

Secondary Division Secretary Nominees

Amanda Ferguson, Kingsburg HS

I desire to serve as division secretary in order to expand my involvement in CATA. I've been teaching for 10 years, and have been a part of the Ag Department team at Kingsburg High School for five years. I've served through the sectional chairs, I've been the financial treasurer for the section for the past five years and completed one year as sectional advisor. I would love to see, experience and assist with CATA on the leadership side. Conference is an event that has always been near and dear to my heart and I truly feel that CATA is a critical piece to our profession. I fully understand the commitment that comes along with this position and am ready to jump in wherever I am needed. Fun facts about me are that I have two kids, I love anything that has to do with plants and I particularly enjoy craft beer on a hot summer day.



Colleen Lawson, Elk Grove High School

I believe our profession is on the precipice of both immense challenge and great change. I'm the type of person who leans in to the unknown with a mindset geared towards finding solutions and supporting our organization in being as efficacious as possible. I am currently in my 8th year teaching. I previously served as the Central Region reporter for four years, I have been my high school's PBIS Coordinator for three years, participated in the 2017 DELTA Conference with Mark Reardon, I have attended the Advanced Leadership Conference at Wonder Valley twice, and regularly step up to take on responsibility throughout CATA. I would be honored to lead our association in this role and to have the opportunity to serve my fellow colleagues on a greater scale. Brene Brown said, "Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen." I'm ready!



Megan Tunzi, Fort Bragg High School

I teach at Fort Bragg High School in the North Coast Region and have been an ag teacher for 13 years. I want to lead and serve the CATA at the secondary level because I want to be part of the change and growth that is happening in our organization. This year has been unique, but also given me the perspective that I needed to lead the North Coast as their region president and prepare me to help lead in a larger way in CATA. We need progressive thinkers and leaders to help us create positive results and activities for the students and not lose sight of why we are agriculture educators. I have the experience needed that can help us move forward and continue to make great opportunities for all students. Students being the reason we all became agriculture educators and of course why I enjoy going to work each day.



Operations Division Secretary Nominees

Jordana Faria, Le Grand HS

Currently teaches at Le Grand High School in the Central Region, and previously taught at Yosemite High School in San Joaquin Region. She has served as department head for 5 years combined, and has attended Delta Conference and Advanced Leadership Development Conference. Over the past few years, she has become more curious about the operations side of CATA. Advanced Leadership Development was a great look into the behind the scenes work, and helped her gain a desire to step up and serve our profession in that capacity. She is ready to dedicate time to learning and helping with the operations sides of CATA and the committees it entails. As she finishes up her 6th year within the profession, she looks forward to the opportunity to serve on the Operations Division.



Natalie Sanchez, Vintage HS

Is a 6th year teacher in the North Coast region. Natalie spent 3 years at Kingsburg High School in the San Joaquin Region before moving onto Vintage High School. Natalie is well respected as an instructor and recognized as a personable resource amongst her peers. She is currently serving as Sectional Vice President in the Solano-Alameda section and was the Section Outstanding Single Person Department. Natalie is the most organized person I have ever met and makes her responsibilities her number one priority. Natalie has a sincere desire to serve the CATA at the State level and has made the Operations Division her focus her entire career. I know that if selected to serve as the Operations Division Secretary she will communicate effectively with her committees and be an excellent liaison for the Operations Division and the Executive Board. Please strongly consider Natalie Sanchez for the position.



Post-Secondary Division Secretary Nominees

Desi Molyneux, Reedley College

Russell McKeith, College of the Sequoias