE PRESIDENT**

### **ETHAN COLLIER-MORENO**

Howdy, Aspiring Educator!

This past month, your board has been busy getting ready for our amazing Fall Event coming soon in November! We are super excited to network with you all and help you transform your chapter or inspire aspiring educators on your campus! Check out the details below to come to our conference and register up to seven of your members FOR FREE as a recognized CTA-AE Chapter.

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

## **CTA-AE NEWS**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE COMMUNICATION EDITORS**

Hi everyone!

We are excited to announce we will be taking requests to submit any events/projects/awards your chapter or you have done as part of being a CTA-AE member. We are also now taking submissions for articles to be included in the newsletter. We want our communications to be filled with aspiring educators like yourself who are doing amazing work in education. Please use [this link](#) to submit requests.

Please note our posting timeline is between 2-4 weeks (depending on how many requests we get). If you have any questions, email [cta.ae.jkgarcia@gmail.com](mailto:cta.ae.jkgarcia@gmail.com) or [ctaae.tiffanyarichey@gmail.com](mailto:ctaae.tiffanyarichey@gmail.com) with the subject line "CTA-AE Content Submissions". We look forward to your submissions!

As always, keep an eye on our socials (@cta\_aspiring on Instagram) for some exciting new stuff!

Best,  
Communications Team



# FALL CONFERENCE

## NOVEMBER 2-3 2024

Last month, you received a save the date for our upcoming CTA-AE Fall Event and now we have details!

### When:

- Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Where:

CTA Region 2 Headquarters  
4100 Truxel Road  
Sacramento, CA

### This event is free to all CTA-AE Members.

1. You must register ahead of time at <https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24FallEventReg>
2. There is a commitment cost of \$30, which will be reimbursed after you attend the event.
3. If you're not a member yet, become a member here: [www.cta.org/ctaae](http://www.cta.org/ctaae)

### Registration Deadline:

October 12, 2024

### Link to register:

<https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24FallEventReg>



There will be an opportunity to receive sponsorship – members of chapters will be prioritized but there may be opportunities to receive support as an individual not connected to a chapter.

For more information to start a chapter here:  
<https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24ChapterRecognition>



# CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

## CTA ASPIRING EDUCATOR CHAPTERS ARE AT THE HEART OF CTA-AE!

November 2 and the CTA-AE Fall Event will be here before you know it, so get those Fall Event registrations in as soon as possible.

Remember that CTA will cover the cost of attendance for up to 7 members from each chapter. We are working to get any schools who have previously been part of CTA-AE recognized to move forward with participating in these fun and educational events. There are many benefits to being involved with CTA-AE such as scholarships and awards, sponsorship for events, and networking. We hope to see many more chapters recognized and represented!

There are 5 easy steps to becoming a CTA-AE Chapter:

1. Fill out the Chapter Recognition Form below and at: <https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24ChapterRecognition>;
2. Show proof of official club status on campus;
3. Show proof of elected leadership, ie: Chapter President;
4. Show proof of at least one advisor, ie: faculty in your campus School of Education; and
5. Share your governing documents, ie: Chapter By-Laws – we have samples you can use!

In addition to all the benefits of being a CTA-AE Member, recognized CTA-AE Chapters receive additional benefits.

Please see below for 5 reasons to become a CTA-AE Chapter:

1. Sponsorship to attend CTA-AE's events like our Fall Event on November 2-3, 2024 or Spring Event and Representative Assembly on April 19-20, 2025;
2. CTA-AE gear like tshirts, tote bags, pens, pencils;
3. Access to scholarships and awards for school through the [CTA Foundation's Scholarship Programs & Awards](#);
4. Opportunity to meet with CTA-AE Chapters across the state and with NEA Aspiring Educators Members and Chapters across the nation; and
5. Voting rights at CTA-AE's Representative Assembly.

Link to charter chapter: <https://bit.ly/CTA-AE24ChapterRecognition>

If you are a member whose chapter has not yet been recognized, feel free to contact Rob Hood if you're in Region 1 or 2 at [cta.ae.robhood@gmail.com](mailto:cta.ae.robhood@gmail.com), Navneet Kaur if you're in Region 3 or 4 at [navkaur1182@gmail.com](mailto:navkaur1182@gmail.com), Mali Vera Curzio if you're not sure at [cta.ae.madelainecurzio@gmail.com](mailto:cta.ae.madelainecurzio@gmail.com).



# **ELECTION UPDATES**

**WE HAVE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF CTA ASPIRING EDUCATORS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED! HERE ARE THE POSITIONS THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL:**

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

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

### **1. State Council Representative**

CTA's top policy-making body is the State Council of Education. Meeting four times a year, the council's nearly 800 delegates elect the three state-level CTA officers and the CTA Board of Directors. Council also sets forth CTA policy, develops legislation, and makes recommendations in general elections. CTA-AE State Council Representatives attend all CTA State Council meetings as representatives of Aspiring Educators.

### **2. Regional 1 Director and Region 3 Director**

Regional directors work with the Vice President of CTA-AE to coordinate state membership recruitment. They also work with and support local chapters and members in their region to provide resources, leadership, and guidance. Find out what region you are in here.

### **3. Racial Equity Affairs Committee Director (REAC)**

We are looking for two more individuals to join our REAC team. These individuals work on racial, ethnic, and social justice issues in education.

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](mailto:kristinmurraycta@gmail.com)

Please see below for the timeline that was approved by the CTA-AE Statewide Board at the September 2024 CTA-AE Statewide Board Meeting.

Tue, Oct 1, 2024	Deadline for nominations, verify eligibility
Thurs, Oct 3, 2024	Voting begins electronically for 1 week at 10AM
Wed, Oct 9, 2024	Voting ends at 11:59PM
Oct 12-13, 2024	Newly elected members to attend CTA-AE Statewide Board Meeting (virtual)
Oct 18-20, 2024	Elected member attend CTA State Council in Los Angeles



## A MESSAGE FROM CTA-AE

### REAC DIRECTOR JIMMY SALVADOR-CONTRERAS:

This past month, I worked on creating a REAC (Racial Equity Affairs Committee) Directory/Drive to host the contact information of previous speakers, panelists, and presenters, as well as resources such as presentations, websites, and forms. The goal is to make these tools more accessible for those interested in incorporating them into their chapters or events. More details to come out in the coming months! If you have any resources and contact from past conferences, please share it to my email: [cta.ae.jimmysalvadorcontreras@gmail.com](mailto:cta.ae.jimmysalvadorcontreras@gmail.com)

In addition, with the support of my fellow REAC Director, Alrak, we have established two GroupMes: the CTA-AE BIPOC Network and the CTA-AE LGBTQ+ Network. These networks are designed to build a sense of community for those who identify as LGBTQ+, BIPOC, or both, as well as for allies. Our aim is to use these platforms to connect individuals with similar backgrounds and to share resources and events, including our upcoming 2024 Fall Event, "Connecting CTA-AE Minds." Please note that you must be an active CTA-AE member to join. We encourage you to join one or both networks! Flyers are provided below.



Do you identify as BIPOC or a Co-conspirator?

Come build community and organize with others who may have shared experiences! Join the Group Me!!



Do you identify as LGBTQ+?

Are you a Co-Conspirator? Come virtually hang out, build community, and organize with others who may have similar experiences! Join the Group Me!!



## Get ready to vote in the 2024 General Election!

NEA and CTA is here to help you make sure you are already to vote this November! Make sure to complete these 5 steps to ensure you have everything you need to vote!



**1** Check your voter registration status: If it's been a while since you've voted (or even if it hasn't), now's the time to make sure you're registered at your current address.

Link: [Education Votes: Make Your Vote Plan Today!](#)

**2** Register to vote: Not registered to vote? Take the time to sign up now—it only takes 2 minutes.

Link: [Education Votes: Register to Vote](#)

**3** Request an absentee ballot: Casting your ballot ahead of Election Day gives you peace of mind and is a great way to avoid the last-minute in-person rush.

Link: [Education Votes: Request an Absentee Ballot](#)

**4** Preview your ballot: Before you head to your polling place or fill out your absentee ballot, see who's running, and which candidates are recommended by educators!

Link: [Education Votes: Preview Your Ballot](#)

**5** Support pro-public education candidates: Spread the word! Sign our pledge to share that you'll be voting for candidates who support students, educators, and public schools—then encourage your friends to do the same.

Link: [Education Votes: Sign Our Pledge to be a Pro-Public Education Voter](#)

For help in identifying PRO-PUBLIC EDUCATION candidates, use this resource: [Education Votes 2024 Compare the Candidates](#)



## DISTRICT Q DIRECTOR CORNER

Hello CTA-AE members –

I trust your fall 2024 academic term is off to a great start. As you are on your journey to complete your degree goals there are so many outside influences that you will encounter. It is so important to keep the MAIN thing, the Main thing. Easier said than to put into practice.

This is election season. I trust you, your family members and friends have registered to vote. I am not telling you whom to vote for. However, I am saying you **MUST** participate in this process. Sure, you understand that many of our ancestors fought for our right to vote. Also, **YOU** must do your due diligence and do the research on the issues. There are so many issues at the Local, State, and National levels. You may be aware of the presidential



election and all that surrounds it. Please keep in mind that there are other concerns of electing federal congressional members and the state leaders like governor's and other state leaders. Also, there are the propositions on the ballot for various community concerns. I encourage you to spend some time talking with your fellow classmates and other individuals you trust about the real issues. You need to create not only a plan to vote but the outstanding questions you may still have as the election day approaches. There are about six weeks till November 5, 2024. Do not forget about the 2,000 school board elections that have a direct impact on the educational environment and the various school districts in our communities.

I know as you read all I am saying you may be overwhelmed at this time. Have faith! Slow it down and put in the time along with your studies, social and rest time. We all know how to eat an elephant. Right! One bite at a time! Make time to do what you need to do to be educated/informed on the issues and ensure your peers are registered to vote if not yourself. This is what adulting looks like. My daughter told me some time ago that she does not like this adulting thing. There are so many decisions to be made, and you may make the wrong decision. This is true. However, if a wrong decision is made then make another decision. Life is full of decisions. Work to understand the impact of your decision. With all that said, All I really want to share with you right now is "PLEASE VOTE!"

