



## Your NCTA Monthly Quick Bites for April 2026

“Every exam tells a story of preparation—but proctors help ensure that story is told with honesty and fairness.”



---

NCTA Conference Registration is Now  
Open!



Join us in Sacramento from September 14-17, 2026, for the 27th annual NCTA Conference—where connection, innovation, and professional growth come together.

🕒 Early Bird Registration: \$550 (through June 19)

After June 19, registration increases to \$600—so be sure to secure your spot early!

[Register Here](#)

## Supporting examinee well-being in high-stakes testing environments

Dr. Bitá Rivas, Counselor Education Program Coordinator at California State University, Sacramento. Her work highlights the intersection of assessment, student well-being, and ethical practice—emphasizing the importance of trauma-informed, supportive testing environments. Dr. Rivas’ dynamic and engaging presentation will inform and equip participants with knowledge and resources to help support the well-being of examinees and staff members in high-stakes testing environments.



Capnote Panel Discussion



Dr. Cindy James, Dr. Jim Wollack, Dr. Sara Rieder Bennett, and Jarret Dyer will discuss Lessons Learned from Decades of Experience in the Assessment Field. This engaging discussion will allow attendees to “Ask the Experts” and cover topics from valuable lessons learned, change management, networking, and professional acumen.

Whether you’re looking to expand your professional network, gain practical tools, or deepen your involvement in NCTA, this conference has something for you.

Shout Outs!



**Name of Nominee: Emily Camp**

**Position/Institution: Assistant Chair of SIG and CCC**

Let's give a shoutout to Emily Camp. She has been in testing since 2018 and became the manager of Auburn University - Biggio Center Testing Services in 2023. Emily has been volunteering with NCTA since 2022. She has served previously as Co-chair for SIG- Online Learning and now serves as Co-chair for SIG-Management. She also works as a volunteer for Member Initiatives/Connections and Collaborations since 2022. Emily loves to connect with her fellow testing professionals. She enjoys **Did you know NCTA has a great way to recognize hard work?**

There is still time to get all your nominations in for Conference Awards and monthly Shout Outs. Having worked in higher education for over 20 years, I know there are lots and lots of great people, especially in testing, making a huge difference every day.

- Do you know someone who goes the extra mile?
- Do you know someone who always has great ideas at meetings and is always the first one to get the wheels rolling on a project?
- Do you know someone awesome in your respective committees who is at the ready and delivers every time?

Please nominate all our awesome members who do a great job day in and day out.

Visit us at <https://www.ncta-testing.org/awards> to nominate TODAY! If you need help or have questions, we are here to help. Please email us at [awards@ncta-testing.org](mailto:awards@ncta-testing.org).

## Shape the Future of Testing: Become an NCTA Mentee!



Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned professional, the NCTA Mentorship Program offers opportunities to grow, connect, and succeed.

### **As a mentee, you'll:**

- Gain insights from experienced testing professionals
- Accelerate your professional development
- Expand your network within the testing community
- Explore new areas of testing
- Receive support during career transitions

### **How it works:**

Mentors and mentees are thoughtfully matched based on goals, experience, and interests, with flexible guidance and resources to support your journey.

**Join us and shape the future of testing!** Apply today: <https://www.nctatesting.org/mentorship-program>

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, grow, and make an impact in your center!

Airline Discounts to Sacramento



Thank you to our presidentelect, Jan Gonzalez, who worked with several major airlines to receive a discount for our members to travel to Sacramento this

year. Take advantage of the discounts on one of the airlines listed below. The information is on the NCTA Conference website.

#### **Southwest Airlines**

- Discounts on eligible fares for reservations booked 12/15/25 through 9/11/26 for travel between 9/11/26 and 9/20/26.
- Travelers use the company ID below to receive 25% more Rapid Rewards bonus points on qualifying flights.
- Book through [SWABIZ](#) using the Company ID: 90121566.

#### **United Airlines**

- Discounts on eligible fares booked from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026; discounts dependent upon fare class booked.
- Book through [United for Business](#) and use code: ZS8D706077.
- For booking assistance by phone, call 800-4261122.
- Booking fees are waived.

#### **Delta Airlines**

- Discounts offered on eligible flights between September 9-22, 2026
- Book through [Delta Business](#)...enter code NY4FP.
- For booking assistance by phone, contact 1800-328-1111.
- Booking fees are waived.

From the Desk of the Chair, Finance Division

- **NCTA 2026 W-9 Form** available to members. Visit <https://www.ncta-testing.org/ncta-w-9>
- **Keep your eyes on the membership expiration date.** Pay your membership dues before your account enters the **Grace Period**.
- Have you reviewed your Membership Renewal for 2026? Here are a few things to know.

- **Where can I locate my renewal invoice?** If you have an individual membership, you can locate your invoice by logging into your NCTA account and selecting update your profile. There you will see any outstanding balance, and the option to view and pay your



invoices. **For institutional memberships**, the designated key contact can follow the steps above to locate the renewal invoice.

- **What are the payment options?** You can pay by credit card or debit card, ACH or EFT bank drafts.
- **Where can I find NCTA ACH and EFT enrollment information?**  
Click on the link below. [NCTA EFT ACH Enrollment](#)
- **Save Time getting answers to finance and funding related questions.** Here are a few reasons to contact Finance or the Treasurer directly.

o **Questions regarding fee changes AND payment options**  
o **Change of payment methods**  
o **Completion of Vendor Payment Forms to conduct financial services with NCTA**  
o **Renewal of Vendor Payment Forms to continue financial services with NCTA**

- **Reminder:** If you have questions or concerns involving fees and payments, contact NCTA Finance by emailing [treasurer@ncta-testing.org](mailto:treasurer@ncta-testing.org) for assistance.

## NCTA Grants Updates @ what's Next -- Dates & Reminders



- Application Window Closed: Friday March 27, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who submitted proposals for the 2026-2027 cycle. We're excited to see your ideas!

- Application Review Period. Through April 15, 2026.

The Grants Committee will begin reviewing 2026-2027 submissions right after the deadline. Feedback will be shared with each applicant following the review process

- Interim Reports Due: April 30, 2026.

For the 2025-2026 grant recipients, interim reports are required by this date. The Grants Committee will reach out to provide support and guidance as needed.

- What's Next? Stay tuned for updates and award notifications following the review period

Learn more about the Grants Program and explore grant opportunities: [NCTA Grants Program webpage](#) Questions? Contact [grants@ncta-testing.org](mailto:grants@ncta-testing.org)

## SIG Coffee Date

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to join us for the most recent SIG Coffee Date.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming SIG (Special Interest Group) Coffee Dates:

Online Proctoring SIG June 18, 2026 3-4 pm EST



&

Management SIG in August 6, 2026 3-4 pm EST

Grab your coffee and come join us for relaxed conversation and collaboration. We look forward to seeing you then!

## Testing Professionals

Week

**Testing Professionals Week: April 13–17, 2026**

Join us in celebrating Testing Professionals Week, April 13–17! This week recognizes the dedicated individuals who support assessment, uphold academic integrity, and ensure exams run smoothly for students and faculty alike.

From coordinating complex administrations to providing accommodations and managing secure testing environments, testing professionals make a lasting impact—often behind the scenes.

Let's take time to recognize and thank the MVPs of our profession!



## Conference Volunteers & Moderators - Be Part of the Experience!

A great conference doesn't just happen- it's powered by our members. That's where you come in! When you register, you'll have the opportunity to sign up as a Conference Volunteer, Session Moderator, or both. These roles are a fantastic way to get involved, meet colleagues, and make the most of your conference experience.

### What's the difference?

#### ◇ Conference Volunteers

Help bring the event to life by supporting key moments throughout the conference—assisting with general session setup, lending a hand at the NCTA booth, and helping with conference setup and wrapup.

#### ◇ Session Moderators

Play an important role in our educational sessions by introducing speakers, keeping sessions on track, and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Moderators will receive guidance, attend a brief virtual orientation, and be supported with materials onsite.

Whether you're new to NCTA or looking to deepen your involvement, these roles are a great way to connect, contribute, and enhance your conference experience.

### Ready to jump in?

Be sure to select "yes" when registering—you're welcome to sign up for both opportunities!

**Proctor Certification Window Now**

**Open**



### Register for the June 2026 Proctor Certification Window

- Registration Open: March 23, 2026
- Registration Deadline: April 30, 2026
- Accommodation Request Deadline: April 15, 2026

Please see this website for more details and to register:

<https://www.ncta-testing.org/proctor-certification>

### NCTA Conference Webinar

Were you unable to attend the March 25th webinar to learn more about the conference? No worries, you can see the [video](#) on the NCTA website under “Webinars”.



### Newly Certified and Recertified Test Centers



Congratulations to our newly certified and recertified test centers. Your commitment and hard work are truly commendable.

#### Recertifications


- Triton College
- Idaho State University
- Valencia College - East Campus
- University of Montana
- Valencia College - Lake Nona

- Miami Dade College - Wolfson
- Purdue University

## NCTA Digest - Volunteer

### Needed

We are still seeking volunteers to help our NCTA Digest Editor, Eric Jensen, create this new and exciting opportunity for our membership. Interested? [Click here to apply.](#)

 Help Shape the NCTA Digest!

Love great ideas, thoughtful writing, and connecting with colleagues? NCTA is looking for a volunteer Digest Assistant for our NCTA Digest!

The Digest is where NCTA members share articles, book reviews, and opinion pieces that inspire and inform our community. As a Digest Assistant, you'll:

- Collect submissions from members.
- Work with the Digest Editor to polish and refine content.
- Pull it all together into a publication we can all be proud of!

Time Commitment: About 1-2 hours a month

What You Bring: A love of words, attention to detail, and a knack for meeting deadlines.

It's a fun, creative way to get more involved with NCTA, connect with peers, and help keep our professional conversation thriving.

Interested? [Click here to apply.](#)



NCTA Volunteer Opportunities –

Available Positions



NCTA is currently reviewing applications for several volunteer positions across our divisions. These roles offer meaningful ways to contribute to our profession and support fellow members. Open positions include:

- **Conference App Committee Member** (Professional Development Division) – Support the MobileUp conference app with setup, updates, and live troubleshooting.
- **Test Center Certification Team Member** (Professional Services Division) – Review certification applications to ensure compliance with NCTA Standards and Guidelines.
- **Continuing Education (CE) Committee Member** (Administration Division) – Evaluate CE submissions and help maintain the integrity of our certification programs.
- **NCTA Digest Assistant** (Professional Development Division) – Assist with writing, editing, and publishing the NCTA Digest.

Thank you to all who have applied and continue to serve NCTA!

[Click here to apply today!](#)

---

### Connect With Us:

Let's stay connected! Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see what we're up to. Every post tells a story of change. Follow to see the difference you are making in NCTA.

---

