

Hello, Aspiring Educators! My name is Matthew Yuro (he/him), and I am a rising Junior at The College of New Jersey, majoring in Special Education, Elementary Education, and History. I am running to be a member of the NEA Resolutions Committee for the 2023-2024 year, with the goal to advocate for all aspiring educators in alignment with NEA's core mission statement, values, and goals. I have loved my experience so far with the NEA Aspiring Educators program, in which I have had the opportunity to serve on the NEA AE Advisory Committee, helping to plan the Aspiring Educators Conference on the Awards Subcommittee, and serve on the Aspiring Educator to Early Career surcharge for this year. I have been able to meet so many passionate aspiring educators through this role, helping to advocate for the elimination of certification tests for educators and begin initiatives for paid student teaching. I also have served as the Vice President for NJEA Preservice, as well as the Membership and Local Outreach Chair, helping to grow the membership of aspiring educators throughout the state of New Jersey. I look forward to serving on the NEA Resolutions Committee if elected, making sure to represent all AEs.