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The Kentucky Education Association is the preeminent voice for quality public education.

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Dear Member:

Yesterday, Frankfort was full of excitement and celebration as our Commonwealth inaugurated our 61st Governor. Public school educators played a central role during all the activities of the day. More than 200 educators across Kentucky dressed in red and led the inaugural parade down Capital Avenue as Grand Marshals.

The procession of educators was led by Erin Ball, 2019 Valvoline Kentucky Teacher of the Year, Matthew Powell, 2019 NEA Education Support Professional of the Year, and 2019 Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame inductee and retired educator Nancy Duncan. In addition to serving as Grand Marshals, educators served as emcees during the swearing-in ceremony.

Governor Beshear and Lt. Governor Coleman used their inaugural addresses to praise educators for serving our communities, our students and our public schools across the Commonwealth.

Our educators congratulate Governor Andy Beshear and Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to partnering with them on important public education policy issues.

KEA Statewide Officer Elections

Delegates at the 2020 KEA Delegate Assembly will elect three statewide officers. Any eligible KEA member may be nominated for the open seats. The officers to be elected this year are:

- **KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large (Seat 1)** - Term begins July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2023
- **KEA Ethnic Minority Director at Large (Seat 2)** - Unexpired term begins on date of election and ends June 30, 2021
- **KEA State Director to the NEA Board (Seat 1)*** - Term begins September 1, 2020 and ends August 31, 2023.
*Note that all candidates must have been a member of KEA/NEA for two years immediately preceding the election.

KEA members who are interested in running should complete the [candidate filing form at this link](#) and email the form to CCC@kea.org. Deadline to declare for these offices is 5 p.m. Eastern, January 15, 2020.

2020 KEA Teacher of the Year [Application](#)

KEA takes pride in recognizing the many accomplishments of its members. Each year KEA selects a Teacher of the Year who is recognized in front of his or her peers at the KEA Delegate Assembly in April. The winner receives \$1,000 and a commemorative item. The KEA Teacher of the Year is also submitted to NEA as a nominee for the NEA Teacher of the Year. If you know a teacher who represents excellence in the profession please encourage him or her to apply or nominate a colleague to be considered as the 2020 KEA Teacher of the Year.

2020 ESP of the Year Application

KEA is proud of our Education Support Professionals (ESP) and the committed service they provide to our public schools everyday. Each year KEA selects an ESP of the Year award to a member who embodies a dedication to their profession and to public education.

If you know an ESP who exemplifies excellence in their profession please encourage him or her to apply. KEA's ESP of the Year will be recognized at the KEA Delegate Assembly in Louisville in April, will receive \$1,000 and a commemorative item, and will be nominated by the KEA for the NEA's ESP of the Year award.

2020 NEA Representative Assembly Delegate Nominations

The 2020 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Atlanta on July 2-6. Any active member of KEA is eligible to run as a state delegate and may self-nominate by completing and submitting the [NEA Representative Assembly Delegate Nomination form at this link](#).

Forms must be submitted to KEA by 5 p.m. eastern on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Forms may be emailed to CCC@kea.org, faxed to 502-227-9002, or mailed to KEA, 401 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601. No other means of submission will be allowed. Late nomination forms will not be accepted.

[Statewide delegates are elected regionally](#). The region in which you are elected and in which you can vote is based on the county where you work. The election for statewide delegates to the NEA RA will be held in March. For more information about being an NEA Representative Assembly delegate [click here](#).

Winter Break and Seasonal Savings

As we close out the year and celebrate the holiday season, don't miss out on the savings you receive as a member of KEA. Your membership provides access to special discount tickets to area attractions like Dollywood, Kentucky State parks, the Newport Aquarium, the Louisville Zoo, and more. Many attractions have special holiday themed events available throughout the season.

Tickets may be purchased online. **Please contact Valerie Leathers at 1-800-231-04532 or 502-875-2889 for the discount code before purchase.** These discount benefits have been exclusively developed for KEA members and are not available to the general public. [Click here to let the Winter](#)

[Break Savings begin!](#)

Save the Date



December 13-14	KEA Board of Directors Meeting
December 20-January 1	All KEA offices will be closed for the holidays
January 1	Happy New Year!
January 2	KEA offices reopen
January 7	2020 legislative session begins
January 15	Nominations for statewide KEA offices and proposed constitutional amendments for the 2020 Delegate Assembly due by 5 p.m. eastern
January 15	NEA RA nominations due 5 p.m. eastern
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sincerely,

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