

National Council of Urban Education Associations

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WHAT IS NCUEA?

The National Council of Urban Education Associations (NCUEA) is made up of local affiliates of the National Education Association (NEA) dedicated to strengthening member advocacy and moving the NEA to be more responsive to member needs. **NCUEA focuses on:**

- Speaking with a common voice on all matters affecting local education associations
- Improving the structure, processes, and workings of NEA to ensure the full and effective participation of all local association members
- Developing programs for NEA that will solve problems faced by local educators
- Identifying and supporting candidates for NEA offices who will work to implement NCUEA-adopted programs and positions
- Creating a national network where local association leaders can learn from and support one another

Additionally, NCUEA creates a space to advance issues critical to local educators, their students, and their communities. This includes working to expand community schools and determining the future of assessments, both of which are issues that NCUEA member locals are deeply invested in.

NCUEA CONFERENCES

NCUEA broadens and deepens what we're discussing at the local level through our biannual conferences. The Fall Conference is dedicated to training members and leaders of local associations and bringing in new voices to expand our thinking. The Summer Meeting is devoted to debating and making decisions on matters of special concern to urban associations that are due to come before the NEA Representative Assembly.

The conferences generally enlist speakers who address three major categories: organizing and advocacy; racial, social, and economic justice; and professional practice. **In the past, we've had the following experts as speakers:**

- **Kiese Laymon**, Author, *Heavy*
- **David Treuer**, Author, *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee*
- **Nancy MacLean**, Author, *Democracy in Chains*
- **Morgan Jerkins**, Author, *Wandering in Strange Lands*
- **Ian Haney López**, Author, *Merge Left*
- **Charles Yu**, Author, *Interior Chinatown*
- **Josh Mitchell**, Journalist and Author, *The Debt Trap*
- **Eli Saslow**, Journalist, *Rising Out of Hatred*
- **Devin Vodicka**, Chief Executive Officer, Learner-Centered Collaborative
- **Adam Rubin**, Founder and Partner, 2Revolutions



NCUEA MEMBERSHIP

Locals or UniServ Council/Regional units whose actual or potential membership is at least 250 may join. Others may join with the recommendation of a member association. All potential NCUEA members must be NEA affiliates and equal opportunity employers. NCUEA membership includes higher education chapters and Education Support Professional (ESP) locals.

In addition to having a voice within NEA, NCUEA supports the training for your local's leadership to help make your local a stronger advocate for your members. **This includes:**

- Urban Grants
- New Local Presidents Training Program
- Observer Role on NEA Board of Directors
- Public Policy and Organizing Committee
- Dedicated NCUEA Ed Communities Site



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