

The CEA Voice

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CEA Organization and Activist Training



On Saturday, Mar. 7, 60 CEA members decided they wanted to do something to change the landscape of public education by attending CEA's first Organization and Activist Training. The participants looked at the union's strengths and weaknesses, as well as threats to the Association, and opportunities for growth. Participants looked at the current climate of education and discussed key issues impacting public education: testing, charter schools and poverty. CEA President Tracey D. Johnson challenged the group to see the Association as being more than just about the bread and butter issues embedded in the contract, and to start to truly be the voice for the voiceless—our students. The training concluded with 48 participants signing up for the new CEA Social and Economic Justice Committee. Thank you to everyone who gave up a Saturday for this important training.

Testing Committee a Good Idea

Policymakers have heard the outcry from teachers, parents and students about over-testing in Ohio. The Ohio Senate will form an Advisory Committee on Testing. The 28 members, including teachers, superintendents and curriculum specialists, will advise the Senate on needed changes to state required assessments and testing. Three Ohio Education Association members have been named to the panel, including CEA member Kimberly Jones (Mifflin MS). The committee will discuss all aspects of testing, from making adjustments to the current tests to doing away with PARCC. The OEA applauds Ohio Sen. Peggy Lehner for proposing this committee. CEA joins OEA in acknowledging that bringing education experts to the table to talk about solutions is a positive step to addressing testing concerns.

UNCF Winners

CEA would like to thank everyone who donated to our UNCF campaign to allow student educational dreams to come true. Fifty percent of all dollars collected will go directly toward scholarships for deserving CCS students. We have received donations from the following schools and programs: Alpine ES, Arts Impact MS, Avalon ES, Avondale ES, Berwick K-8, Briggs HS, Broadleigh ES, Clinton ES, Colerain ES, CAHS, CEA, CEA-R, CEC, Devonshire ES, Columbus Downtown HS, Duxberry Park ES, Early Childhood, East Columbus ES, Easthaven ES, East Linden ES, Eastmoor Acad. HS, École Kenwood K-6, Forest Park ES, Georgian Heights ES, Huy/AG Bell ES, Independence HS, Johnson Park MS, Leawood ES, Marion-Franklin HS, Maize ES, Medina MS, Northland HS, Northtowne ES, Nurses Unit, Olde Orchard ES, PAR Office, Parkmoor ES, Scottwood ES, Shady Lane ES, South Mifflin STEM K-6, Columbus Spanish Imm. Acad., Walnut Ridge HS, Wedgewood MS, West Mound ES, Whetstone HS, Winterset ES and Woodcrest ES.

We are still collecting donations so please continue to give. If you need additional campaign materials please give Ezzetta Murray a call at CEA 253-4731. The winners of the gift cards are:

\$100 Gift Card: Karen King-Cavin (Duxberry Park Arts Impact); Shirley Alexander-Jones (Customer Relations); Christine Zimmerman (Nurses).

\$50 Visa Gift Card: Kathy Bousie (Maize ES); Michelle Dorsey (Duxberry Park ES); Catherine Miller (Clinton ES); Leslie S. Schneider (Alpine ES).

Ashland University Schedule Changes

Ashland University has added two additional classes and moved one class from February that had previously been canceled. The new class schedule is listed below:

- Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2—Classroom Management Part I with Mike McCann
- Friday & Saturday, May 8 & 9—The Incredible Amazing Asperger Student with Judith Hassel
- Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16—Understanding Emotional Disorders with Janice Morabeto

With the added classes, there are still 115 spots available.

Follow these instructions to use the Ashland University ONLINE registration for these courses exclusively for Columbus City Schools teachers:

1. Go to the Ashland website: <https://www.ashland.edu/founders/professional-development-services>
2. Scroll down on the page and click on the black "DISTRICT LOGIN" button, in the center of the web page.
3. Enter the username: CCS, and password: CCS
4. Click the title of the class you want to attend.
5. Click the green "REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE" button.
6. The Ashland University registration form on the next couple of screens will need to be completed.
7. You will not be able to cancel online. If it is necessary to cancel a class once you are registered, email Wendi Bigelow at wbigelow@ashland.edu. Include the course number, title and dates in your email.

Contact Ashland University-Columbus Center if you have any questions at 877-557-9497, extension 1108 or 614-794-4850, or email the office at wbigelow@ashland.edu.

LA Attendance

One of the many duties of Faculty Representatives is to attend the CEA Legislative Assembly (LA). Held on the first Thursday of nearly every month of the school year, the LA is the policy-making body of your Association. Your elected faculty representatives receive vital updates from CEA officers and staff and vote on important issues affecting your Association and its members. Any CEA member is welcome to attend the LA. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus Downtown HS.

The following is a list of buildings/units that were represented at the Mar. 5 Legislative Assembly:

6th Street Annex*, Alpine ES, Art, Avalon ES, Avondale ES, Beechcroft HS, Berwick K-8, Broadleigh ES, Cassidy ES, CEA, Centennial HS, Clinton ES, Colerain ES, Columbus Africentric EC SS, Columbus City Prep. School for Girls, Columbus Downtown HS, Columbus Global Acad., Columbus International HS 7-12, Columbus Spanish Imm. K-6, Como ES, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Eakin ES, East Columbus ES, East HS, East Linden ES, Eastgate ES, Easthaven ES, École Kenwood K-6 @Northgate, Fairmoor ES, Forest Park ES, Ft. Hayes Arts & Academic HS, Georgian Heights ES, Gifted & Talented, Guidance Counselors, Hilltonia MS, Hudson St. Warehouse, Huy ES/A.G. Bell Program, Indian Springs ES, Indianola Informal K-8, Johnson Park MS, Juvenile Detention Center, Kingswood Center*, Lindbergh ES, Linden STEM Acad. K-6, Linden-McKinley STEM 7-12, Livingston K-6, Maize ES, Marion-Franklin HS, Medina MS, Mifflin HS, Mifflin MS, Music, Neil Avenue Center, Northland HS, Northtowne ES, Nurses, Oakland Park ES, Oakmont ES, Olde Orchard ES, PAR, Parkmoor ES, Parsons K-6, Phys. Ed., Psychologists, Ridgeview MS, Salem ES, Scottwood ES, Shady Lane ES, Sherwood MS, South HS 7-12, South Mifflin STEM Acad. K-6, Southwood K-6, Special Ed. Transition Coordinators, Speech & Language, St. Vincent, Starling K-8, Stewart ES, Valley Forge ES, Walnut Ridge HS, Watkins ES, Wedgewood MS, Weinland Park ES, West Broad ES, West HS, West Mound ES, Westmoor MS, Whetstone HS, Winterset ES, Woodcrest ES, Woodward Park MS and WorkStudy.

Special Notes

- ❑ **Help CEA member Michelle Barnes (Indianola K-8) lobby the school board for paid record-keeping and collaboration days for everyone.** Fill out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EJSF7T6>. Barnes is part of a national project led by the NEA, the Center for Teaching Quality and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards called the Teacher Leadership Initiative.
- ❑ **Candidates are campaigning for CEA Election through Mar. 30. Voting will take place from Mar. 17-30. Votes will be tabulated Mar. 31.** In the event of run-offs, voting will take place from Apr. 21-May 4, with votes tallied on May 5. Take the time to vote for **Governors for Districts 3 and 6, 2015 NEA Delegates, 2015 NEA State Delegates At-Large and 2015-2016 OEA Delegates.** The races for both High School Governors At-Large and the race for the District 10 Governor position were uncontested and elected by acclamation.
- ❑ **Apply for a Teachers' Dream Grant, providing \$500-\$5,000 for projects focusing on academic enrichment, increasing student achievement, closing the achievement gap, improving school/community relations and improving classroom learning climate.** This is a great avenue for supporting innovative projects. Submit your request online by **Apr. 17, 4 p.m.** Call **Andrea Richardson** at **365-5733** for more information.
- ❑ **The deadline for CEA Scholarship Applications is Friday, Apr. 17, 5 p.m.** Eligible high school seniors have a proven cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5, are children or grandchildren of CEA or CEA-R members and full-time students while enrolled in college. Awards include the \$1,500 Christa McAuliffe Scholarship; the \$1,000 CEA General Scholarship; the Grossman Memorial Scholarship; and a one-year scholarship awarded by CEA-R and the Rhonda Johnson Scholarship Fund. Visit <http://bit.ly/2015ScholGuidlines> to download an application or call the CEA office at 253-4731.
- ❑ **Registration is open for CCS/OSU Outreach Courses for Summer Term.** Visit <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/osu> (you may need to use Internet Explorer), click on "Summer 2015 Courses," then read through the information pages to get to the list of courses. They include subjects in Reading, Special Education and TESOL.
- ❑ **The following school have an approved alternate interview panel:** Career Technical Education and Workforce Development, Innis ES, Moler ES and Salem ES.