

Announcements

Delegate Assembly Election

Nomination information will be distributed to all members on or before January 10. Nominations and position statements must be submitted to CSEA by January 20, 2017 at 5 p.m., and will only be accepted using the electronic form that will be provided. Elections for CSEA representatives to the CEA Delegate Assembly will be held February 3 – 7, 2017.

Delegate Assembly will be held April 28-29 in Denver. CEA policy is established at this assembly of members from across the state that convenes each spring. At CEA Delegate Assembly, representatives make decisions regarding school reform issues, legislative agendas, philosophical resolutions and member rights advocacy. We'll send nomination and timeline information soon, and ask that you consider getting involved in your Association by nominating yourself to be a representative.

Oratorical Scholarships Offered

The Academy Optimist Club is offering college bound students the chance to compete for scholarships through the 2017 Oratorical Contest. The scholarships are funded through the Optimist International Foundation, which has been sponsoring this speech contest since 1928.

Applicants will be asked to prepare a four to five minute speech on this year's topic, "What the World Gains from Optimism." Complete information and the application are available [here](#). For additional information, you may contact ronda@rmhcsoutherncolorado.org.

Please share this information with students that might be interested in this opportunity.

Athletic Grants Available

CEA members in public high schools and middle schools in need of financial help for their sports programs are urged to apply for a California Casualty Thomas R. Brown Athletics Grant. Qualifying teams can score up to \$3,000. Since 2011, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to 400+ schools, including several here in Colorado. The funds help schools purchase much needed athletic equipment, offset participation fees, and improve athlete safety. Find out more and apply at www.calcasathleticsgrant.com by January 15.

Events

Educating Children of Color Summit

Saturday, January 14, 2017

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Colorado College

The theme for this year's Summit is We Can't Wait. The mission of this event is to dismantle the cradle to prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty through education. High school and undergraduate students, parents, education professionals, child welfare and juvenile justice professionals are invited to attend.

The Summit is free to students and parents and \$35 for professionals. Graduate credit (.5) through Adams State is available for an additional \$27.50.

75% of registration fees will be returned to youth as scholarships and educational gifts for post-secondary education. To date in excess of \$120,000 in scholarships and over 120 laptops have been given away.

For additional information or to register, visit <http://www.educatingchildrenofcolor.org/ecoc-summit.html>

Student Loan Reduction Workshop

Wednesday, January 25 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The Tim Gill Center
315 E. Costilla

The latest NEA Member Benefits research shows recent graduates are leaving schools with greater and greater debt. This presentation focuses on how teachers who teach in “high impact schools” can get a portion of their Stafford and Perkins loans forgiven. Only applies to undergraduate degrees and those who have not consolidated their loans. Reservations are required. Reserve your space [here](#).

Contract Fact

Article XI.D.2 Supervision of Non-Licensed Personnel/Volunteers

When non-certificated personnel are assigned to, and/or volunteers are used in the classroom, instruction will be directed by the certificated teacher, who shall supervise the activities of such personnel.

Articles

[Create a Self-Care Plan to Beat the Winter Blues](#)

[To Hire and Keep Good Teachers as Housing Costs Rise, Colorado School Districts Take on New Role: Landlord](#)

[How Parents And Teachers Can Nurture The 'Quiet Power' Of Introverts](#)

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