



THE VOICE



Help a talented student with a disability win \$2,500 for college



The Standard has partnered with Incight, a non-profit dedicated to reducing barriers between high school and college for students with disabilities, to offer a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 each to four students nominated by California Teachers Association (CTA).

Any active CTA member in good standing may nomi-

nate up to three students for the 2013-2014 Incight Scholarships sponsored by The Standard. To be eligible, the student must have a documented physical, learning or cognitive disability, be at least a senior in high school and plan to enroll full-time in a vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university for the 2013-2014 school year.

The deadline to nominate students is March 15, 2013 and student applications must be completed by April 1, 2013.

To learn more and to submit your student nominations, visit www.standard.com/cta/scholarships.

New CTA-Endorsed Vendor— LOGIX Federal Credit Union

CTA members can now say goodby to annoying fees and mediocre service by considering a newly endorsed vendor—Logix Federal Credit Union. Logix (formerly Lockheed) has been in business since 1937 and is one of the strongest credit unions in the country.

The credit union is offering several promotions to welcome CTA mem-

bers:

- Auto Sale—Rates were recently lowered to as low as 1.49% for a 48 month term, or 1.95% for a 60 month term.
- Historically low mortgage rates.
- \$150 to switch—Open a new checking account and get

up to \$150 when you activate direct deposit and bill pay. Logix offers 28,000 free ATMs plus the ability to deposit checks via your smart phone.

Logix has four branches in Santa Clarita, as well as branches in Burbank, Pasadena, Woodland Hills, Simi Valley, and Palmdale.

www.ctamemberbenefits.org/logix

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Facts About CTA

DID YOU KNOW...

- CTA's first legislative achievement established free public schools in California in **1866**.
- CTA State Council of Education began in **1905**.
- CTA campaigned to establish community colleges in **1911**.
- In **1977**, educators have duty-free lunch because of CTA.
- CTA sponsored legislation requiring compulsory school attendance in **1874**.
- In **1899**, CTA wrote the legislation requiring that all public school teachers must be college graduates.

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Jayme's Membership Corner

The other day NEA Member Benefits sent me an email with Spring Break and Summer Vacation adventure deals. You can imagine my surprise when I realized just how close those two things are! If you are considering out of the country trips, this could be the place for you to visit. <http://www.nea.org/tools/NEAMarketplace.html> Since we are still living in rather tumultuous times in the world of education, another place that I would remind you to visit from time to time is www.cta.org in order to keep up with all of the changes, trends, and concerns that impact your

career and your classroom. Keep yourself informed!

I have good news! The other day I spent a couple of hours going through the CTA's webinar training for a new membership program which is similar to one that I used to use with NEA. I am now able to make changes to your membership data through this new-fangled program instead of using the old-fashioned pen and paper method. So, if you have moved, changed your name, or made other such changes, please forward those to me at [jalls-](mailto:jalls-man@hartdistrict.org)

[man@hartdistrict.org](mailto:jalls-man@hartdistrict.org) and I will take care of them "through the cloud." (I'm learning to speak computerese!)

For our newest members, I would remind them you're your membership cards are arriving in dribs and drabs and I'll get them to you as soon as I am able. Remember that if you have questions about any membership concerns, please feel free to email me at jalls-man@hartdistrict.org

Until next time!

Jayme

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month has come and gone at the speed of light. I keep waited for things to slow down, but no such luck. So much of our energy was spent on Campaign 2012 that I forgot all of the other things we do as a union throughout the year. I would like to take the opportunity to highlight a few of these things:

Bargaining: we have just completed our member survey and the bargaining team has been meeting to craft our proposal for the 2013/14 school year. It will be the third year of a three-year contract so we are limited to openers on salary, benefits, and three additional items. The district made their initial proposal public at the February 6 school board meeting,. It was absent of any detail and mainly done to meet legal requirements so we will keep you posted as negotiations progress.

Scholarships: Our members and our students may benefit from two different scholarship programs sponsored by HDTA/CTA. The first is the CTA scholarships for members and dependents. We had many mem-

bers take advantage of the scholarship opportunities by submitting applications to CTA earlier his month. The second opportunity is for our students through the Santa Clarita Valley Scholarship Foundation. HDTA sponsors nine scholarships (one for each of our high schools). Priority is given to dependents of HDTA members and then students who are planning on going into education.

Representation: HDTA is represented at CTA State Council by Leslie Littman, Wade Williams, and myself. It is there that your views and opinions are carried to our state governing organization. You may read up on CTA State Council at cta.org.

Elections:: Elections for NEA RA delegates and HDTA offices will be held at sites some time between March 1–19. Your site reps will have detailed information on dates, times, and locations. I would like to urge all members to take part in our elections process. Our voting totals are public knowledge and a large turnout shows the dis-

trict and the public that we are a strong and united group. Our strength comes from our numbers and this is a great way to demonstrate it!

New Directions: We asked you to give us ideas for non-traditional way for HDTA to support the jobs we do on a daily basis. There were many thoughtful and thought-provoking entries. The area that received the most attention was professional development in Common Core. We heard you loud and clear. On March 22 HDTA is sponsoring a group of 25 members, including all PD coaches, to attend an all-day training on Common Core. The training will be presented by the CTA IPD staff and will go a long way to presenting common core from a teacher's perspective. This will allow our PD coaches to bring this perspective back to our campuses and is just a first step to HDTA leading us as we travel down this path. I thank you for your input and welcome it in the future.

United,

Brian Breslin, President