

KEA Student Program Annual Report to the Delegate Assembly April 2017

KEA Student Program Executive Board:

- **Rachel Immerman**– President, UK
- **Skylar Nunley** – President Elect, WKCTC
- **Jeff Eddy**- Political Information Chair, KSU
- **Amanda Phillips** – Secretary-Historian, Asbury
- **Adriana Conde** – Ethnic Minority Representative, UK
- **Daniel Brunston** - Outreach Chair,
- Rosalind Bryant, KEA staff liaison to KEA-SP

Events and Activities

June 2016:

- KEA Student Members attended **the NEA Student Leadership Conference (SLC)** in Washington DC. They attended professional development sessions, leadership trainings and participated in the annual community outreach project, **The Legacy Project**.
- KEA SP Executive Board met for their retreat at KEA Headquarters in Frankfort. It was a great day of team building, budget development and planning for the upcoming year.

August 2016:

- The KEA-SP Executive Board executed a Chapter Officer’s Training session in Lexington, Louisville, and Paducah. The training was offered free to chapter leaders to focus on recruiting members, retaining members, and preparing the next generation of student leaders.
- Several student program executive board members attended **Fancy Farm** in western Kentucky. It is a great opportunity for students to see candidates who are planning to run for various state offices.

September/October 2016:

- **Fall Conference**, was held at Lexington Embassy Suites. Theme: **We are the NEXT**. The students enjoyed the wide range of information they received as well as networking, leadership opportunities, and professional development sessions. A record high number of students attended our kick off conference in the fall.

November 2016

- The KEA-SP Executive Board had their first GOTV event, where they called more than half of their student members about getting out and voting for education friendly candidates.

- Second Annual **KEA Minority Leadership Conference**, held at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Frankfort. Theme: **The Invisible Knapsack**. The breakout sessions centered around the conference theme: **Invisible Knapsacks in the Classroom, How to Build a Winning Knapsack** final session **Bringing it All Together**. Presenters included classroom teachers Melanie Trowel and Dr. Susan McLaughlin, Superintendent Manny Caulk from Fayette County Public Schools and Dr. Devine Carama, an Inspirational Speaker.

January 2017:

- Two Kentucky student members attended the NEA Women and Minority Leadership Training in Tampa, Florida. Over twenty other student members from joined them across the country.

February 2017:

- Close to thirty student members attended their KEA Day of Learning on February 14! Students sat in on the House Education Committee Meeting, met with Senator Reggie Thomas, Alison Lundergan Grimes, and other legislators.
- The statewide **Winter Conference** was held at Kentucky State University. Theme: **Training the 21st Century Teacher**. We had an all-time record high attendance. Keynote speaker Dr. Ron Chi talked about why he loves public education. Sessions included **Successful Combinations: Job Interviews, Being a Savvy Political Educator, Praxis I and 2, Classroom Management and How to Navigate in Association Leadership**. Madisonville Student Program chapter also had a one-day drive in professional development conference the following week after Winter Conference.
- Two Kentucky student members attended the NEA Leadership Summit in Orlando, Florida. Over twenty other student members from joined them across the country.

March 2017:

- Chapters from across the state participated in Read Across America events at local schools. Students also joined First District and Fayette County's Read Across America celebrations on Saturday, March 4.

April 2017:

- Ten KEA Student Delegates attended the **KEA Delegate Assembly** in Louisville.
- **State Student Assembly (SSA)** - will be held at Lexington Embassy Suites. The student delegates will attend professional development sessions and elect officers for 2017-2018. Student Program attendees from each chapter will bring nonperishable food items to donate to local school district in Lexington to assist with food backpack program.

Ongoing Activities

- **Aspiring Educator Updates:** The State President sent out monthly communication updates to all student members. These updates included event opportunities, leadership applications, and other important KEA information.
- **Monthly Chapter Leader Conference Calls:** The KEA-SP Executive Board has invited chapter leaders to continue the Chapter Officer's Training conversation throughout the year. Over forty chapter leaders joined us on these calls throughout the year.
- **KEA-SP Leadership Committees:** The Ethnic-Minority Representative, Outreach Chair, and Political Action and Information Chair created a leadership committee comprised of two-five student members. These committees help the chairs plan and implement events, collaborate with other chapters, and gain experience for future leadership roles in the association.
- **Chapter Grants** These grants encourage active, retired and student members to work together on community outreach and teacher quality projects. Many chapters applied and were awarded grants to participate in community projects ranging from leadership activities to literacy projects. In addition, several chapters received Read Across America grants.
- **Marvin Dodson- Carl Perkins and Fred Hester scholarships:** Dodson-Perkins scholarships totaling \$6,000 were awarded by KEA to ten Student Program members and the Fred Hester \$1,000 scholarship was given to an additional student member by KEA-Retired.
- **Executive Board** members are assigned to attend KEA committees meetings, the KEA Board of Directors meetings, and regional meetings to work with chapters throughout the year.
- **KEA locals and districts** have created a seat for a KEA-SP representative to attend monthly meetings. This is their opportunity to participate and share with the active members what they are doing in their chapters throughout the year.

KEA Retired also has donated their time and supported KEA Student program chapters in their districts by attending meetings, attended a local event or have sponsored a student membership and / or a local event.

All of these activities foster the relationships that the students build with other student members and active and retired KEA members. In addition, the activities assist them in the transition to becoming great educators who will continue their leadership role in the association.