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Conejo Valley Chapter Voice

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CSEA MEMBER CAREER GRANTS

CSEA can help offset the cost of furthering your education with the CSEA Member Career Grant! Applications are open now and will close October 31.
Daniel Gonsalez, a paraprofessional and member of Monterey COE Chapter 35, has been offered a member career grant as he pursues a degree in Psychology.

His goal is to "make a difference in the lives of students with special needs by helping them reach their goals, both in school and in life."
The member career grant will help Gonsalez and many other members achieve their educational dreams.

The grants are awarded to members going to school part- or full-time and are enrolled either at the time of the application or are planning to enroll in the term immediately following the grant award.

$1,000 grants are awarded based on a combination of criteria, which includes financial need, career goals, community service, and participation in CSEA activities.

Applications are due October 31 for the Member Career Grant.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE: JULY 26-30, 2026

CSEA will celebrate its 100th Annual Conference July 26-30, 2026, and kick off our centennial year celebration. It's a major milestone for the Association and a proud testament to generations of members who have built CSEA into the largest classified employee union in the United States.

Annual Conference is CSEA's most significant event of the year, where members gather to put union democracy into action. It's an environment where members can share ideas, celebrate classified school employees, and build our CSEA community. Learn more and follow along for updates at csea.com/conference.

On June 24, Chapter 620 Delegates Cally Crawford and Connie Reys, Chapter 620 Alternates Michelle Tucker and Mark Hanlon, Regional Rep 59 Jeanne Foster, and others from CSEA Area I attended a review of the resolutions for conference and other conference information on Zoom. Good job to Chapter 620 for having complete attendance.

You can also honor and remember your CSEA siblings at Annual Conference using CSEA's In Memoriam Display, a weeklong feature at CSEA's 100th Annual Conference, honoring and remembering CSEA union siblings we have lost since our last Annual Conference. The display will feature member-created memorials on individual templates that pay tribute to their lives, service, and impact on our union family. If you are unable to attend Conference, you are still welcome to participate, learn more at csea.com/memorial.

100th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER 620 MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

On Thursday, May 28, 2026, the e-board hosted the annual Chapter 620 member appreciation dinner. This year it was at Conejo Creek North Park with food provided by Stonefire Grill with desserts and drinks from elsewhere. There were lots and lots of gift cards given away in a member raffle. The e-board would like to thank everyone who came out and had fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

CSEA 620 CHAPTER MEETING

3rd Thursday of the Month
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
TOHS Cafeteria/MPR
Next meeting is in September, so enjoy the summer.

PARA COMMITTEE MEETING

2nd Thursday of the Month
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
TOHS Library
Next Meeting:
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Note that this is a Wednesday at the end of August.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month
6:00 pm
CVHS Board Room - Near the DEC
Upcoming Meetings:
August 13, 2026*
Note the lack of July meetings and that August has a single meeting on the 2nd Wednesday.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

4th Wednesday of the Month
4:30 pm
HR Board Room - DOC
Upcoming Meetings:
July 22, 2026
August 26, 2026

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CHAPTER 620 SCHOLARSHIPS

Chapter 620 this May and June gave three $1,500 scholarships to dependents of some members. Manasvi Phade graduated from Newbury High School and is a dependent of Monika Phade, a paraeducator at Acacia Magnet School for Enriched Learning. Mingcheh Jin graduated from Oak Park High School and is a dependent of Yajin Yan, a Senior Accountant in Fiscal Services at the District Operations Center. Lila Papavasiliou graduated from Thousand Oaks High School and is a dependent of Julie Lewis, the Instructional Media Technician at Westlake Hills Elementary School. All three award nights were attended by the chapter president or first vice president, but Oak Park High School's was cancelled as it was to start because of the Sandy Fire. Congratulations and good luck to all 2026 graduates in their future endeavors.

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WHY JOIN CSEA?

BETTER PAY, BETTER BENEFITS, BETTER EVERYTHING!

If you have never belonged to union before, or if you are not exactly sure what unions do – don't worry. We are excited to include you in our family and happy to answer any questions you might have. First, here are some of the basics.

What is a union?

It's simple, really. Unions are working people standing together. Working collectively, we get the respect we deserve so we can focus on the parts of our job that really matters. That's why nearly nine of every 10 classified employees are CSEA members in CSEA-represented school districts, community colleges and county offices of education.

What do unions do?

Unions make things better for everyone. When we join together in a union, it enables us to negotiate for higher wages and benefits and improve conditions in the workplace.
Workers in union-represented jobs have a clear advantage over their non-union counterparts. On average, union members have better insurance, better retirement benefits, paid sick leave and higher pay.

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