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## Calendar 2019-2020

Thank you to the 620 of you who completed the recent UACT Calendar Survey for the 2019-2020 school year. Your input was used by UACT's Calendar Committee to look over the survey data and draft calendars are in the works. These draft calendar options, based upon the results of the survey, will be presented to you for a vote later this year. As before, there will be multiple versions reflecting different options in the creation of the school year w. respect to start/end dates, the length/position of breaks, and the like.

## Free Conference Offer

Please look for information from your UACT site rep in January concerning an opportunity for you to attend CTA's Good Teaching Conference on March 16-18 in Garden Grove.

The conference boasts more than 80 session offerings covering all topics pertaining to classroom instructional practices across the spectrum of what we all teach here in the Conejo. UACT will cover all of your costs for attending the conference (registration, hotel, transportation, your sub for Friday, and food).

Be certain to respond when the offer is made available so that you don't miss out on the chance to have your name drawn. Last year's conference guide can be viewed at <https://ctago.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/GTC-South-17-Program-Reduced.pdf> and you can see what it all offered.

## UACT Academic Scholarships

UACT is proud to once again announce the availability of academic scholarships for the dependent children of active members. UACT Scholarship Application forms are now available from the UACT website at [www.conejoteachers.com/scholarships](http://www.conejoteachers.com/scholarships), your site representative, the High School Career Center, or by e-mailing the UACT office at [uactsec@aol.com](mailto:uactsec@aol.com). Scholarship awards will be granted to high school graduates, in the current year, or previous high school graduates who are children or dependents of UACT members. Recipients of awards must plan to enroll in a post-secondary institution in the Fall of 2018. This would include, but is not limited to, a 2 or 4-year public/private college or university, a business school, or trade school. The application and supporting documents must be completed and returned to the UACT office no later than Friday, March 9, 2018. The supporting documents must include an official transcript from the school the applicant is now attending (to be sent directly to the UACT office in care of the Scholarship Committee) and two letters of recommendation (one from a school official and one from a responsible member of the community). For more details, see your UACT site representative or call the UACT office at 497-8220 to find out if your dependent child is eligible for a scholarship. It is advisable to obtain your application as soon as possible.



scholarships are currently available on the CTA website at [www.cta.org/scholarships](http://www.cta.org/scholarships). Among them are the CTA Scholarship for Dependent Children which has a deadline of February 2, 2018 and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship which has a deadline of February 16, 2018. Please visit the website for details and application forms.

## How Disability Insurance Works

Sometimes the different benefit options available to California educators can be confusing. To help you get the right level of protection, CTA offers a Disability Insurance plan through Standard Insurance Company. This plan is only available to CTA members and was designed to meet the unique needs of California educators like you. If you get seriously ill, injured, or go on maternity leave, do you have enough savings to cover months of your bills? If not, now is the time to take steps to protect your income and loved ones – before an unexpected sickness or injury keeps you from work. For more information about Disability Insurance – what it is, and why you need it, watch a short video [Here](#). As a CTA member, you can apply at any time with proof of good health. For more information, and to apply online, visit [CTAMemberBenefits.org/TheStandard](http://CTAMemberBenefits.org/TheStandard).

## Supplemental Early Retirement Plan

UACT and the District are currently in the midst of arranging dates to sit down before winter break and negotiate the terms of a possible early retirement incentive plan. Should we come to an agreement there will be lots of communication coming out from both UACT and the District Office. Stay tuned!

## Copyright Infringement

Over the course of the last few years, a few of our colleagues have found themselves tied up in a copyright controversy. Every time it has happened, it has been done unwittingly. Publishers have caught on to this and check teachers' webpages to catch violations of their protected materials. Please be careful when you post anything that you aren't certain of its origin or the rights to it. Books, blackline masters, and photos should be verified before posting on your webpages. If you don't know, it is best to ask your principal and avoid any sort of angst it may cause.

### UACT Shirt Vote

Please visit the UACT website at [www.conejoteachers.com](http://www.conejoteachers.com) to vote for the shirt style that you would like made

