



## Student Education Association

Governors State University (University Park, IL)



### About SEA

We are a local chapter, like other schools in Illinois and across the country, of the IEA (& NEA). The IEA (Illinois Education Association) Student Program is a pre-professional organization of undergraduate and graduate students preparing for careers in education. As a member of the IEA Student Program, students are also a part of the larger Illinois Education Association, an educational professional organization representing over 130,000 members in the state, across 40 campuses in Illinois. IEA Student Program members are also part of the National Education Association (NEA), a network of state associations that has over two million members and is a major force in shaping the nation's education agenda. Students throughout the state on university and college campuses are able to take advantage of the many opportunities afforded them through the IEA Student Program, as well as engage in service to the community and professional development.

### Members

Members of the IEA Student Program include students going into careers in the field of education and working in schools: teachers (infants to 12<sup>th</sup> grade), social workers, school counselors, occupational therapists, etc. Students must enroll and pay membership dues annually. Our SEA group is led by student leaders who are guided by faculty advisors; the student officers develop leadership skills by running the weekly meetings, developing newsletters, managing social media, finding service activities, creating events, and recruiting members.

### Fundraising

Our chapter has fundraisers to raise money for our organization at GSU, as we only receive \$3 per membership (the majority of the dues goes to the IEA state organization). All proceeds from fundraisers go towards our local chapter student events, as well as volunteering activities in the community. Examples of volunteering sites include child care programs, libraries, park districts, food banks, schools and classrooms - anything related to education, teachers, children and families.

For more information, please see the following websites:

- SEA at GSU, website: [http://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges\\_and\\_Programs/College\\_of\\_Education/Student\\_Education\\_Association/](http://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges_and_Programs/College_of_Education/Student_Education_Association/)
- SEA at GSU, Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SEAatGSU](http://www.facebook.com/SEAatGSU)
- IEA Student Program: <http://www.ieanea.org/members/student/v>
- NEA: <http://www.nea.org/>

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