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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NEA State Presidents  
NEA State Executive Directors

**FROM:** Becky Pringle, President

**DATE:** November 30, 2021

**SUBJECT:** 2022 NEA Higher Education Conference

Please encourage your higher education members to mark their calendars and join us for the 2022 NEA Higher Education Conference, Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2022, with pre-conference events on Thursday, March 17. Once the location is determined, the information will be posted on our registration site.

This year's conference theme is ***Uniting for a Better Future for our Students, Our Educators, and Our Communities: NEA Higher Ed—Leading Across Campuses for a Better Tomorrow***. Highlights include sessions on academic freedom; organizing in a virtual environment; advocating for racial and social justice in education, with a special focus on minority serving institutions; state legislative advocacy; bargaining for the common good; professional development; self-care; and issues specific to contingent faculty, education support professionals, and graduate assistants.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\***

Online Cvent registration opens on Monday, January 10 and closes Wednesday, March 9. Refer to the [NEA Higher Education website](#) for registration updates, including the conference workshop sessions. Participants should register as soon as the link is live on January 10, 2022, to ensure they can get into their workshops of choice and secure lodging at the conference hotel at the guaranteed conference rate.

### **SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

#### **Thursday, March 17**

12:00 PM – 6:30 PM - Conference Onsite Registration

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) Membership Meeting

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Leadership Day Session

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – State Affiliate Higher Ed Staff Meeting w/NEA Staff

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Light Reception and Silent Auction

**Friday, March 18**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Opening Plenary Session

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM – Workshop Session #1

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM – Workshop Session #2

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Workshop Session #3

**Saturday, March 19**

9:00 AM -12:00 PM – Workshop Sessions

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – Luncheon Plenary

2:15 PM – 5:00 PM – Workshop Sessions

**Sunday, March 20**

8:00 AM – Noon – Breakfast and Closing Plenary

The online registration site will include conference agenda information.

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Medina at [HigherEDConference@nea.org](mailto:HigherEDConference@nea.org).