

**APRIL  
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## **Meet Your State Officers: President: Chase Maxwell**



Hello Current & Future Educators,

I am honored to introduce myself as the 2026–2027 Indiana Educators Rising State President. My name is Chase Maxwell, and I am excited to collaborate with students and teachers across the state to strengthen our chapters and grow our organization. I am currently a junior at Jasper High School in Southern Indiana, where I am pursuing my goal of becoming a history teacher through our education and teaching pathway. I have one older brother, two younger brothers, and a niece. I have been an active member of Educators Rising since my sophomore year. I served as a State Officer helping set up and plan the state conference this year and as the Executive Director for my school's chapter. A highlight of my work within Educators Rising is coordinating "Kids Night Out" events to give kids a fun and joyful time while parents get a few hours free. Education is a passion of mine, as is the professional growth and active involvement of our future teaching workforce. In my spare time, I enjoy staying active in Student Council, Interact Club, FCCLA, and BPA.

## National Conference information:

### Students Qualifying for Nationals:

Be sure to register before April 6th to get the early-bird discount.  
You must register first as a competitor and then as an attendee.

Booking a hotel from the conference list gets you another discount, plus free transportation passes.

Discount on airlines: click the airlines for the link

[Southwest](#)

[United Airlines](#)

Registration link: <https://educatorsrising.org/conference-registration/>

Hotel information: <https://educatorsrising.org/conference-hotel/>

Indiana schools - try to get rooms in the DoubleTree by Hilton

Alene and Amy will be in Portland from June 18-24, so if you need help, reach out to them.

Alene- 317-727-6117 or [asmith@ista-in.org](mailto:asmith@ista-in.org),

Amy- [amitchell@nedubois.k12.in.us](mailto:amitchell@nedubois.k12.in.us)

National Ed Rising Conference quick glance:

June 19- 1 p.m., State officer meeting

June 20- 1-7 p.m., Competitions, College Fair, Breakout sessions

June 21- 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Competitions, Breakout sessions

June 22- 8 a.m.-12 noon, Competitions, Breakout sessions

June 23- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Closing Session and awards- Breakfast provided

Link for [tentative agenda](#)

Things to do in [Portland](#).

\*\*It is highly recommended that when students are not competing, they attend the planned breakout sessions and explore the city during scheduled times. Our curated breakout sessions are designed to support student growth beyond the classroom, covering topics such as the college admissions process (presented by collegiate administrators), adaptive strategies for current and future stressors, and leadership development, and they also offer opportunities to connect with practicing educators who can support their future careers. Don't miss these valuable sessions!



## Important Dates:

- April 6 - National Educators Rising Conference: early-bird registration closes
- May 5- Educators Rising National Signing Day
- June 20-23- National Educators Rising Conference in Portland, OR
- **2027- Nationals Columbus OH**
- **2028- Nationals Kissimmee FL**
- **2029- Nationals Portland OR**

## Educator Collaboration:

- Do you have ideas to share with other teacher leaders?
- Do you have tried and true fundraising ideas that worked for your group?
- Do you have a dynamite lesson you used in your Education class?

Please share with [amitchell@nedubois.k12.in.us](mailto:amitchell@nedubois.k12.in.us) and she will post them in the next newsletter.

# Fundraising Ideas:

Dine to Donate- Partner with a local restaurant to bring in extra business on a certain date and you get a percentage of profit or a certain donation amount from them. They may ask you to work the date, create and hand out fliers, spread the word, etc. Click the link for more info.

Parent Nite Out- A fun night for kids so parents have a night out without them. Educator Rising students plan, host, and entertain the kids until the parents come pick them back up. The paper form is in the name link. Here is a Google form that another school used. A little different but you can make it fit your school and kids!

Winter Break Day Camp- A day camp that Educators Rising students plan and implement for elementary students. These are week days that parents have to work but students are out of school.

Spring Break Day Camp- A day camp for kids that Educators Rising students plan and implement for elementary students.