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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT ETHAN COLLIER-MORENO

Howdy, Aspiring Educator!

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits! On Sunday, 3/10, I had the opportunity to connect with Chapter Presidents and Leaders 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.

The upcoming Chapter Leader Roundtables are:

- 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.

Current Chapter Leaders: I would love to come and speak at your next chapter event. Please feel free to reach out to me at scta.ethancollier@gmail.com and let me know when/where your event is. I'm happy to attend in-person or via Zoom, based on your preference. Let's continue working hard to build our network strong!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments/feedback, 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 or in-person at your next chapter event.

Warmly,
Ethan Collier-Moreno
Aspiring Educator

CTA Aspiring Educators Presents **CALIFORNIA LOVE**

San Diego, April 20-21, 2024

General Session: Developing Education Leaders



Whether you're starting your leadership journey or further developing your leadership skills, this session will support aspiring educators and their ability to be leaders in and out of the classroom. Using the National Education Association's Leadership Framework, we strive to develop the next generation of educator-leaders in California.

Register at
bit.ly/CTA-AE24reg

CTA Aspiring Educators



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>

If you need a hotel, deadline to register: is March 28, 2024!

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](#)

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ASPIRING EDUCATORS TAKING ACTION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

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SCHOLARSHIPS

CTA/NEA-Retired to Award Pedretti Scholarship for Third Year

Are you pursuing a Pre-K through 12th grade teaching credential? Are you in a credential program? If so, you are eligible to receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship from CTA/NEA-Retired.

Even though we are retired, we remember the difficulties of trying to complete credentialing classes and doing student teaching, all while having to work to pay tuition and other costs. So does CTA/NEA-Retired member Gloria Pedretti. In July of 202, Ms. Pedretti reached out to CTA/NEA-Retired, wanting to help potential educators in their credential preparation journey and willing to provide a generous donation in order to make this happen. Together, we created the Gloria Pedretti Credential Candidate Scholarship.

Over the past two years, CTA/NEA-Retired has awarded eight scholarships to CTA Aspiring Educators members. We would like to help make furthering your credentialing goals a little bit easier!

Please apply for the CTA/NEA-Retired Gloria Pedretti Scholarship!!!

2023-2024 CTA/NEA-Retired Pedretti Credential Candidate Scholarship - California Teachers Association

Applications will open soon, so monitor the CTA Scholarships page or the CTA/NEA-Retired webpage.

Awardees will be announced by the end of July 2024.

Deadline: Friday, May 17, 2024

Award Amount: \$1,500.00

Questions? Email

CTA-Retired@gmail.com

CA Emerging Educator Scholarship

The Community College Association (CCA) will award the Emerging Educators Scholarship to members of CTA Aspiring Educators. CCA recognizes, rewards, and promotes excellence in union advocacy, advocacy for the profession, attention to inclusion, equity, diversity and community, and/or the development of leadership skills. The scholarship will be awarded to CTA AE members who demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in all of these areas and present a financial need.

Please submit application materials to

directorc@cca4us.org
by April 1st, 2024.

More information can be found at:

<https://cca4us.org/scholarships/>





ELECTION INFORMATION

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:
www.cta.org/ctaae

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

VOTE!
FOR CTA-AE NEA RA Delegate
March 18-April 7

Notices were sent via email on Election Buddy

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE INDIVIDUALS AND CHAPTERS THAT WE WILL BE HONORING AT OUR SPRING EVENT THIS YEAR!

Graduating CTA-AE Member Award:

Presented for graduating CTA-AE Members (Transferring (AA-T, AS-T), Bachelor's, Master's, Teaching Credential Completion).

Isaiah Ophaso, Stanislaus State;
Emily Silva-Rodriguez, Stanislaus State; and
Michelle Smither, WGU;

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.

Haley Castello, Cal State Los Angeles; and
Jonathan Oyaga, UC Los Angeles

Outstanding Chapter Advisor:

Presented to an outstanding faculty or staff that excel in their role as local chapter advisor.

Stanislaus State Advisor Dr. Ana York; and
Stanislaus State Advisor Alfredo Vargas

CTA-AE W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) Award:

Recognizes an outstanding local chapter leader.

Dewey Kelleygray, San Bernardino Valley College

Newly Recognized Chapter:

Presented for a new chapter in the 2023-2024 SCTA year

Stanislaus State SCTA

Most Notable CTA-AE Chapter Event:

Presented to a chapter to recognize an outstanding, most notable local event.

Tomorrow's Teachers Club at Channel Islands for the event, "Book Bans and Origami."

SDSU SCTA for CPR Certification and First Aid Training workshop

SCTA Chico Chapter for 18th Annual Cinderella's Closet Formalwear Giveaway Event

Outstanding Local Chapter:

This is the most prestigious award given by SCTA. This award is presented to the chapter that has excelled by empowering students and inspiring change.

San Diego State University SCTA

Our CTA-AE President Featured in UCLA Newsletter!

UCLA

Center for **Community Schooling**

February 2024 Newsletter

This month we feature a celebration of Black history and culture as well as efforts to advance community schooling across the state and nation.

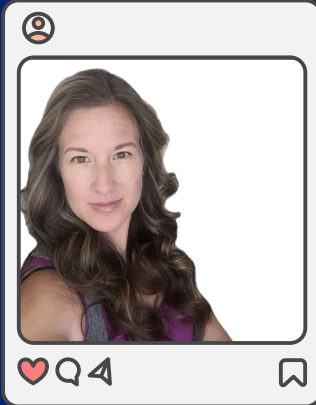
From the College Center to the Capitol



Jonathan Oyaga is an educational aide at the UCLA Community School, working in the College and Career Center to support students' postsecondary transitions. He also serves on the [National Education Association's Board of Directors](#), representing aspiring educators in California and across the nation. This month, Jonathan spent a busy weekend in Washington DC, attending the NEA Board meeting and visiting the offices of Representatives Schiff, Waters, and Pelosi to talk with them about the power of community schools.

He shared the Research-Practice Partnership he helps lead as a research associate with the UCLA Center for Community Schooling—a multi-year effort to improve first generation BIPOC students' journey to and through college. At the request of Representative Schiff's office, he also expressed the school's concern that students of mixed status families are currently unable to complete the FAFSA due to recent changes—insights that were included in a letter the office was drafting to the Department of Education. We applaud Jonathan's efforts to advocate for policies and practices that advance culturally sustaining community schools.

Welcome to Kristen Murray to the CTA-AE Board as CTA-AE State Council Delegate!!



My name is Kristin Murray and I am the newly elected State Council representative for the CTA Aspiring Educators. I am a busy mom of 4 kids and a furbaby. My older two kids are in college and the younger two are in middle school and elementary school. Between my experiences as a mom of college kids as well as being a non-traditional student myself, I understand much of the challenges we face to get our education and also the hurdles we face to become teachers. I hope I can represent all aspiring educators at the state council and continue to advocate for policies that best support our needs as well as our students.

Updates from CTA-AE Communications Editors

Hi everyone!

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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Email: cta-ae@cta.org

Warmly,
Sarahy Torres, Jennifer Kay Garcia, Tiffany Richey

For questions email cta-ae@cta.org

