

# SEE (Seeing Educators Emerge) Conference 2026 Competitions

## Invitation for High School & College Education Students

The SEE Conference invites future educators to showcase their creativity, passion, and commitment to representation in the classroom. Students may enter **individually or as a group** in any of the following competitions:

### Competition Categories

#### 1. Educator Club T-Shirt Design Contest

Create a unique and school-spirited educator club t-shirt design!

- Friendly competition between schools
- Any color, theme, or style
- Bring your shirt design on conference day

#### 2. Bulletin Board Competition

Design a bulletin board on a standard **22" × 28"** poster board.

- **Theme:** *The Mirror in the Classroom*
- Encourage representation through visuals, quotes, interactive elements, and other design elements
- Should illustrate the idea that all students deserve to see themselves in their teachers
- Bring your bulletin board on conference day

#### 3. Unit Plan Competition

Submit a unit plan that aligns with the conference theme: *The Mirror in the Classroom*.

- Submitted digitally in advance (by March 6, 2026)
- Can be for any age/grade level (must specify)
- Includes an **oral presentation** to a panel of judges at the conference
- Should highlight inclusion, representation, and culturally responsive teaching
- Must reference the Illinois Learning Standards
- Present on conference day

### How to Enter

Students will submit their intent to enter during the **SEE Conference Registration** process. Each student/group may enter one or more competition.

### Conference Theme: The Mirror in the Classroom

This theme celebrates representation in education—ensuring that all learners see themselves reflected in their teachers, curriculum, and classroom environments.

### Questions?

Contact the SEE Conference Coordinator, Dr. Erin Sagaskie, for guidelines, deadlines, and submission instructions. We look forward to seeing educators emerge and shine at this year's SEE Conference!

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