



San Diego County Service Center Newsletter

Special News & Events

San Diego County Service Center General Membership Meetings:

- Thursday, May 27, 2021

San Diego County Service Center Conference Grants:

- Click the link below to fill out a San Diego County Service Center Grant:
<http://sdctaservicecenter.wixsite.com/sdcscg/grants>

Steering Committee Information:

Awards:

CTA recognizes educators and members of the community who promote quality public education and impact their students and community.

MEMBER-IN-POLITICS AWARD WINNERS:

Overall Award – Ingrid Gunnell, United Teachers of Los Angeles

Getting Others Involved – Melissa Urbain, San Jose Teachers Association

Local Priorities – Margie Black, Capistrano Unified Education Association

Partisan/Non-Partisan Activities – Roxanne Deutsch, Davis Teachers Association

CHAPTER-IN-POLITICS AWARD WINNERS:

Medium Chapter – Oakland Education Association

Rookie Chapter – Desert Sands Teachers Association

Student CTA Awards

Each year [Student CTA](#) recognizes the contributions of our members, chapters and advisors. SCTA Awards are presented at the SCTA Representative Assembly (the annual business meeting of the association) each spring.

Local and State Who Awards: It is time for nominations for the 2021 State WHO (We Honor Ours) Awards. The "WHO" Award is a means of saying thank you to those chapter leaders who have contributed greatly at the local and state level. Nomination forms for both state and local Who nominations have been sent out. Nomination forms must be received by the San Diego Service Center by April 30, 2021. Please send any nominations to Stacy Williams at sdctaawards@gmail.com.

Awards banquet pending: We will be rescheduling the date for the Who awards banquet due to the Pandemic. Stay tuned for any updates. Please send any questions you might have to the email mentioned.

Community Engagement:

Educators Must Condemn Racist Violence Against Asians and Asian Americans Last night, (03/17/21) eight people were murdered in Georgia, six of whom were Asian and immigrant women targeted at their workplace. Nearly 4,000 cases of racist acts against Asian American communities in California and across the nation have been reported during the pandemic. “While there are no words to express the sorrow we feel by the pain and loss in our Asian American communities here in California and across this nation, we stand in strong solidarity condemning these racist, hateful acts of violence deeply rooted in white supremacy,” said CTA President E. Toby Boyd in a [statement](#). As educators and a union committed to racial justice, we must name and call out the violent effects of white supremacy and misogyny. We must educate ourselves and others about how racism, sexism and other isms work to dehumanize and stoke the flames of violence. It continues to be not enough to just acknowledge the work that has to be done, but we must [commit to take action](#) to make change. We encourage educators to create spaces to have conversations, and to build community and solidarity to address root causes of violence and hate.

Ways to get involved and take action:

- If you see something, say something and report it at [StopAAPIHate.org](#).
- Share CTA’s Pacific Asian American Caucus [statement](#).
- Learn about and support the [National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum](#).
- Learn about and support API organizations in California like [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#).
- Have courageous conversations with your family about violence against Asian Americans and how you can fight against stereotypes and racism.
- [How to respond to Coronavirus racism in the classroom](#).
- Check out the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance’s [Resource Guide on Anti-Asian Violence](#).
- Share activist and NBA star Jeremy Lin's [video](#) urging an end to violence and racism against Asian American Pacific Islanders.
- Research [#StopAsianHate](#) and [#StopAAPIHate](#) on social media.

Source: CTA Bulletin, News and Resources for Our Educators, 03/18/21

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COVID-19 Community Response Volunteers Needed! The coronavirus health crisis continues to grow and our workers need more help than ever. As workers face layoffs and cancelled shifts, making ends meet becomes harder and harder. The SD and Imperial Counties Labor Council has transitioned to open food distribution sites for union members & the general public but they need help to make it a success. Sign up to volunteer TODAY! [COVID-19 Community Response Volunteers](#)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

[Worker Hunger Relief Program](#): COVID 19 Response Workers who earn the least have been hit the hardest. Please help families keep food on their tables.(Created by a Partnership for a Better San Diego. 3737 Camino del Rio South Ste 403 San Diego CA 92108.) Every dollar donated will go to help the

workers and families who need it most. It will provide food assistance to help San Diegans survive this crisis. Click on the link above to make a donation.

San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund: A coalition of philanthropy, government and business partners has joined together to create the San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund to rapidly deploy flexible resources to community-based organizations at the frontlines of the coronavirus outbreak in San Diego County. The San Diego Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization making all donations tax-exempt. Click on the link above to make a donation.

ACCESS TO FOOD- RESOURCE LIST

Fairmount-Food Pantry This weekly food pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays for ALL families. This is by appointment only, please call the number to make an appointment. **619-321-6851**

Feeding San Diego There are NO REQUIREMENTS to accessing any of the Feeding San Diego food distributions.

South: Ongoing: Every Tuesday and Thursday | 8:00 AM Community Through Hope Eucalyptus Park 436 C St, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Southeastern: Every Tuesday | 3:00 PM Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation 404 Euclid Ave, San Diego, CA 92114

Elections:

Spring 2021 Election of the SCC-Multiple Electoral State Council REP Seats

The CTA Elections and Credentials Committee will conduct the Spring 2021 election of the SCC-Multiple Electoral State Council Representatives seats.

A candidate for State Council Representative or Alternate must be an Active member of CTA, NEA, and a chapter, if available.

Nominations shall be conducted according to the Open Nomination Procedure, which holds that every eligible CTA member shall have the opportunity to nominate any CTA member who meets the qualification for office.

The winner(s) shall be determined by **majority** vote.

Runners up will become the Alternate.

Timeline:

Tuesday, June 1- Deadline to file a challenge. Challenge must be received by CTA Elections (email to: ctaelections@cta.org) no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Post-marked date not accepted.

- Click [here](#) for a list of State Council REP seats and the respective terms (by Service Center Council) that are open for election.
- Click [here](#) to complete a Declaration of Candidacy form (CTA website - login required). **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE TO ENSURE THAT THE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORM IS RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATE AND TIME.**
- Click [here](#) for a list of chapters in each electoral.
- Questions – please contact sdctaelections@gmail.com or email ctaelections@cta.org.

Members Benefits Highlight

This month's benefit is [The Standard Insurance](#) that is endorsed by both NEA and CTA. The Standard has competitive groups rates for Disability, Life, Student Loan and Cancer Benefit. You can also check out the [website](#) for information on the offer below.

Limited Time Offer - April 1 - May 31, 2021

As a CTA member, you always have the opportunity to apply for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life Insurance - even if you are covered by a different insurance company. To make it easier for you, we are offering a special opportunity to switch coverage **without answering health questions** by May 31, 2021.

CTA Member Benefits Spring Orientation

We know how busy you all are, and you may have missed earlier Member Benefits orientations. Don't worry! Our Spring Member Benefits Orientation will help you get caught up and you'll have a chance to win fun door prizes (virtually, of course!).

Some members have benefits enrollment windows ending soon, so it is especially important for new members to attend one of these sessions. The orientation will cover:

- CTA/NEA Member Benefits, including financial services, student debt relief assistance, retirement savings, discounts on supplies, shopping, dining and more
- CTA introductory disability insurance for eligible new educators
- Special enrollment ending soon for CTA-endorsed disability insurance
- CTA-endorsed auto, home and renters insurance

[Register for a session today!](#)

[Tuesday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m.](#)

[Tuesday April 27 at 4:30 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m.](#)

[Thursday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m.](#)

Julie Walker
Chair, SDCSCC Benefits Committee
sdctabenefits@gmail.com

Membership Engagement:

Box lunch bash- do you usually have an end of the year party but can't this year? If so, how about a box lunch bash? Your association can provide lunch in an outdoor setting at lunchtime at a site instead of a party off site. It will bring your members together. if they are in person. THIS also can be done on Zoom with everyone bringing their own lunch at a certain date and time. You can have raffle prizes and also honor your retirees at the event.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Landry

Political Involvement:

Social Media:

San Diego County Service Center website! Please bookmark sdctaservicecenter.wixsite.com/sdcsc so you can get up to date information.

- Service Center Information
- Committee Information
- Elections Information
- Grants
- Calendar of Events, Meetings, & Workshops along with registration
- Red for Ed: Raising Our Voices, Protecting Public Schools Post pics at #redford
- If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact me at sdctasocial@gmail.com

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