

Fall Leadership Conference (FLC)

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

9:00am-3:00pm CDT

UNO - Milo Bail Student Center



Conference Information

The 2026 Fall Leadership Conference is designed to bring members together to build leadership skills, strengthen the awareness of opportunities within Educators Rising, and develop knowledge and skills for a future in Education! This year, FLC will feature two (2) tracks for attendees:

- **Next Level Leaders Track** for chapter officers and active chapter members to get engaged with Educators Rising and take on next-level leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels.
- **Emerging Leaders Track** for new or early-career Educators Rising members to learn more about the organization and how they can get involved and earn recognition.

Choosing the Right Track for Members

Teacher leaders should carefully consider each member's experience level and involvement within Educators Rising when selecting a conference track. Teacher leaders will select which track attendees are in as part of the registration process; use this information to help make the track decision for all attendees.

Emerging Leaders Track

- Best suited for first-year members or members who are new to Educators Rising.
- Ideal for students who are still exploring the organization and learning about available opportunities, competitive events, scholarships, and recognition programs.
- Recommended for members who have not previously attended a state or national Educators Rising leadership event.

Next Level Leaders Track

- Best suited for chapter officers, active chapter members, and students seeking greater leadership involvement.
- Ideal for members who are already engaged in Educators Rising and are ready to expand their impact at the local, state, and national levels.
- Recommended for returning members who want to strengthen leadership skills and prepare for officer roles, peer mentoring, advocacy, or other leadership opportunities.

Capacity and Breakout Session Information

- Each track is limited to 180 members, for a total conference capacity of 360 members, so registration will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Chapters will receive session tickets for attendees registered in each track.
- Members may only attend sessions for which they have been assigned a ticket.
- Teacher leaders should plan track assignments carefully, as sessions are designed specifically for the learning outcomes and experience level of each track.

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Schedule at a Glance

Time	Session	
8:30-9:00am	Registration	
9:00-9:45am	Opening Session <i>Get excited for the year ahead & prepared for the conference!</i>	
10:00-10:45am	Next Level Leaders Track: Get Engaged • Share Big: Advocating for CTE • From Good to Great: Elevating Your Chapter Impact • Dream Big: Education Opportunities at UNO	Emerging Leaders Track: Your Personal Power • Using Your Personal Leadership Style • What is Educators Rising? • Networking 101: Making Connections that Matter
10:00-10:45am	Teacher Leader Session: Lead BIG in 2026-27	
10:45-11:50am	Next Level Leaders Track <i>Lunch</i> <i>Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Gaines</i>	Emerging Leaders Track: Foundations • What is CTE? What are CTSOs? • EdRising Facts & Figures • The Great Big Field of Education
11:50am-12:50pm	Next Level Leaders Track: Think BIG • Recruit Big. Engage Big. Grow Big. • Teach Big: Becoming a Mentor to Future Leaders • Connect Big: Networking & Professional Connections	Emerging Leaders Track <i>Lunch</i> <i>Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Gaines</i>
1:00-1:40pm	Next Level Leaders Track <i>UNO Campus Tours</i> <i>(grouped by chapter with teacher leaders)</i> <i>Content Creators Meeting (invite only)</i>	Emerging Leaders Track: BIG Opportunities in EdRising • Competitive Events • Awards for New Members • Becoming an Active Member
1:50-2:30pm	Next Level Leaders Track: Level Up • State Level Leaders: We Want YOU! • Competitive Events • LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl	Emerging Leaders Track <i>UNO Campus Tours</i> <i>(grouped by chapter with teacher leaders)</i>
2:40-3:00pm	Closing Session <i>Stick around for chapter reflections, door prize drawings, & more!</i>	