

# Professional Development

Our statewide conferences are designed to provide knowledge and skills for CTA members on a variety of topics including teaching and learning, racial justice and equity, LGBTQ+, education advocacy, new and veteran educator issues including special education and more.

- Special Education Conference
- LGBTQ+ Issues Conference
- New Educator Weekend Conference (North and South)
- Issues Conference
- CTA/NEA-Retired Conference
- CCA Conferences
- NEA Representative Assembly
- Equity and Human Rights Conference
- Presidents Conference
- Good Teaching Conference (North and South)
- Summer Institute
- Regional Leadership Conferences
- State Council of Education

## UNIVERSITY CREDIT

The [CTA 2023-2024 University Credit Program](#) is a benefit to members attending CTA Conferences during the 2023-2024 school year. CTA Members, through attending in-person or watching CTA Virtual Pass sessions, will be given the opportunity to accumulate the professional growth hours needed to qualify for university credit units with CSU, Chico.

► [CTA.ORG/CREDIT](https://cta.org/credit)



For a Complete List of Conferences:  
[CTA.ORG/CONFERENCES](https://cta.org/conferences)



# Awarding Excellence

PROMOTING QUALITY EDUCATION AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT WE HAVE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUR COMMUNITY

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

***Educational scholarships and grants offer financial support to CTA members and their dependents throughout the academic year.***

### IFT Grants for Educators & Chapters

Grants for CTA members and chapters to demonstrate what teachers can do when they have the freedom to create and invent.

### LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant & the Guy DeRosa Scholarship Program

Grants and scholarships to support groups, projects and presentations that promote understanding of and respect for LGBTQ+ persons as well as for self-identified LGBTQ+ members enrolled in a teacher/counseling credential or graduate program who are pursuing a career in public education.

### CTA Scholarships (Multiple)

- **CTA Scholarship for Dependent Children**  
Offers a max of 35 scholarships of up to \$5,000 each to dependent children of active, CTA/NEA-Retired or deceased CTA members.
- **Del A. Weber Scholarship**  
Offers one scholarship of up to \$5,000 to dependent children of active, CTA/NEA-Retired or deceased CTA members who are attending or attended a continuation high school or an alternative education program.
- **CTA Scholarship for Members**  
Offers a max of five scholarships of up to \$3,000 each to active CTA members completing college coursework.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program

Scholarships to encourage BIPOC students to become educators, school nurses, school counselors or school therapists and to promote professional growth for BIPOC educators and Education Support Professionals (ESP) members.

### CTA Aspiring Educators Scholarships

Scholarships to recognize the contributions of our members, chapters and advisors.

## AWARDS

***Awards recognize outstanding social justice and human rights work, effective communications by and for local chapters, excellence in media coverage, local political action and more.***

### Human Rights Awards

Given annually to CTA members, chapters and service center councils to celebrate the diversity of racial equity and social justice work that CTA members create, challenge and participate in.

### César E. Chávez & Dolores Huerta Education Awards Program

Recognition for educators and their students who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles embraced by César Chávez and Dolores Huerta.

### Communications Awards

Designed to encourage CTA chapters, service centers and UniServes to communicate with their members as well as to recognize and honor those who are communicating regularly and effectively.



Learn More & Apply At:  
[CTA.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://CTA.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS)



# CTA/NEA-Retired

**Membership in your union can continue well into retirement!  
Together, we advocate for dignity and respect for educator retirees  
across California and the country.**

## STAY CONNECTED

- Receive our quarterly CTA/NEA Advocate newsletter.
- Visit our website [cta.org/retired](https://cta.org/retired) for member updates and new benefits.
- Join a local chapter to socialize; join museum tours, social activities, speaker events, etc.
- Link up and stay connected at [facebook.com/ctaretired](https://facebook.com/ctaretired).

## ADVOCATE FOR DIGNITY IN RETIREMENT

- Advocate alongside fellow retired educators, current educators, professors and support staff for public education and dignity in retirement for educators.
- Protect your pension by helping monitor the boards of CalSTRS and CalPERS retirement programs.
- Support bills that strengthen pension systems and defend against their privatization.

## RESOURCES & BENEFITS

- Keep your access to CTA Group Legal Services, including access for substitute employment matters.
- Receive special rates and discounts like auto and home insurance, Medicare supplements, dental and vision coverage.
- Stay updated on education issues by receiving both the *California Educator* magazine and *NEA Today*.
- Extend your \$1 million professional liability insurance as you substitute teach in retirement.



**Explore The Possibilities:**  
[CTA.ORG/RETIRED](https://cta.org/retired)



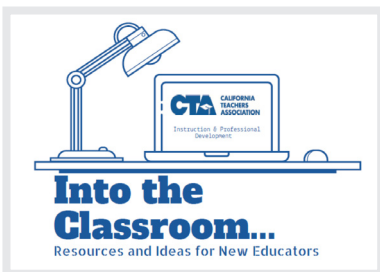
# Keep Learning

In your union, work to build your skill set, access tools to improve your practice, and connect with colleagues across the state.



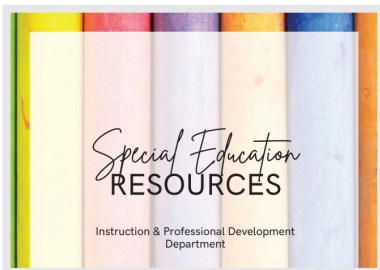
## NEA/CTA MICRO-CERTIFICATIONS

Micro-certifications or “micro-certs” are short, self-paced, practice-based, certificate-bearing professional learning sequences offered free to CTA members. Once you’ve completed a 15-hour course of your choosing, you are eligible for a micro-certification, which can be submitted to CSU Chico along with a small fee per unit for one university credit.



## INTO THE CLASSROOM...

The New Member Handbook shares ideas for implementing strategies in the classroom, lesson plans you can use, and research-based practices and tips from other CTA members.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

The Special Education Resources website provides CTA members tips and support on a range of topics. Listen to a podcast, watch a short video or webinar, read up on a special education issue, or download our guide.



## DEALING WITH STRESS

It’s a fact: experiencing stress, anxiety, depression or other feelings of helplessness these days is normal. The support we put in place now can significantly affect the time it takes for us to recover and find a sustainable balance. We have compiled resources to help you and your students.



Access Resources:  
[CTA.ORG/IPD](https://cta.org/ipd)



# Welcoming All Students

All students should have equal access to a high-quality public education free from discrimination or bias regardless of their economic status, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, status or other characteristics.



## EDUCATING EACH OTHER

CTA's Human Rights Department (HRD) is committed to developing and offering trainings that focus on building awareness and welcoming all students.

### Racial & Social Justice Programs:

- Monthly trainings
- Ethnic Minority Early Identification & Development (EMEID) Program
  - Leadership program for BIPOC members
- Cadre Training Program
  - Educators training other educators to deliver authentic, inspiring and transformational sessions

▶ [CTA.ORG/HUMANRIGHTS](https://cta.org/humanrights)

### Attend Yearly Conferences:

- LGBTQ+ Issues
- Equity & Human Rights

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## *Fighting for Justice*



Social justice for all begins with a free, quality public education. For that to happen, our students need to feel welcome in schools and seen by their educators. For resources, videos, posters and shareables to create welcoming learning environments for all students, visit [cta.org/SocialJustice](https://cta.org/SocialJustice).



**Access Resources:**  
[CTA.ORG/SOCIAL-JUSTICE](https://cta.org/SOCIAL-JUSTICE)