

NEVADA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Student Program / Aspiring Educators

to the

2026 Delegate Assembly

The NSEA Aspiring Educators program is under new leadership, Miles Shanor, after former president Kassandra Medina-Torres graduated and now teaches full-time. Since this leadership change, we have had a rise in membership statewide, as well as the establishment of NSEA Aspiring Educator social media channels.

The University of Nevada Education Association (UofNEA), located at the University of Nevada, Reno, still stands as the program's only chapter. However, communication has continued with the College of Southern Nevada in hopes of establishing a chapter across campuses there. In August of last year, the Aspiring Educators President, along with two other aspiring educators and the former Aspiring Educator Liaison, traveled to several CSN campuses and tabled at their club fair event in hopes of recruiting new members and garnering new leadership. We were also able to connect with potential advisors for the chapter. However, progress has currently stagnated. The NSEA Aspiring Educators President is working with leaders from other states to best determine strategies to recruit and grow more chapters at every college or every higher education institution statewide to better bridge the gap between students and union involvement.

The chapter at the University of Nevada, Reno, UofNEA, has seen minimal student involvement in the previous year, in both officer members and general members. However, the current president of the chapter, who also still stands as the NSEA Aspiring Educators president, plans on establishing a membership growth and empowerment plan for the local chapter in order to fill spots on the officer team as well as grow the mission of Aspiring Educators on campus. The current officer team is extremely small, which has resulted in the plans of many events and volunteering opportunities falling through. Despite all this, one large impact is that UofNEA has been making large moves to better connect with other education-related clubs and organizations on campus through volunteering efforts and successfully partnering with the College of Education and Human Development's Student Advisory Council to assist with any events, as they may reciprocally assist with ours. The chapter has also re-established general

member meetings in order to foster better community within our union and within our members.

The NSEA Aspiring Educators President would like to highlight Tariq Washington for being a very active and involved member in both the Reno chapter as well as wanting to help mobilize efforts statewide. He was also sent to go to the NEA Minority Leadership Training (MLT) and Women's Leadership Training (WLT) Seminars to Advance Racial & Social Justice with several other Nevada educators in St. Louis, who together created a final project about the current issues in education and how to address them as it pertains to Nevada schools. He also attended the

Finally, the NSEA student program would like to congratulate recent graduates and graduates this upcoming semester. The Reno Student Chapter, UofNEA, has not met yet to determine whether or not they will hold a spring graduation celebration, as they have had to cancel their last two planned ones. However, if they do, local leaders should be advised to check their inbox for invites.

The NSEA Aspiring Educators program is committed to supporting and engaging all members and all students. Because right now, more than ever, support is essential for growing and retaining our future teachers.

Submitted by
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