

**MOVE COMMITTEE**  
**Annual Report to the KEA Delegate**  
**Assembly March 2026**

The MOVE (*Membership, Organizing, Visibility, and Engagement*) Committee had a productive year. In its first meeting in September 2025, the committee members elected **Ashley Offenbach** (Central District) as Chair and Shawn Barber (1st District) as Vice Chair. *As required by the KEA Constitution, Article VI, B-6.2(b)(6), officers of this standing committee are elected annually.*

**Visibility:** The Committee led efforts to develop and implement an Welcome email to all new members upon joining KEA. Authored by MOVE Chairman Ashley Offenbach, the email will direct new members to activate their KEA account in our portal, explore member benefits, subscribe and follow KEA social media and newsletters, and establish contact with their respective local association.

**KEA Read Across America Grants:** The committee chose winners for the annual Read Across America grants awarded to local associations, districts, retiree chapters and aspiring educator chapters across the commonwealth. Grant recipients include:

- Adair County Education Association (\$500)
- Calloway County Education Association (\$500)
- Campbellsville University Aspiring Educators (\$500)
- Floyd County Education Association (\$500)
- Jefferson County Teachers Association (\$500)
- Middle Cumberland Retired (\$500)
- Murray State Aspiring Educators (\$500)
- Russell County Education Association (\$500)
- Scott County Education Associations (\$500)

**KEA Scholarships:** The committee chose winners for the annual Marvin Dodson-Carl Perkins KEA Aspiring Educators Scholarships. The committee chose to award 7 applicants \$850 each. Those winners are: Audrey Gilbert, Colton Ralston, Jason Stilwell, Jaylee Collier, Kaylee Cawood, Nadia Pratt, and Rylee Tanner.

**#DifferenceMakers Student Art Contest:** The #DifferenceMakers student art contest received numerous submissions with talented artists from each of the age categories. Winners were chosen by the committee. Each entry will be framed and displayed at the Kentucky Education Associations Headquarters in Frankfort. Additionally, winning entries will be displayed during breaks of the 2026 KEA Delegate Assembly and featured in the Fall 2026 issue of the KEA News.

**The 2026 winners were:** Dawson Dedmon from Lone Oak Ele. - Paducah, KY, Teacher Jennifer Ellington in the grades P-2 category; Ariella Harris from Oakland Ele. - Oakland, KY - Teacher Brooke Vincent, in the grades 3-5 category; Lily Jones from Paducah Middle School - Paducah, KY - Teacher Dr. Anthony Woodruff in the grades 6-8 category; and Hailey Williams from Betsy Lane High School - Stanville, KY Teacher Cheyenne Smith, in the grades 9-12 category.

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Winners were notified and will be presented with a prize of \$50 for both the student and their respective educator.

Respectfully submitted, The KEA MOVE Committee, 2025-2026

Shawn Barber, First

Rebecca Lashley, Second

Brittany Stewart, Third

Staci Riggs, Fourth

Brooke Spatol, Fifth

Ashley Offenbach, Central District

Greta Gilbert, EKEA

Allison Boes, JCTA

Mona Ball, KEA-Retired

April Bell, MCEA

Heather Howard, NKEA

Kelly Ison, UKREA

Landen Morris, Aspiring Educators

Jonathan Wyatt, UCEA,

Karen Ellis, KESPA