

Announcements

CEA Ethnic Minority Scholarship

CEA is offering \$1,000 scholarships to ethnic minority high school seniors whose parents, guardians, or grandparents are CEA members. The scholarships will assist students in attending college next year.

Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a dependent child of an Active, Retired, or deceased CEA member;
- Be a graduating high school senior in spring 2017;
- Be a member of one of the following ethnic minority groups: American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian; Black; Latino/Hispanic; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; or Multi-Ethnic;
- Plan to pursue a college degree at an accredited higher education institution and have been accepted by this institution;
- Submit confirmation of acceptance from the higher education institution;
- Include two (2) letters of recommendation: a) One from their high school regarding professional or student, and b) One personal reference from a non-family individual who is familiar with the applicant's aspirations, education goals, ethnicity, personal responsibility and integrity, social and civic contributions, and personal achievements.

Scholarship Recipients will receive a one-time \$1,000 check to help pay for their tuition, fees, and/or books.

Applications must be received by March 31, 2017 Successful applicants will be notified by mail no later than May 1, 2017. The application is available [here](#).

CSEA Board of Directors and NEA Representative Assembly Election

Elections for certain positions on the CSEA Board of Directors and CSEA Representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly will be held in March. To be elected are:

Secretary, Treasurer, Primary Grade Director, Intermediate Grade Director, Middle School Grade Director, Senior High Grade Director, Coronado Region Director, Doherty Region Director , and Itinerant Director.

Complete information will be distributed in early February. All CSEA members are eligible to run for office and are encouraged to consider serving CSEA in this capacity.

Peer Coaching

Peer Coaching is an opportunity to work with a peer of your choice to enrich your teaching practice and improve student learning using a structured process. The purpose of Peer Coaching is to positively impact both teacher professional growth and student learning through risk-free, non-evaluative peer support. The partnership was negotiated between the District and CSEA

Sign up now in ERO for one of two courses:

- Peer Coaching for Teachers New to the Process - Course Code: PRO34305. To receive pay or credit, teachers must attend a launch on January 26th OR February 7th (see detailed info in ERO).
- Sign up for Peer Coaching for PROS if you have attended a launch - Course Code: PRO34306

Ten Credits – Ten Days

You can earn ten credits in ten days and make a jump on the pay scale by taking advantage of this incredible opportunity. You can also take less than all ten if you do not need ten.

Scot Kocher (Jenkins Middle School) is offering this opportunity to educators, with a discount (see highlight below) for CSEA members.

There are two ways to participate in the Covey training:

A Covey Cohort of 10 classes, 10 nights, 10 credits

The total for the Covey Cohort (before the discount for CSEA members) is \$900. Of the total \$900, \$250 goes to school District 11 for your 10 credits, \$250 for Covey participation kit and make up room rental, \$400 instructor fee/room rental/coffee.

Yes, this sounds expensive!! We get it, we are teachers. The instructor, Scot Kocher, will help you explore options on how to make this work for you and is willing to work with you and be flexible if you have an idea that works for both of you. (We call that Win-Win) Contact Scot for more information. There is a 6 month payment option.

Individual Covey classes for those who need less than 10 credits or if you have already taken some of the habits.

There are options for taking fewer classes than the full cohort. Please contact Scot for complete information.

The cost for this training is normally \$900, but **CSEA members get a \$50 discount that will be applied to their first class total**. This means that the total for CSEA members to receive this valuable training and earn ten credits for only \$850.

For dates and more information email Scot Kocher at scot.kocher@d11.org.

Events

Colorado Springs Young Professionals

Thursday, January 26 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Blue Star, 1645 S. Tejon

This is a great opportunity to network with other professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds. You can learn more about the group and this event [here](#).

<http://www.csyounghprofessionals.com/csyp-social-blue-star-thurs-126-6-8pm/>

FAC with The Extension

Friday, January 27 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Navajo Hogan, 2817 N. Nevada

Join with fellow educators as we gather to share a fun afternoon of companionship and unwinding. Let's shake off the wintertime blues together! With \$3.00 wine and draft specials, this promises to be a fun opportunity to get together and get to know each other better. No reservations are necessary. Come and enjoy the time together!

Contract Fact

Article XII.F.1 Conferences

Mid-Year Conference – The conference must be completed by January 31.a

Articles

[House Education Committee Greenlights Increasing Funding For Kindergarten, Banning Corporal Punishment](#)

[Mid- and Late-Career Teachers Struggle With Paltry Incomes](#)

[NEA Members Eligible For Free Insurance – Learn More And Register Here](#)

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