

# KEA President's Points

November 13, 2019



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We unite, organize and empower members to advocate for themselves and to ensure a quality public education for every Kentucky student.

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Dear Member:

Next week we celebrate American Education Week, which is our opportunity to celebrate public education in Kentucky and honor and acknowledge the amazing work that educators do each and every day across our Commonwealth. November 18-22 marks the 98th annual celebration of American Education Week.

The 2019 theme is: "Reach, Educate and Inspire." During the week, different days are set aside to honor the entire team of people who work in public schools, everyone from the bus driver and classroom teacher to the cafeteria worker and administrative staff and countless others. The celebration is also an opportunity for school and community leaders to renew their commitment and support for high-quality public education for all students.

For more information and resources to celebrate American Education Week in your local, please click on these links:

**Monday, November 18: Kickoff Day - [Click here.](#)**

**Tuesday, November 19: Parents Day - [Click here.](#)**

**Wednesday, November 20: Education Support Professionals Day - [Click here.](#)**

**Thursday, November 21: Educator for a Day - [Educator for a Day Promotional Kit.](#)**

Learn more about AEW 2019 Educator for a Day, and to get materials to promote it, [Click here.](#)

**Friday, November 22: Substitute Educators Day - [Click here.](#)**

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## KEA Delegate Assembly

The KEA Delegate Assembly is April 1-3 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. KEA locals need to submit duly-elected delegates and alternates to Valerie Leathers at

[vleathers@kea.org](mailto:vleathers@kea.org). Local presidents should have received information and an official delegate registration reporting form from Valerie in September. All information should be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Smith-Wilson Nominations

Each year KEA recognizes an outstanding individual or group for their work in the field of Human and Civil Rights. The award is given in honor of Lucy Harth Smith and Atwood S. Wilson, two pioneering KEA members who lead the way in breaking down the barriers of segregation in Kentucky's public schools. [For more information on the history of the Smith-Wilson Human Civil Rights Award click here.](#)

The award is presented to an individual or group for work in the following areas:

- Multicultural education
- Contributions to the advancement of educational opportunities for minorities
- Contributions to the availability of multicultural education materials
- Contributions in the areas of innovative and creative strategies to advance and develop leadership opportunities for gender equitable and culturally diverse populations and leadership in the field of human relations

If you would like to nominate an individual or group for the 2020 Smith-Wilson Human Rights Award, you can do so by [completing this nomination form](#). **Nominations are due by 5:00 pm eastern on November 22, 2019.**

## Call for Nominations, KEA Ethnic Minority Director Seat Vacancy

There currently exists a vacancy for a KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large. According to the KEA Constitution, a vacancy in a position held by an Ethnic Minority member shall be filled temporarily by the KEA Board of Directors until the next annual meeting of the Delegate Assembly, at which time a permanent Ethnic Minority representative shall be elected to complete the unexpired term. This position will be elected by the KEA Board of Directors on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during the regularly scheduled KEA Board Meeting.

Any KEA member who meets the criteria for Ethnic Minority Director may self-nominate by completing the [official form](#) and sending it to [CCC@kea.org](mailto:CCC@kea.org). **All nominations must be received at KEA by 5:00 p.m. eastern on Friday, November 15, 2019.**

Nominees who timely submit notice of their intent to run will be invited to speak to the KEA Board of Directors at the December meeting. Nominees should arrange to have a KEA Board member or other KEA member second the nomination.

## #DifferenceMakers

Any public school student in grades P-12 is invited to submit one entry to our annual student art contest. The theme for

the contest is *#DifferenceMakers*. Students are asked to create a PORTRAIT of a public school employee that has made a difference in their life. All entries must be accompanied by an [entry form](#). All entries must arrive at KEA, 401 Capital Ave. Frankfort, KY 40601 by 5:00 p.m. eastern on Friday, January 17, 2020. Please write "*#DifferenceMakers Entry*" on the outside of the envelope. One student in each grade span will win \$50 and their teacher will also win a \$50 prize. The *#DifferenceMaker* will receive the students' original framed artwork.

### Save the Date



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| November 15    | <a href="#">Last day for Nominations for KEA Ethnic Minority Director Vacancy</a> |
| November 16    | KEA District Presidents Meeting   |
| November 18-22 | American Education Week   |
| November 28-29 | Thanksgiving Day; all KEA offices closed  |
| November 30    | Delegates for the 2020 KEA DA due by 5:00 PM eastern time                         |

Sincerely,

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