

NEVADA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Student Program Report

to the

2022 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. Nevada Aspiring Educators were featured in the NEA Membership Report twice for increasing student membership!

The NSEA SP had a wonderful start at the Virtual Aspiring Educators Conference during the summer of 2021. Four student members were chosen to attend from Reno to represent Nevada. We participated in a virtual scavenger hunt and ran around our homes to find our favorite book, something we were proud of and shared our favorite pet or family member. We brought this back to U of NEA in Reno and had a very successful first meeting when the semester started. We learned about peace circles, using a talking peace with our students, and creating a safe space. We learned about Racial and Social Justice and how impactful it can be to do an author of color everyday with our students. Our favorite quote from this conference was, "Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud" - Dr. Maya Angelou

The Reno chapter U of NEA had a mix of virtual and in-person events. We partnered with the California Aspiring Educators and held 2 very successful Professional Development events. Building Empathy with Raul Gonzalez an NEA California Kindergarten teacher and an APIC Professional Development Event with Keola Wong from the UNR Multicultural Center and Jayson Chang an educator from California. We held a lot of social events such as a game night, jeopardy night, and a self-care stretch night. We also had a fun virtual paint night taught by a past aspiring educator from Virginia. We went skating at Roller Kingdom and we have been visiting a Nevada museum once a month. We really enjoyed the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City and got to ride on the steam train! We also loved the Wilbur D. May Museum Sweet Exhibit where we learned all about candy, chocolate, and real-life Willy Wonka's.

For community outreach, we handed out candy to kids in their cars for a trunk-or-treat event. We also volunteered at Urban Roots to help clean up the farm. We also did pen pal letters with Elementary students. The students loved our letters, and we were very excited to receive letters back from our pen pals. We have been enjoying volunteering with the young mothers at Casa de Vida. We carved pumpkins with them for Halloween. Our goal this year is to finish our little free library and have it up in running. We have an upcoming ice skating social and museum visit to the National Automobile Museum in Reno. We have built a solid bridge with WEA; and are excited to work together to celebrate our UNR graduates at the end of each semester!

The Las Vegas chapter UNLV Rebel Educators have done the following events throughout the year. They started out with a summer hike in August. They had a back-to-school game night, Halloween Trunk or Treat event, and they started a monthly storyteller cohort. They also held a virtual escape room social. For the Spring semester they had a board and card game night social. Their upcoming events include an origami night, online Nevada reading night where students can read in local classrooms, and they are having a Mother's Day volunteer event.

The NSEA Student Program would like to congratulate all aspiring educators who chose to pursue the education field, who have graduated and are on their way to becoming superheroes for their students! We hope to continue to support and engage members that are continuing their education, and to help shape them into the great educators and leaders that are needed for our future.

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