Dear Member:

**KEA offices are open.** KEA leaders and staff across the Commonwealth are preparing for opening day events that are just around the corner. If you would like to help with your local's opening day activities, contact your local president or call your local **UniServ Office** for details.

**KEA Members Leading at the National Level**

Congratulations to NEA Education Support Professional of the Year, Matthew Powell. Matthew is a Custodial Supervisor, Transportation Specialist, and Night Watchman at Graves County Central Elementary School. Matthew was honored during the NEA Representative Assembly on July 6th as the National ESP of the year. Click [here](#) to view Matthew's speech to the delegates of the NEA Representative Assembly.

Congratulations to KEA Aspiring Educator Cameo Kendrick. Cameo is an education major at the University of Kentucky and KEA Aspiring Educator state chair. Cameo was elected to the NEA Board of Directors (one-year term) during the NEA Aspiring Educators Conference on July 1st. Cameo's term will begin on September 1st.

Congratulations to KEA ESP Member, Lakilia Bedeau. Lakilia is a FRYSC Director at Paducah Tilghman High School in McCracken County. Lakilia was re-elected Mid-Atlantic Director by National Council of Education Support Professionals to represent ESP's on the council for the region.

Congratulations to KEA members, Alvia Littleton, Christian County Education Association and Alan Young, Jefferson County Teachers Association. Alvia and Alan were elected to represent Kentucky on the NEA Resolutions committee.

**Teacher Song -- HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

KEA Board member, Erin Grace, is looking for educators to help record the "Teacher Fight Song." Erin, a talented musician and singer, was inspired to write this song to document the struggles of the last two years for educators in Kentucky.

Erin invites any educator who would like to participate in the recording to **La La Land Studios - 1139 Lexington Road**,.
Erin is asking anyone interested to arrive at the studio at 12:00 p.m. Singers and instrumentalists, expert and novice are all welcome! The more the merrier! Any inquiries should be directed to Erin Grace at her email: grace.erin@gmail.com. Click here for a copy of the sheet music and recording. Hope to see you there.

**Complimentary Life Insurance Coverage**

As a KEA member, you receive complimentary life insurance coverage that is so important to you and your family. No one likes to think of the need for life insurance, but it’s important to provide for your loved ones in case the unthinkable happens. Please take time to update your information and beneficiary today. For more information or to update your information, click here.

**Summer Savings**

Summer is winding down. Don't miss out on the savings. Your KEA membership provides many opportunities for discount tickets to theme parks and area zoos such as Kings Island, Dollywood, Kentucky State Parks, Newport Aquarium, Louisville Zoo, and more.

Tickets may be purchased online (please contact Valerie Leathers at 502-875-2889 or email her for the discount code before purchase.). These discount benefits have been exclusively developed for the needs of NEA/KEA members and are not available to the general public. Let the Summer Savings begin!

**Save the Date**

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Sincerely,

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