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## Random Notes from the President- Doug Botkin



Many thanks to all those who represented KESPA District at the 2018 Delegate Assembly. You folks are the leaders of the association and I'm proud to be associated with each one of you.

We have many opportunities this summer for you to get involved and grow your leadership skills.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the **RESPECT Conference** goes to the mountains and I'm sure it will be a huge success! I've been looking forward to getting to know the members who represent Eastern Kentucky. Floyd Central High School is the site and registration is active now on the KEA website.

July 15-17 is the next **Local President + Next Generation Leaders Conference** will be held in Lexington. For more information contact Sherry Castle @ (800)-928-4321. This is an excellent chance to network with other local leaders and learn new strategies for recruiting and retaining members.

And last, but not least, I just want to say it has been my pleasure to represent this organization. You are a **"Class Act"** and I'm proud to be your President.

See ya soon!!

Doug

# A NOTE FROM YOUR NEA ESP AT-LARGE



Greetings ESP Colleagues! I'm excited to represent you as one of your NEA ESP At-Large Directors serving on the NEA board of Directors. Aside from sitting in as a representative for you on the NEA board, I also lobby on your behalf at the federal level and serve on several important NEA committees. Those include the following: ESP Careers, Member Dues Taskforce, and the ESP Conference Planning. The NEA ESP Directors all work closely with the NEA ESPQ Department and NCESP to serve ESPs across the nation. As you may know, we recently released the new NEA ESP Professional Growth Continuum (PGC) exclusively designed for ESPs by ESPs. This was a huge accomplishment and milestone that took a lot of hard work from many outstanding individuals. However, the work is not over and now the ESP careers committee will continue the work and start aligning relevant professional development and other events around the PGC. Thanks for all you do for the students of the Commonwealth. Thank you for always going the extra mile! It's an honor to serve you each day.

## Meet Your KESPA Executive Board

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## **Newsworthy – KESPA Board members attended NEA ESP Conference 2018- Orlando, FL**



**Team KESPA! Lakilia Bedeau, Doug Botkin, Tammy Jones, Janet Allen, Mary Crooker, Heather Schultz, Matthew Powell, Chiffon Winston, Vicky Gregory**



**Janet Allen and Tammy Jones**



**Tammy Jones, Chiffon Winston, Heather Schultz**

**KEA/KESPA was well represented at this year's NEA ESP Conference in Orlando, FL.**

**KESPA members attended breakout sessions and many opportunities to network with other ESPs in our NEA Affiliates.**



**Heather Schultz, Matthew Powell and Mary Crooker at the NEA ESP Awards Dinner.**

## Report from KEA Delegate Assembly April 2018

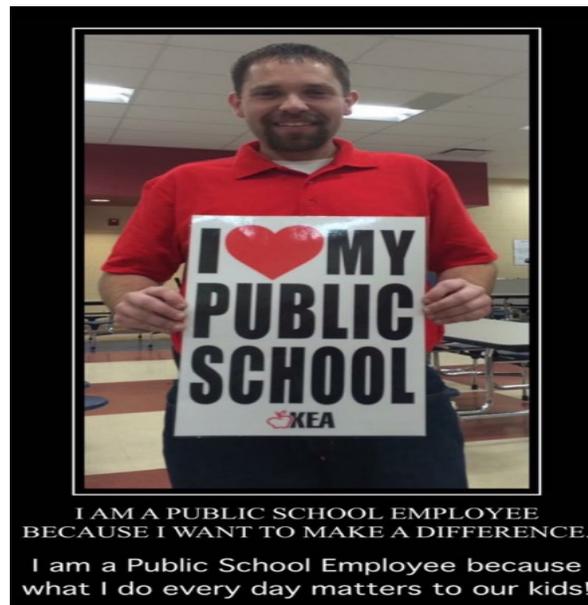
Matthew Powell recently was selected as the Kentucky Education Association's 2019 Education Support Professional of the Year. Matthew Powell works as a head custodian, special events bus driver, and after school security officer at Graves County Central Elementary. KEA President Stephanie Winkler presented the award to Powell at the association's 146th annual Delegate Assembly in Louisville.

Powell serves as the Graves County Education Support Professional Association president, Kentucky Education Support Professional Association vice president, KEA and NEA Board of Directors, and as an individual member of the National Council for Education Support Professionals.

Powell is a graduate of the 2015 NEA Leaders for Tomorrow and KEA Fellows Program to which he contributes the motivation to leave the program and become a visible and vocal advocate for public education at the local, state and national levels.

As KEA's ESP of the Year, Powell received a cash award and automatically is nominated for the \$10,000 NEA ESP of the Year Award, which will be presented in March 2019 at the annual NEA ESP Professional Development Conference.

**KEA Delegate Assembly was held April 4-6 at the Marriott in downtown Louisville. KESPA had 41 delegates representing ESP statewide. Our own Matthew Powell was selected as ESP of the Year.**



He gave an amazing speech and the picture and caption above explains why he is so passionate about the work he does for his students at the local, state and national levels.

**Congrats to our own, Matthew Powell KEA ESP of the Year!**

## KESPA History Lesson- Blast from the Past

Did you know in 1985, a group of classified employees made up of school bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, teacher aides and cafeteria workers formed a statewide Task Force? They elected Donna Cunningham as their Chairperson and Helen Cottongim as Vice Chair. Rocky Brown served as KESPA/NEA Organizational Specialist-Executive Director. In 1986, Helen Cottongim took over as Chairperson, Doug Mercer vice Chair. Clif Burd was UniServ Staff and started statewide organizing of classified employees.

### Save the Dates

- ✓ June 9<sup>th</sup> – RESPECT Conference- Floyd Central High School register online at [www.kea.org](http://www.kea.org)
- ✓ July 15-17- Local Presidents + Next Generation Leaders Conference register online at [www.kea.org](http://www.kea.org)

For more information on both conferences, please contact Sherry Castle at (800) 928-4321.



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July 15, 16, 17 – Four Points Sheraton in Lexington



# A Day without ESP's

Without Education Support Professionals,  
The doors wouldn't open,  
The bells wouldn't ring,  
The water wouldn't flow,  
The classrooms wouldn't be clean and maintained,  
The heat wouldn't work,  
The budgets wouldn't be finalized,  
The phones wouldn't be answered,  
The lights wouldn't shine,  
The paychecks wouldn't be issued,  
The students would go without lunch,



And, there would be no transportation or internet for students.

Without Education Support Professionals,  
Education would come to a screeching halt.



Education Support Professionals  
Make learning a reality!

-Author Unknown-



KESPA members from Eastern, KY in Frankfort representing and supporting teachers from across the Commonwealth.



Bus Drivers: Michael Caudill (volunteer firefighter) (Floyd County), Keith Frasure (Floyd County) and Bill Ransom (Boone County), Anthony Bolden (Floyd County)



Rich Mullins (KEA Staff) and Shannon Wallen (Retired Bus Driver Floyd County)

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