

Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To: State Board of Education

From: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

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Subject: Connecticut Educators Rising 2023 State Competition

Executive Summary

Introduction

Phi Delta Kappa International's Educators Rising program is both a career and technical student organization with intra-curricular learning opportunities integrated into existing coursework, and a community-based, grow your own model for aspiring teachers. Supported by State Department of Education and local funders and foundations, the objective is to provide a clear pathway to increase teacher diversity and teacher quality. Educators Rising seeks to cultivate a new generation of highly skilled and diverse educators by guiding young people who reflect the demographics of their communities, and who are passionate about serving those communities through public education on a path from high school through college and into teaching careers.

Background

Connecticut is an Educators Rising state affiliate. Educators Rising Connecticut is one of several strategies in the state's efforts to increase the racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity of Connecticut's educator workforce. Secondary school students are encouraged to consider teaching as a vocation and provided with meaningful opportunities to explore education courses and activities. Among other things, Connecticut's member districts provide their students with classroom resources and opportunities to showcase their knowledge, skills, learning and leadership in performance-based competitive events at the state level to qualify for national competitions.

Third Annual Connecticut Educators Rising Conference

This year students competed in one of four categories for the 2023 state competition. On March 23, 2023, during the Third Annual Connecticut Educators Rising Conference hosted virtually by Central Connecticut State University, the 2023 competition winners in each category were announced. We celebrate all of the future educators who participated in the state competition. Special congratulations to the state competition winners! It is noteworthy that all of the state competition winners attend New Britain High School. Our state competition winners and participants qualified for the 2023 national competition that will be held during the 2023 Educators Rising Conference on June 29th through July 2nd. We are so proud of all of our aspiring educators who will compete at nationals!

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