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Could you be teaching the next Speaker of the House or U.S. President?

More students are attending college and university classes, and they need to be prepared to succeed. NEA's Priority Schools Campaign is working to significantly raise student achievement in struggling schools, and we need your help to create a pipeline from public schools to college campuses. Not only will your students be better prepared, more successful public education in K-12 builds support for higher education as well!

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Make a difference in the lives of your students *before* they arrive on campus:

**Help with professional development.** Offer free professional development training opportunities in your subject area for the educators in a Priority school.

**Collaborate with K-12 colleagues.** Help your K-12 colleagues guide students through the pipeline and help prepare students, academically and socially, for the expectations at an institute of higher learning. Work with your institution and your local Association to better align high school courses with beginning college courses. Help ensure that advanced placement, dual, or concurrent enrollment coursework meets the standards for both high school and college work.

**Volunteer at a Priority school.** Tutor K-12 students, serve on school advisory committees, and contribute your expertise to creating quality schools.

**Partner with parents.** Develop a training or educational session on your campus for K-12 parents to help them prepare their children for the transition from elementary and secondary school to college.

**Work with community groups.** Encourage community organizations to create support groups for students that help ease their transition into college.

**Influence policy.** Work with your local government relations committee to influence legislation and/or school board policies that directly affect high-needs schools. Access the sample legislation and bargaining language developed by NEA to address these issues.

For more information on NEA's Priority Schools Campaign and how you can help, and to explore the resources NEA has developed, visit [www.nea.org/prioritieschools](http://www.nea.org/prioritieschools).



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