WHAT IS EDUCATORS RISING COLLEGIATE?

Educators Rising Collegiate, a division of PDK International, supports aspiring educators at the undergraduate level as they prepare to embark on careers in education.

By becoming a member of Educators Rising Collegiate, future educators are able to gain access to an additional level of supports and content to ensure they are ready for the classroom. Throughout the year students will participate in a variety of activities designed to engage them in deeper discussions around hot-button topics in education, spur them to think about actions they can take at the local level, and prepare them for a classroom of their own.

HOW DO I ENROLL AS A NATIONAL STUDENT MEMBER?

To enroll with the national office, visit pdkintl.org/edrisingcollegiate and click “Join.” From there, select “Educators Rising Collegiate” and create your profile to pay the $25 national fee.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR JOINING?

Anyone currently enrolled in a community college or 4-year college or university is eligible to become an Educators Rising Collegiate member. You do not need to be an Education major, you just need to be someone with a desire to learn more about the teaching profession! There is a $25 annual fee for students to join.

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HOW DO I START A CHAPTER AT MY SCHOOL?

• Check in with your college/university to get started on filing all necessary paperwork to establish your chapter for the coming school year.
• Join online and pay your $25 membership fee (you must have at least two students in order to establish a chapter with the national office).
• Once you have two students who have joined, identify your faculty/staff advisor (someone willing to be a part of regular chapter meetings and willing to help guide students along the pathway). Make sure they register online as a faculty/staff advisor to complete chapter enrollment and get access to all necessary materials throughout the coming school year!
• Identify chapter leaders
• Set your recruitment goals for the year.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER?

Collegiate members have the opportunity to found and lead their own university-based chapters, and the ability to engage with both future and current educators on the local and national level. In addition, Educators Rising Collegiate members get access to a variety of resources, including:

• Resources and Toolkits to guide your chapter in facilitating dialog and action around pressing issues facing current and future educators;
• Job search/interview resources to assist you as you begin the search for a classroom of your own;
• Access to Virtual Town Halls, with the opportunity to interact with other students, current educators, administrators and education researchers around hot-button topics in education;
• Mentorship supports with career educator PDK members to help you navigate the journey towards a classroom of your own;
• Online access to Kappan magazine (the professional journal for educators);
• The opportunity to have your voice heard on the most important topics facing educators today via publication on the Kappan magazine website and the EdRising Collegiate website;
• Scholarships to support your studies in education;
• Funding for travel opportunities;
• National leadership opportunities;
• COMING SOON! Praxis test preparation

HOW CAN COLLEGIATE-LEVEL MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE?

Over 1,000 rising educators participate in our National Conference each year. Students from around the country come together to learn with and from each other in various breakout workshops and in keynote presentations from national education leaders. The 2020 national conference will take place June 17-21, 2020 in Washington, DC. Educators Rising will be hosting two competitions for Collegiate members at the National Conference: Children’s Literature and Creative Lecture (TED Talk).

In addition, Collegiate members are encouraged to apply to lead breakout sessions for conference attendees. Session strands and information about how to submit breakout session proposals will be available in your EdRising Collegiate member portal.

Collegiate members are also strongly encouraged to volunteer as judges for high school level competitions, providing positive interactions and feedback to competitors so that they can learn and grow from their experience.

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