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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Bridget Holdermann, Electronic Communication AdNotes – Dec 15, 2023**  
**12912 Brookhurst St, #360, Garden Grove (714) 638-7480 [www.ggea.org](http://www.ggea.org)**

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### GGEA Mission Statement:

**GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.**

### GGEA 2022-2023 Goal:

**Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.**



Arquilla Howard, Karyn Lui-Silverberg, David Cho, Cork Snider, Bridget Holdermann, Rebecca Koopowitz, Steven Severance, Sarah Held, Nicole Ciccarelli-Lund, Veronica Conklin-Garcia, Paul Kim, Stacey Carter, Dawn Floyd, and Mike Godoy.

*On behalf of the entire GGEA Board of Directors:*

*Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!*

*Wishing all GGEA Members a Restful and Well-Deserved Winter Break.*

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## OUT OF OFFICE



Next week I will be out of the office. I need to travel to Connecticut to care for my parents. My mother had a stroke over the summer and my father has macular degeneration. My sister has been caring for them, but now it is my turn. I will be back in the office January 8, 2024.

I will be available by email ([president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org)), which I check several times a day. GGEA office staff can also reach me by phone if I need to speak with anyone. District personnel has also agreed to meet with me over Zoom for our regularly scheduled meetings.

Whether you are spending your winter break with friends and/or family, I wish each of you a Wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Bridget Holdermann

The GGEA office will be closed Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024.  
The office will reopen on Jan. 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION



A big **THANK YOU** to the members that showed up for the Special Education Study Session at 5:30 p.m. and the GGUSD School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. A special thank you to all of our speakers that spoke during public comments at the school board meeting: Kathleen Barbeito, Kristy Gladysz, Raquel Manriquez, Nina Lara, and Evan McGee.

Paul Kim, GGEA Executive Director, and I had an opportunity to speak with Valerie Shedd, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, the following day. Valerie expressed an interest in reconvening the Special Education Task Force. Next week during my regularly scheduled meeting with Valerie Shedd and her team we will set up dates for the Task Force to meet.



First: Thank you to our members serving on the Ethnic Studies, Collaboration, and Grading Consults.

There are times when you may not agree with the decision reached by the majority of the members on the consult. In those instances, your opinion is still important and should be shared. This can be done by filling out the Consult Minority Report. If you need to fill out a minority report you can get a copy from a GGEA board member or bargaining team member serving on the consult, the instruction office, or you can click on the picture below to access a printable version of the report. Please return the report to the GGEA office through district mail or email to [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org).



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**Consult Minority Report**

Please fill out and return to [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org) or print and return through district mail to GGEA.

Consult Member Name:

Name of Consult:

Dates Consult Met:

Recommendation of Consult:

Did you agree with the recommendation of the consult?

Please explain your answer:

Explain how the consult process could be improved:

## NEW EDUCATOR WEEKEND - SOUTH

The conference is designed for educators in the first 3 years of their career. GGEA will cover the cost for three (3) of our new educator members to attend the conference, but all new educators are welcome to sign-up for the conference.

Please respond to this email if you would like GGEA to reimburse you for your costs to attend the conference. The first 3 emails received will be reimbursed for registration, parking, and mileage.

University credit can also be earned for conference attendance. However, if you plan to use the units towards advancement on the salary schedule, you will need pre-approval from your immediate supervisor and the Office of Personnel Services (per article 12.2f of the contract).

Click on the flyer below to access the CTA conference registration page.

**#CTANEW**  
California Teachers Association  
**n.e.w**  
new educator weekend  
South

A Professional Development Conference  
Supporting New Educators

February 23-25, 2024  
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa

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CTA new

## The STANDARD

Newly hired CTA members have 270 days from starting work to apply for the only CTA-endorsed Disability and Life insurance plans with no health questions asked.

Learn more or apply on your own: <https://sites.standard.com/cta/newhire>

Have someone help you: [www.stdrd.co/team4](http://www.stdrd.co/team4)



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**MESSAGE FROM THE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE**

Whether you are at the beginning, middle, or near the end of your career it's a good idea to attend a retirement workshop. There are several online workshops available in the upcoming year. Click on the link below to sign up for a date. If you are nearing retirement and have not set up an appointment with a CalSTRS planning consultant, then I highly recommend that you do this sooner rather than later.

[RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS 2023-24](#)

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE – IMAD AWARD**

Know a GGEA member who volunteers their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large? GGEA wants to recognize our members who go above and beyond to serve students, parents, and/or colleagues. Submission form available on the GGEA Human Rights Committee webpage. A pdf form is also available for download (Click on the flyer below).

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## **“I Make A Difference” Award**

The Human Rights Committee recognizes GGEA members who make a positive contribution outside of the classroom.

This award is given to members who volunteer their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large. This may include involvement in local charities, afterschool tutoring projects, library programs, charity work and other human rights endeavors.

Nominations can be submitted to the GGEA Human Rights Committee via email at [humanrights@ggea.org](mailto:humanrights@ggea.org)

**Nominate someone today!**

Nominations can be submitted by a single member, by a group of members, or by the entire school staff.

Please include the following in your nomination:

- The nominee's full name, school and contact information
- His/her/they specific contribution (please provide details)
- Your name and contact information

Quarterly, the committee will honor an IMAD recipient at a Rep Council meeting and feature him/her in the GGEA Advocate

# ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL

## 2024 HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST

Posters will be judged on creativity, originality, appropriateness, spelling, and relationship to the theme(s). Themes should include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, Women's Advocacy, and/or People with Disabilities Topics.



**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2024 @ NOON**

### PLEASE INCLUDE:

Student's Full Name & Grade

CTA Sponsoring Member's Full Name,  
Local Association & Non-Work Email

### SUBMIT ARTWORK TO:

CTA-Orange Service Center Council  
281 N. Rampart, Suite A  
Orange, CA 92868

Must be submitted on 8" x 10" white paper. Original student work only. Winning artwork will not be returned to the student.

### MONETARY PRIZES FOR STUDENTS:

	<u>K-2</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>7-8</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>Higher Ed</u>
First Place	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$150
Second Place	\$75	\$75	\$100	\$100	\$100
Third Place	\$50	\$50	\$75	\$75	\$75
Honorable Mention	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25





# **ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL**

## **HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST**

**Name:**

**Special Education**

**Teacher (member) Name:**

**Teacher (member) E-mail:**

**Grade:**

**Local Teacher's Association:**

**School:**

**City:**

**Artwork Description (100 words or less):**

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 3RD, 2024 @ NOON**

**SUBMIT ARTWORK TO:**

CTA-Orange Service Center Council  
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Orange, CA 92868

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## **CTA CONFERENCES**

There are several upcoming conferences for the 2023/2024 school year. The GGEA Board of Directors usually approves reimbursement for approximately 3-4 members to attend. However, anyone can attend a conference at their own expense. Registration and information for CTA Conferences can be found on the CTA website at:

<https://www.cta.org/conferences>

**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Office of Personnel Services

**APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR ADVANCEMENT ON THE SALARY SCHEDULE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Subject Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to enroll in the following courses:

COURSE NO.* (Required)	TITLE	UNITS	SESSION DATES	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

\*Courses must be upper division or graduate level units.

**CONFERENCE**

I have conferred with the above named employee and recommend approval as indicated below:

\_\_\_\_ University Planned Program

\_\_\_\_ Related to Assignment

\_\_\_\_ Professional Goals

\_\_\_\_ Credential Program Requirements

\_\_\_\_ Degree Requirements

**OTHER:**

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Supervisor's Signature

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Date

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Approved by Personnel

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Date

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***Together Everyone Achieves More***

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