A Big Thank You to Our President, Kelly Nolan!

On behalf of the GGEA membership and board, we thank you for four years of service during one of the most challenging times in our history! We wish you the best of luck in your next chapter!
President’s Message

Dear Members:

As your elected President from 2018-2022, my dedication and commitment have never faded. However, my passion for this job has slowly relented due to factors that weren’t within my control. I started to rethink my life priorities.

I must connect my values with what has meaning to me. Bryan Dyson’s metaphor of life helped me find this meaning.

Dyson likens life to a game where we must all attempt to continuously juggle five balls: work, family, health, friends, and spirit. Of those five balls, work is the only ball made of rubber, while the others are made of glass. This metaphor resonated with me because of the consequences involved with dropping a ball. If we fail to keep up with work, the ball bounces back. But the other four balls – family, health, friends, and spirit – If you drop one of these, they will be irreparably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged, or even shattered. They will never be the same.

I’m excited to return to the elementary classroom and know that this is the right move, not only for my well-being but also for the GGEA. Change is good, and sometimes, change is exactly what we need.

Thank you all for the past four years of experience as the GGEA President; the journey was an honor and a privilege. It is, however, time for me to conclude my 30-year teaching career where it all began. I can think of no better ending.
Executive Director Message

On May 10th, 1869, The Last Spike was driven into the First Transcontinental Railroad, connecting the Central Pacific Railroad from Sacramento and Union Pacific Railroad from Omaha. The railroad was built primarily using Chinese labor and is one of the reasons why May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The month came about because of the advocacy of a former congressional staffer, Jeanie Jew. Jew was concerned about the lack of recognition given to Asian Pacific Americans during the 1976 Bicentennial celebrations. It was important for her that not only Asians understand their own history in the country, but that all Americans know about the contributions that Asian Pacific Americans have made. It became a personal mission for her to have a time designated to commemorate and celebrate that experience. Jew’s family history ran deep as her great grandfather was one of the 20,000 laborers from China that helped build the railroads and was killed in a time of anti-Asian unrest. Jew worked with Republican Congressman Frank Horton’s Chief of Staff, Ruby Moy, to gain political support for a proclamation. Finally, in 1992, Congressman Horton introduced legislation that designated May as the commemorative month, and it passed the congress unanimously. It took over 15 years of persistence and advocacy, but Jeanie Jew finally got her wish. As we commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I think as a Union, we can learn a lot from her resolve, her organizing skills, and her patience.

Paul Kim
GGEA Executive Director

Calendar of Events

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CALL FOR ARTICLES!

Are you or your colleagues doing something fabulous at your school site? **We would love to hear about it!** The Advocate Team is looking for articles about YOU, our GGEA teachers and your students. We want to spread the word about the fantastic teaching, events, and successes happening at all the schools across our district. Please email your stories, articles, ideas, and photographs to ADVOCATE@ggea.org

We can’t wait to hear from you!

A special welcome to our newest member!

Miriam Garcia

GGEA ADVOCATE 3
The Human Rights Committee recognizes GGEA members who make a positive contribution outside of the classroom with the "I Make a Difference Award." This award is given to members who volunteer their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large. Past IMAD winners have been involved in working in local charities, after school tutoring projects, library reading programs, soup kitchens, charity runs and human rights endeavors.

**Nominations** can be submitted to the GGEA Human Rights Committee via our website online form (located on Human Rights Committee page at GGEA.org) or emailed to humanrights@ggea.org. 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 name, school and contact information
- His/her specific contribution (please provide details)
- Your name and contact information

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

**NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE TODAY!!**

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**WHAT IS THE IMAD AWARD??**

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**Advocate Editorial Staff:**

Willie Burghard, Sara McCarthy, Kelly Nolan, Susan Kaylor
In May, the 2022 recipients of the Garden Grove Education Association Scholarships were announced. Scholarships went to graduating seniors from GGUSD high schools and graduating seniors who are children of GGEA members. All applicants were judged according to the following criteria: financial need, academic achievement, volunteer work and service to the community, and school activities. Additionally, the Arlene Pavey Scholarship is especially intended for an applicant with a passion to pursue a career in education.

The GGEA Scholarship Committee, Bridget Lockhart (Chair, RAHS), Rene Murguia (SHS), Maura Ortega (Doig Intermediate), Hannah Jaspa (BGHS), and Chris Holguin (GGHS) spent countless hours reading scholarship applications before interviewing eleven semifinalists.

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank all the teachers and other school personnel who took time to write recommendations for students. Each and every comment was read and appreciated by the Committee. As always, the Scholarship Committee had a challenging task in deciding on this year’s recipients.

**Christopher Cotton** is graduating from Santiago High School and has chosen to continue his educational journey at the University of California, Los Angeles. He plans on majoring in Business Economics. He discovered that math was the realm that provided him comfort amidst times of chaos and stress. Chris has many accomplishments under his belt. He has maintained an impressive 4.48 GPA while taking a plethora of AP and Honors courses.

Aside from excelling in academics, Chris is a leader on campus involved in many extracurricular activities. He is the Event Coordinator for the California Scholarship Federation, Vice President of Boy’s League (League of Extraordinary Gentlemen), and the President of Cavaleaders—a club meant to help introduce incoming freshmen to Santiago High and mentor them. To add on, Chris also volunteers his time during the school year at the Orange County Food Bank where he helps package and transport crates of food for communities all over Orange County. Through his involvement in these activities he exhibits the qualities of a leader: care, compassion, and understanding. He has also been an athlete at Santiago. He has been a member of the football team throughout his entire high school career. His passion, dedication, and work ethic have made him a role model not only on campus, but also his community.

Chris works diligently and aims to exceed the expectations that are set upon him. He knows that a college education will allow him to gain the knowledge and tools necessary to not only obtain happiness, but to succeed in life. He wants to create a better future for himself, his family, and the greatest of all—his community.
Carissa Do is the daughter of GGEA member and kindergarten teacher Jean Do. Carissa has been a proud Pacifica Mariner for four years, but soon she will make a huge decision on whether to venture to UCSB or stay close to home and attend UCI. In either case, this AVID senior (with a 4.05 GPA) will begin her college career by studying marketing and communications. Her passion for communications comes from her experiences with ASB, volleyball, and various clubs which have helped her grow as an effective communicator with her peers, teachers, and admin alike. This once shy student has blossomed into a confident, outspoken, motivated young woman, who is bound to change the world. She wants to use the knowledge she gains from studying communications and see her work broadcast to people, touching their lives in some shape or form. Her counselor, Ms. Williams, noted that Carissa’s “grit and positive attitude will continue to drive her internal fire to accomplish great things.” We have no doubt! GGEA is proud to award Carissa Do with this scholarship.

Morgan Delgadillo, a senior at Huntington Beach High School, is set to graduate soon with an excellent 4.29 GPA. She is excited to be headed to Chapman University to study English literature, with the goal of teaching high school English language arts after completing her studies. Morgan’s love of literature and reading runs deep throughout her childhood, and she recounts memories of many a weekend or summer day at her local library, delving into more books than she can count! She looks forward to sharing this with generations of high school students to come, and cites her mother as inspiration to pursue a career in education: GGEA member Amy Delgadillo, who teaches math at McGarvin Intermediate School in Westminster.

During high school, Morgan has been active in sports such as soccer and lacrosse, earning the all-academic team and most-improved player awards. She has also been active in model united nations, journalism, and outside school at her church and the WAGS animal shelter. “She is an excellent writer, a creative thinker, and a thoughtful friend to all” wrote her English teacher, Ms. Geneva Trelease-Gordon, who continued: “she never misses a deadline, is always willing to help others and work as a team, and presents creative and insightful ideas and suggestions for our news site”

Morgan’s academic achievements, hard work, and excellent character make her the kind of person we can all look up to, and we are proud to award her with the Arlene Pavey Scholarship. Congratulations Morgan!

Genevie Nguyen will be graduating from Bolsa Grande High School in June and headed to Cal State Long Beach to pursue a major in Graphic Design. With her 4.48 GPA and nearly flawless grades in all her academic courses throughout high school, Genevie was accepted into UCI, UCSD, UC Berkeley, is well aware that she could have chosen a career in any field; however, she has chosen to follow her passion in the arts. Not one to ever acknowledge having artistic talent, she humbly believes her “interest” in art stems from both her parents, particularly her mom, an interior designer, who is also her role model. Nevertheless, everyone on the Bolsa campus has come to recognize Genevie’s artwork, lettering, and creativity in the form of posters throughout campus, club and event t-shirts, and throughout this year’s yearbook.

Genevie’s graduation will mark a great loss for Bolsa as she has devoted immeasurable hours, energy, and dedication to her alma mater. Her peer’s confidence in her leadership and work ethics is reflected in her elected position of class president all four years of high school. In addition, her commitment to the entire student body can be seen through her four years in ASB as Impact Officer, Publicity Commissioner, and BRC Representative as well as positions such as president of NHS, co-editor-in-chief of Yearbook and Publicity Chair for Pay It Forward. Genevie is a truly remarkable, kind, intelligent, and TALENTED young woman who will be missed by students, teachers, and administrators alike.
Graduating from Bolsa Grande High School with a 4.56 GPA and co- valedictorian, Fatimah Patel will be taking her one-woman tour de force to UCLA. Although she was accepted into UC Irvine, San Diego, Berkeley, and Riverside, Fatimah has decided on LA where she will major in English, which she hopes will be instrumental in her future profession as a lawyer. Fatimah finally decided on UCLA after seriously considering Berkeley because of two factors: Southern California weather and family. As one of six children, she has grown up managing to juggle school work, taking care of her younger siblings, doing community service, and being exceptional at all of it. Likewise, Fatimah’s exemplary grades reveal she is more than capable of pursuing any academic career. Fatimah’s interest in the justice system, however, was first piqued when she participated in the UC Irvine Saturday Academy of Law her freshman year and completed the course taking home the Merit of Excellence award. She has also participated in social justice training programs and serves as the student representative in the School Site Council. Fatimah hopes to continue to be the representative voice for minorities and the underrepresented in the future.

Natalie Sakoda is graduating from Esperanza High School with an impressive 4.5 GPA. She will be attending Chapman University in the fall, where she plans to major in Health Science and minor in Nutrition. Her ultimate goal is to help people as a Physical Therapist.

During her four years at Esperanza, Natalie has taken numerous AP classes, is a part of the Medical Sciences Academy, a member of the Health Occupations Students of America Club, a member of the PTSA club, and has been the captain of her basketball team for two years. Natalie is also one of twelve students selected to be in the Yonsei Basketball Association, which is a cultural exchange club that traveled to Japan to play basketball and do community service.

Aside from excelling in sports and academics, Natalie has also generously given back to her community. She often volunteers for Samaritan's Purse, Mary's Kitchen, and coaches youth sports at Lifesong Church. She also founded the Community Care Club, which gave her peers an opportunity to join a community service centered club. Her basketball coach, Nancy Kubo, stated, "She is the type of person who is willing to do the extra work to help the community and always taking the initiative to find out about different opportunities or volunteer events." Best of luck at Chapman, Natalie!

Khanh Giao Pham Tran is graduating from Bolsa Grande High School in June. She will be spending her college years on the UCLA campus where she will be studying biology and chemistry. Her passion for science comes from a desire to give back to the community by making healthcare accessible to all people, especially minority groups in areas that lack affordable healthcare options. Khanh Giao’s most significant high school experience was being a part of Project Vietnam, which focused on medical assistance in her local Vietnamese community, where she not only provided translation services but she also assisted with a vaccine drive and was able to build bonds with the people in her Garden Grove community. Being involved in band and drumline, Key Club, and NHS are just a few of the activities that have helped shape her as a person, all while maintaining a 4.38 GPA throughout her high school career. An avid musician, playing both piano and violin, Khanh Giao knows the importance of leading a balanced life with academics, community service, and her love for music. Her teachers describe her as a diligent, mature, and dependable student who is always willing to lend a helping hand. We are proud to honor Khanh Giao Pham Tran with this GGEA scholarship.
One way we can show solidarity and stand together as unified members is to wear our GGEA T-shirts on campus and out in the community. If you didn’t get your t-shirt two years ago, you’re in luck because we’ve ordered more! These t-shirts are soft and stylish, designed by our very own Advocate editor, Sara McCarthy!

If you did not order at one of your recent GGEA meetings, you can find a fillable order form as well as photos of the shirts on the GGEA website. Once your form is complete, please send it to jennyg@ggea.org. We will fill the order and send the shirts and copy of the order form through district mail!

Be Sure to Get Your Union T-Shirts!

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On Thursday, March 3, 2022, Karen Doles at Rancho hosted the first "Art Lesson for Mental Health" class. We learned about Neurographic Watercolor Artwork and experimented with lines and watercolors under Karen's guidance. She provided a relaxing environment, while encouraging teachers to not worry about making mistakes. A big thank you to Karen for a wonderful and relaxing experience.
Our CODA students, Josie and Kaela Torres, have inspired American Sign Language classes at Riverdale Tech Academy. Our amazing Instructional Aides for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Mr. William Kwon and Mrs. Iqra Mukhlis have helped guide us with our learning. Over 53 students are currently enrolled in our afterschool program that meets twice a week. Many of these students also attend Mr. Kwon's online and in person ASL classes through the Mix Academy. Mr. Kwon has volunteered teaching ASL for over 6 years at the Mix Academy. Robin Tan, and myself, Miss Gutierrez, assist and attend these motivating classes.

Kindergarten: Noah Reyes | Wakeham, Mrs. Clayborn
First Grade: Yerrell Munoz-Sanchez | Eisenhower, R. Alarcon
Second Grade: An “Anthony” Dao | Paine, Mrs. Quong and Mrs. Choi
Third Grade: Rachel Peiris | Warren, Mrs. K. Lee
Fourth Grade: Valerie Ordiano | Eisenhower, Mrs. Mooney
Sixth Grade: Dana Lawrence | Parkview, Mrs. McPherson
Eight Grade: Minh-Anh Tran | Ralston, Mrs. Mainville
Ninth Grade: Amy Nguyen | Pacifica, Mrs. Spencer

Grand Prize Winner/Eleventh Grade: Kerian Serrato | Santiago, Mrs. Bui

Contest Committee: Mrs Alarcon, Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Bui Tom

*Check your mailboxes for a bookmark with Kerian’s poster on it celebrating you!
The "WHO" (We Honor Ours) Award is a means of saying thank you to chapter leaders throughout the state who have contributed at the local level in uniquely special and significant ways. GGEA would like to recognize two of our deserving members: Nicole Ciccarelli-Lund, Sarah Held and Joe Miller.

Nicole Ciccarelli-Lund has served as a Site Rep, is currently a CTA State Council Delegate for our association, an NEA RA attendee, and is currently on our board as 2nd Vice President. As 2nd Vice, Nicole promotes the goals and objectives of our association. She also assists our First Vice-President with oversight of our committees. She is an asset to our association and is well-deserving of this award. Thank You Nicole.

Sarah Held is an extremely dedicated member who works hard to represent her fellow teachers. As a member of the negotiations team and board, Sarah puts in countless hours attending meetings, researching ideas, and making connections. Her clear perspective, strong voice, and extraordinary effort are just a few of the reasons she is such a valued member of GGEA.

Joe Miller is not only an extremely dedicated band instructor at his High School but also a strong advocate for our association. He serves as a High School Rep, and on our Negotiations team. Joe reached out to members at another High School in our district to advocate for protecting teacher positions with concurrent college academy. You are very much appreciated Joe.

CONGRATULATIONS
Eisenhower Elementary School is proud to have been chosen to be part of the Disney Musicals in Schools program! A big thank you to the Eisenhower staff and community for making this possible!