

# Reports to the Assembly

## Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee Report

*Submitted by Nora Lenz*

NSEA EMAC promotes respect and understanding of minority and ethnic groups and works to maintain compliance with the National Education Association and Nebraska State Education Association goals for minority participation, training, and leadership.

The NSEA EMAC worked on the 3-1 G goals:

- 1) Increasing ethnic minority representation and leadership at all governance levels.
  - A. NSEA Board of Directors
  - B. District Boards
  - C. Local Associations
  - D. NSEA Committees.
- 2) Provide visibility and organizing opportunities around ethnic minority issues and concerns.
  - A. Using social media platforms to review and promote the activities of EMAC.

NSEA EMAC also submitted the nomination of Dr. Rony Ortega from Sioux City for the Great Plains Milestone Award. Dr Ortega is currently serving as the Superintendent for Sioux City Public Schools.

Members: Lee Perez, Mari Cruz, Dr. Calvin Krogman, Rachel Houghton, Katie Gee, and Nora Lenz attended the East 2024 Multicultural Leadership Training Conference. The team created a video as part of the training. The video used the theme of LB753.

Brittney Hodges, Sidd Thomas, Sasha Cervantes, Dr.Tanishia Jacobs, Paula Aguirre are all members of Leaders of Justice Schools Cohorts.

NSEA EMAC hosted a table at the Engage, Learn and Thrive Conferences sponsored by NSEA held in Lincoln, Gretna and Kearney. Members greeted fellow teachers and raffled books at the end of the day.

Members are currently working on Project Outreach. Members will create PowerPoints sharing cultural traditions and practices. Kristy Lee and Paula Aguirre are the project creators and will advise fellow EMAC members on completing their PowerPoints.

NSEA EMAC executive officers and representatives activities:

Christina Ellison: Bluebird Culture Initiative sponsored a Spring handgame/potluck/fundraiser for the Omaha Public School N.I.C.E Program on Saturday, March 9th. Presenting on American Indian Boarding Schools at Barr Middle School in Grand Island.

Dr. Calvin Krogman: Conferences: NSEA-U in Kearney - MLT in Baltimore - NIEA Hill Week in Washington DC. Committee: Nebraska Department of Education Evaluation Advisory Committee. Participating in the NSEA CORB Cadre.

Paula Aguirre: RA (Building Rep), Chair-EMAC-OEA, Leader for Justice Schools trainee.

Conferences: Engage, Learn and Thrive Conferences - Hispanic Caucus Conference in Az.

Committee - Constitution and Bylaw Committee for Hispanic Caucus.

Sidd Thomas - Leader for Justice Schools trainee - Member for Recruitment of Teammates. Volunteer Girls Basketball coach for Northwest

Dr. Tanishia Jacobs - Attends: Inclusive Communities training with colleagues, MOEC cohort to tackle chronic absenteeism - LeadDIVERSITY - Buffett Early Childhood Institute inaugural cohort of the Teacher Leadership Network - Committees - NDE's Evaluation Advisory Committee, CORB Leadership Cadre Participant.

Nora Lenz - Conferences - Engage, Learn and Thrive Conferences -Committees - Serves on the Lincoln Education Board, and the Lincoln Public Schools Credit Union Board.