

Dr. Tia T. Mills, Candidate for NEA Executive Committee



Greetings, NCHE family! My name is Dr. Tia Mills, an elementary special education teacher and adjunct professor currently serving as the president of the Louisiana Association of Educators. I am humbly asking for your support as I am pursuing the office of NEA Executive Committee member.

Now more than ever, we must stand united to protect our students, faculty and institutions from the unfair policies being implemented to disenfranchise our ability to educate and learn freely without hate. Our union is a haven, a place for covering and putting together our collective thoughts. Serving as your EC member, I want the opportunity to support that work.

NEA can expand its focus on higher education members and the issues affecting them, such as threats to academic freedom and tenure, by ensuring that higher ed voices are in every space possible throughout the NEA enterprise. A task force should be implemented to identify current issues amongst the profession - including partnerships with other national organizations as well as with faculty senate leadership on campuses. We are expanding and learning while growing capacity in the process. With such development, NCHE must continue to push forward the future of our profession - graduate assistants. As a former graduate assistant, I very much recognize how NEA could be an outstanding resource and means of support.

It is also critical that we build our power in untapped areas, which are our HBCUs, HSIs and TCUs. There is a wide array of institutions throughout the potential membership that NEA can capitalize on and bring aboard the solidarity train. We need everyone in the game! Your issues are my issues and will be brought forth to the table. As a member of the Executive Committee, I will keep NCHE as a priority. Let me be your MVP!