

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Teacher Appreciation Week

“Yay! Prizes just for teachers!” Gift cards, classroom resources, a classroom shopping spree, and many other fantastic giveaways and contests are available through We Are Teachers [here](#).

NEA Member Benefits is celebrating you this month! They are giving away eight \$150 gift cards weekly for the month of May! You can enter to win [here](#). While you are on the site, be sure you check out the many discounts they offer exclusively to members.

Lily Eskelsen Garcia, NEA President, has a message of appreciation for you [here](#).

Matching Donations Reminder

As we announced on Monday, CSEA will match members' donations to three local charities, up to a total of \$1,000 each. . Please consider donating, regardless of the amount, to one of these charities: **Care and Share, Inside Out Youth Services, and The Urbanites Leading The Pikes Peak Region**, all of which are highly respected for the services they offer to our community.

If you choose to donate to **Care and Share** online, use this [link](#).

If you choose to donate to **Inside Out Youth Services** online, use this [link](#). In the comment dialogue box, enter “CSEA” and CSEA will then be able to match your donation. If you have a problem with the link, you may mail a donation to 223 N. Wahsatch Avenue, Suite 101, 80903, or contact Joy Armstrong at 719-313-8592.

If you choose to donate to **The Pikes Peak Urbanites** online, use this [link](#). As you proceed through the donation process, you will have an opportunity to “Write A Note.” Enter “CSEA” in that field, and CSEA will then be able to match your donation.

Your donation can only be matched if you specify that it you are donating as a CSEA Member. If you prefer to write a check or make a donation over the phone, please make sure that you make a notation in the memo field on your check or that the person accepting your donation notes it is a CSEA Member matching grant donation.

Rebate For First Year Teachers Who Are Members

We have great news! The Colorado Education Association (our state affiliate) has a program that allows us to give a partial refund of state dues to teachers who are in their first year of the teaching profession. This rebate program applies only to teachers who are in their first year of teaching in public education anywhere, in any district.

If this applies to you, please complete the required information via the link below so we can begin the verification process and refund part of your CEA annual dues! If you taught full time for the entire school year, your refund will be \$181.50. If you did not teach full time, or if you joined later in the school year, your refund will be adjusted accordingly.

Click this link to access the verification form: <https://forms.gle/vv4ReTwYxAq4uzvF8>

This form must be completed by May 15, 2020.

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