

# NEVADA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## Student Program

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## 2020 Delegate Assembly

NSEA SP has come a long way; we have active chapters in Elko, Las Vegas and Reno! We are continuing to grow by recruiting more student members and by being more active throughout the state. We have built a solid bridge with WEA; we enjoy working with them and networking as future educators.

The NSEA SP had a wonderful start at the Aspiring Educators Conference in Houston, TX in the summer of 2019. There were 7 student members in attendance with Reno, Las Vegas and Elko all being represented! We worked together with student members from all over America to solve a problem and gain membership at our hypothetical university. We learned “How to ask, so people will say yes!” The biggest takeaway was to make emails short and to the point, if a person has to scroll down then they stop reading.

There was also a surprise Aspiring Educators Leaders and Organizers Conference in Washington D.C. in August of 2019! This was the first time this conference has ever been held and it was extremely beneficial. Lisa Romero NSEA UniServ Director and Kristin Prostinak NSEA student leader were in attendance from Nevada. Lisa and Kristin were able to work together on their strategic plan for the NSEA SP. They learned about hosting Social Justice movie nights and how powerful conversations and discussions can emerge from it. They also learned the huge difference about teaching adults as opposed to children and how to keep adults attention. Through the video “It’s Not About The Nail” adults need to listen first before they try to solve a problem. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4EDhdAHrOg>

The Reno chapter U of NEA had a lot of events this year. Our most popular events were our Professional Development presentations. We started off the Fall semester with Lisa Romero being our speaker and discussing the benefits of joining the NSEA SP and answering questions. We had Ricky Salazar from the UNR Center speak to us about Diversity. We had a social event where we went to the pumpkin patch and corn maze. We volunteered for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at AACT High School’s Fall Festival where we dressed up in 80’s gear and handed out candy to Trick or Treaters. We had a Substitute workshop co-hosted with WEA and current substitute teachers from the Washoe County School District. We had a field trip to the Nevada Historical Society where we learned about the history of Nevada mining and received a tour of the museum. We volunteered on campus to help make toys for the animal shelter and blankets for the homeless. We had a Grassroots Book Sale on campus to fundraise. We ended the Fall semester with a weekly yoga series taught by one of our officers Caroline Gabica. The Spring semester has been off to a rocky start with very low student attendance. We had a resource fair with College of Education advisor Carrie Murphey and Lisa Romero representing NSEA. We had a Black History Month Presentation that no students showed up for and the speaker did not get to deliver his presentation, which was extremely embarrassing. We have an upcoming paint night where students can paint a picture on a canvas. We also have an upcoming event with WEA and the Washoe County School District about getting hired and interview preparation.

The Las Vegas chapter UNLV Rebel Educators have done the following events throughout the year from tabling events to share information regarding the student program, holding monthly meeting to encourage student involvement, holding teacher panels to learn more about the profession, toy donations, socials with education deans and chairs, writing letters to Paradise Elementary students for encouragement, and fundraisers to give back to the community and much more. UNLV Rebel Educators attended at the Nevada Women's Lobby Dinner 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nevada's ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment honoring Nevada's pioneering women.

Also, in the last two (2) years, NSEA SP student members has been selected to attend the NEA Leadership Summit to represent Nevada. There are only 25 spots available and Nevada is on their radar.

The NSEA Student Program would like to congratulate all students who have graduated in the last year and those who will be graduating in May and throughout the year. We hope to continue to support and engage members that are continuing their education, and to help shape them into the great educators that are needed for our future.

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