

CHAPTER NEWS



A Message From The CSEA Vice President:

Hello CSEA Site Reps,

In this months Newsletter is a list of the CSEA Officers and Negotiators for 2016, as well as the chapter meeting dates. Feel free to share this information with our members.

We are in need of a Secretary. The Secretary is expected to attend and keep notes of the monthly EBoard and Chapter meetings. Union Officers are granted release time to attend these meetings. Anyone who is interested in this position should contact any Union Officer.

In other news, the negotiators have requested to open the contract article on pay and allowances. I'm not certain when we will begin negotiations, but I do know we will be doing our best to get Classified Professionals a much deserved raise. You can help by educating our co-workers on the history of our raises over the last decade, *or lack of them*, and by showing your support for the efforts of the negotiators.

Hope you enjoy your holidays and the break!

Sincerely,
Christine Grimaldi Clarkson
CSEA Vice President
Chapter 274



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CSEA Member Spot light

Early in December the staff in the Student Services Division participated in the 'Student Services Christmas Family Program.' The program provided students who needed a helping hand to provide their children with Christmas gifts.



Discounted Gift Ideas From CSEA

CSEA Member Benefits is the place to look if you need ideas for holiday gifts at a good price.

As a member of CSEA, you have access to exclusive offers and discounts. Ticket sales are available at all three Benefit Service Centers, located at CSEA Headquarters in San Jose, and the Fresno and Rancho Cucamonga field offices.

The service centers are open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Retirees' personal checks are accepted up to \$150. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards are welcome, as well as money orders and cashier's checks. Cash is NOT accepted.

Remember, the most convenient method to purchase tickets is through the CSEA store at www.csea.com/store or by phone with your credit card at (866) ITS-CSEA (487-2731)

Each division had the opportunity to adopt a student's child and provide Christmas gifts for that child. On December 9th, the Engagement Team hosted a gift exchange for these families. The participating staff presented gifts to the Merced College students' families.



The students assisted came from the EOPS, DSPS, CARE, CalWORKs, and Veterans Services programs. This was a wonderful service project made possible by some great Student Services staff.



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Merced College CSEA 2016 Executive Board Officers

NAME	POSITION
Kristi Wolf	President
Rosalie Kekahuna	Vice President
Vacant (Angelica Collins filling in)	Secretary
Maria Soto	Treasurer
Nora Martinez	CPRO
Richard "Z" Zeunges	Chief Union Steward
Ramon Avila, Jr.	Past President
Diana Butts	Negotiator
Linje Johnson	Negotiator
Angelica Collins	Negotiator
Christine Grimaldi-Clarkson	Negotiator

Chapter Meetings 2016

All Meetings will be held on Wednesday from 12 pm—1 pm

January 20th
Room: SU-137

February 17
Room: SU-137

March 16
Room: SU-137

April 20
Room: SU-137

May 18
Room: SU-137

August 17
Room: SU-137

September 21
Room: SU-137

October 19
Room: SU-137

November 16
Room: SU-137

December 21
Room: SU-137



CSEA Union Benefits

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CASH
for College
Workshop



Attention: CSEA Members with graduating high school seniors



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(CSEA) is proud to offer a
Cash for College Workshop.

DATE: Thursday —
January 7, 2016

TIME: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
CSEA Headquarters
2045 Lundy Avenue
San Jose, CA 95131
(Light dinner served)

LEARN all about how financial aid works and the opportunity for free money for college. It all starts with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, for AB540 students, the Dream Act Application.

OBTAIN FREE one-on-one assistance in completing your FAFSA or Dream Act application on line that evening. All high school seniors filling out an application that evening will be entered to win a \$500 scholarship. Sponsored by our benefits providers SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and United Insurance Partners.™

Get prepared! Don't get frustrated! Parents encouraged to attend. 

Reserve your space today by calling CSEA at 800-439-6626, ext. 5303.

Education Resources

From test taking strategies to discounts on college counseling, textbooks, Dell computers and more, visit www.unionplus.org/education.

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