

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

#EmpoweredEducators care about their students, their profession, and their public schools. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th, just six days from today. During the next six days, please take the opportunity to reach out to your colleagues, friends, and neighbors about the importance of going to the polls on Election Day to vote.

As the election quickly approaches, [please click here to read this piece](#) that sums up what is at stake for our students, professions and public schools here in the Commonwealth. Please feel free to copy and share at church, the gym, community bulletin boards, etc., so your community knows what is at stake for our public schools.

Your vote matters!!! Please make sure you have a plan to vote on or before Election Day. Anyone that will be away from their polling place on Tuesday, November 5th can vote in person via absentee ballot at their local County Clerk's office. Contact your local County Clerk or [click here](#) for more information about absentee voting.

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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 14th 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. 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](#)



November 5	ELECTION DAY!
November 9	KEA-Aspiring Educator Annual Minority Leadership Conference - Bryan Station High School, Lexington, KY
November 15	Last day for Nominations for KEA Ethnic Minority Director Vacancy
November 16	KEA District Presidents Meeting
November 28	Thanksgiving Day

Sincerely,

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