Amplifying Our Voice: Leading Boldly for Our Students, Our Professions, and Our Union

Active Leadership: In College and Your Career
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NEA Leadership Competency Level: 1, Foundational

Aspiring Educators and Early Career Educators

NEA Leadership Competency Theme: Governance and Leadership

Empowering, motivating, and fostering a pipeline of diverse leaders
NEA Strategic Goal:
  • Strategic Goal 1: Strong Affiliates for Educator Voice and Empowerment

NEA Organizational Priority:
  • Early Career Educators
Take Off, Touch Down

• Cooperative learning teambuilding activity
• Kinesthetic “brain break” for classrooms
• Directions:
  • If the statement applies to you, stand up
  • If the statement does not apply, sit down (or remain seated)
# Membership Levels

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Join When You Are Hired!

https://ims.nea.org/JoinNea/type.do
Campus Leadership Opportunities

• Local Leadership Roles
  • Campus Officer
  • Liaison to Local Association

• Local Leadership Activities
  • Grant Writer, NEA Create Grant
    http://www.nea.org/grants/61972.htm
    • Teacher Quality ($3000 max), Community Outreach ($3000 max), Political Action ($2000 max)
  • Recruitment in Intro to Education Classes
State Level Opportunities

• State Student Program Officers
  • Most officers are elected at the spring student representative assembly

• State Events and Conferences
  • State student program conferences or assemblies
  • Consider attending your state association’s spring representative assembly or other conferences to network with current educators
NEA Aspiring Educators Opportunities

• Advisory Committee of Student Members
• NEA Board of Directors- Student Representatives
• NEA Events and Conferences
  • NEA Student Leadership Conference
  • NEA Representative Assembly
Game Time!

Kahoot App or www.kahoot.it
Local Leadership Opportunities

• Early Career Educator Group
  • Purpose: To support new educators through mentoring, social events, networking, or professional development sessions.

• Local Leadership
  • Building Representatives (monthly meetings)
  • Local Officer (monthly meetings)

• Committees
  • Ask Your Building Rep. or Local President
  • Political Action Committee
State Leadership Opportunities

• Board of Directors
  - New Teacher Seat

• New Teacher Events
  - Retreat
  - Conference
  - Networking

• Committees
  - Talk to Your Local President
State Events

• Representative Assembly
  • Typically in the spring
  • Run as a local delegate in order to attend
  • Great learning experience!

• ESP Conference

• Minority Affairs Conference

• Women’s Conference

• Summer Conferences- Leadership, Political, etc.
National Leadership Opportunities

• NEA Representative Assembly (summer)
  • Run on the local or state ballot

• NEA Conferences
  • ESP
  • Racial and Social Justice

• National Leadership Summit 😊
  • Take back what you learn!
National Leadership Opportunities Cont’d.

• NEA Early Career Educators Caucus
  • Meets during the NEA RA

• Read Across America
  • [http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm](http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm)
  • Free resources online
  • Connect your local association and nearby college chapters
  • Work with you local public library
Goal Setting

1. Break off into groups of 2
2. Brainstorm achievable goals to increase your personal leadership within the association
3. Write down the goal and 3 action steps
4. Explain your goal to your partner; give feedback and ask questions
5. Join another group and share goals
6. Go home and achieve your goals!
Campus/Local Association Goal

1. If there are other members from your campus chapter or local/state affiliate, join them.

2. Pick one grant, event, or program to introduce to your association.

3. Create a “skeleton” plan with your goal and 3 action steps.

4. I will assign you 1-2 groups to share ideas with. Please allow time for feedback after you share your new idea.

5. Email me if you need assistance with your new idea when you return home. carrieg1214@gmail.com
Questions, Then Idea Share

• First, ask questions
• Then, share ideas - please limit yourself to sharing one idea to allow others the opportunity to speak
“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

–John F. Kennedy
Session Outcomes

The content from this session can be used in the following ways in your current position/role:

– You understand the levels of association membership
– You are aware of leadership opportunities for Early Career Educators at the state, local, and national level
– You set an achievable personal membership goal to increase your association leadership
• Please complete the evaluation for this breakout session by using the NEA Summit Mobile App! (Allow at least 5 minutes at the end of the session.)

• Please visit the Leadership Development Resources website at www.nea.org/leadershipdevelopment

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