

**JANUARY
2026**



**EDUCATORS
RISING**

INDIANA

Current State Officers:

Brooklyn LeQuia- Garrett High School
Chase Maxwell- Jasper High School
Chasity Cowan- Northeast Dubois High School
Haley Hallett- Jasper High School
Paula Moreno- Jasper High School

*HAPPY
New Year*

State Conference Help Needed:

We are searching for volunteers to judge and help tally results for the state conference. If you have administrators, retired teacher friends, and friends of education that would be willing to help us please provide them with the conference registration link so they can register to help us that day. We appreciate any and all that can help us make the conference a success!

State Delegate Information:

Each School attending the state conference will need to identify a student delegate to vote for the state officers as well as the Indiana Educators Rising Constitution and Bylaws. Please have your students select the schools student delegate. A form will be sent out the Beginning of February so information can be sent to those that will be filling this role for your school.

State Conference Information

- Students can only compete in one contest or competition.
- Schools may register up to two students for an individual event, but only one student from the school may advance to nationals if they qualify.
- **Pre-scored items** must be sent to dgraham@ista-in.org by Monday, February 2nd.
- Students who compete in competitions and contests will have the opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments at the awards ceremony.
- Certificates will be awarded to all competitors.
- Medallions will be awarded to the top three in the Competitions.
- Medallions will be awarded to all competitors who score 90% or higher in contests.

Hotel info:

Fairfield INN & Suites- \$100

333 River Centre Lndg, Jasper, IN 47546•(812) 250-5155



Agenda for State Conference-

8 am - Registration starts

9 am - Opening session & Keynote

9:45 am-Noon- 3 Breakout sessions
& Competitions

Noon - Lunch

12:30 pm - Business Meeting

1:15-2 pm - Breakout session

2 pm - Closing session with awards
and officer installation

Link to State Conference Registration

<https://ista.forms-db.com/view.php?id=229427>



State Conference Prescored Material

Make sure to send all prescored material to Delayne Graham by Feb 2nd:
dgraham@ista-in.org

- Children's Literature- all sections- book and statement of originality
- Creative Lecture- written copy of speech
- Educators Rising Leadership award- essay and artifacts
- Educators Rising Moment- written copy of speech
- Ethical Dilemma- written analysis of the dilemma
- Exploring Ed Careers- All sections- Verification forms and interview forms
- Inside our Schools- Video
- Job Interview- Resume and Cover letter
- Lesson Planning & Delivery- all sections- Video and lesson plan
- Outstanding Chapter- portfolio of documentation
- Public Service Announcement- Video
- Public Speaking- written copy of speech
- Researching Learning Challenges- paper
- Interactive Bulletin Board- Summary sheet
- Project Visualize- Service Project- Summary sheet
- Teacher Created Material- Summary Sheet

Advisor Updates

- **Chapter Leader Handbook!**
 - PDK has released a new guide to help advisors and chapter officers build, recruit, lead, fundraise, and much more.
 - Advisors - the link to the PDF is on the Educators Rising webpage - Educators Rising High School Resources-Teacher Leader Resources-Quick links.
- **Scholarships**
 - PDK student scholarships open December 1st.
 - The link to the scholarships will be on the Educators Rising website, under student and teacher resources.



Important Dates:

- January 11 - State Officer meeting - Zoom
- January 12- Educators Rising Advisor meeting - 4 pm, Zoom
- January 20 - State Conference registration due
- January 16-17 - State officer candidate interviews
- February 1 - National Educators Rising Conference registration opens
- February 2 - Student pre-scored items for state conference due
- February 13 - State Conference- VUJC Jasper, IN
- April 6 - National Educators Rising Conference: early-bird registration closes
- June 20-23 - National Educators Rising Conference in Portland, OR