



# THE FOCUS

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From information on organization in class and financially to self care and grants, the Good Teacher Conference was amazing to attend. I met colleagues who share their ways of making learning fun, pedagogies from people who are actually in the classroom, professionalism, and overall a well organized conference with excellent food;).

I recommend you visit [www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/calm](http://www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/calm) to access unique CTA Calm link for free with a variety of music, meditations, exercises, and sleep stories for all ages! It's free and you can add 5 dependents age 16 or older for free as well.

CTA also has a University Credit program, up to 6 university credits through attending conferences live and/or watching recordings that CTA pays for. [WWW.CTA.org/credit](http://WWW.CTA.org/credit). Also, the National Board Incentive Program for teachers that want to be National Board Certificated is available.

I was particularly interested in "How to build a secure financial future.", it provided information on [CTAinvest.org](http://CTAinvest.org) with stories from educators, calculators and other resources to help in my journey to financial security.

Discounts on travel through CTA and NEA, car rental, savings and discounts on rental insurance and much more!

Grants for new teachers, disaster relief fund and teacher or a group of teachers can apply for grants from \$5,000 to \$20,000 that go directly to you, not through the district. So much information! I Applaud CTA for all they provide for educators, thank you!



## President's Corner

I am so humbled by the amazing educators that share their talents and craft with us in Pittsburg USD. This is why I continue to fiercely advocate side by side with PEA leadership for improved working conditions and our students learning conditions. Thank you to all of you have been on the forefront be rainy days or dance party rallies. Your voice matters and you deserve the best working conditions!

Want to know more please look at the PEA website for details: <https://peateachers.org>

In Solidarity,  
Celia Medina-Owens  
PEA President

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