Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients

Our members work hard, and CEA is proud to assist our children who are college seniors attending universities or other post-secondary institutions. The CEA Members Scholarship Fund provides each winner with a $1,250 scholarship, funded by a $10 dues assessment from each member, invested and paid through The Columbus Foundation. This year we have 41 recipients. Since 1995, this fund has awarded $771,250 in scholarships. The students listed below will receive CEA Members Scholarships for the 2016–2017 school year:

**MLK Award Winners Announced**

CEA is pleased to announce this year’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award winners. We will honor them at the 38th Annual CEA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. It is given for distinguished service in the community in the areas of education, social justice or human and civil rights. Ross has served as Senior Pastor of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church since 1966. A native of Mansfield, Pastor Ross has been honored to meet three U.S. presidents: President Jimmy Carter, President Bill Clinton, and President Barack Obama.

Pastor Ross is a tireless community advocate, founder of Triedstone Beyond the Walls, supporting Rehab's Hideaway, Ronald McDonald House, tutoring programs, a food pantry and meals at local homeless centers. He is a champion of voting rights and hosts special events at the church, including the Get Out the Vote Rally held Nov. 6. He is a founding member of Brothers of the Common Life and is a trusted advisor to legislators on matters concerning the faith community.

Pastor Ross has received many honors, including induction onto the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers (also known as the Preachers' Hall of Fame) at Morehouse College. This year, U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty bestowed upon him the Outstanding Service Award.

CCS Art teacher **Kenya Davis** will receive the Helen Jenkins Davis Award, named in honor of the first black teacher hired by the Columbus City Schools. A native of Columbus, Davis grew up on the West Side and attended Columbus City Schools. A graduate of Columbus College of Art and Design, she is a 13-year veteran of Columbus City Schools, teaching at Westmoor Middle, Liberty, and Cedarwood Elementary, and now Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary School. Davis serves as a member of the Local Professional Development Committee and is a Columbus Education Association Faculty Representative for elementary art.

She is also a professional artist, creating two-dimensional mixed media art abstractions of color, pattern, and texture. Davis has taken on various artistic projects from illustration and graphic design, to jewelry design and privately commissioned artworks. Additionally, she has participated in numerous shows in and around central Ohio, and recently earned The People's Choice Award while exhibiting at the High Road Gallery in Worthington. Last year, Davis received the King Arts Complex Honor Award.

Join us as we honor our awardees. The annual dinner is always well attended, so be sure to purchase tickets well in advance. Tickets are $30 per person, or $240 for a table of eight. Call CEA for yours.
Thank You for Your Pledge

Once again, CEA has shown that it cares about our district’s families. Your contribution to United Way of Central Ohio helps break poverty’s barriers by providing people with more opportunities. Coordinated services and high-quality programs will lead to more stable outcomes that put people on a proven path to success. Investments in high-need neighborhoods where revitalization is critical will expand resources for community partners. If you have not yet pledged your support, please contact your Faculty Representative. We thank these units that have turned in their donation forms: Binns ES, Burroughs ES, Centennial HS, Fairwood ES, Georgian Heights ES, Hudson Community Education Center, Johnson Park MS, Liberty ES, Linden McKinley STEM 7-12, Maize ES, Marion Franklin HS, Medina MS, Northland HS, Northtowne ES, OT/PT, Shepard Svc. Center, Wedgewood MS, West Broad ES, Westgate ES, Westmoor MS, Woodcrest ES, and Yorktown.

Apply For Teacher Leadership Initiative

The Columbus Education Association, in collaboration with the National Education Association, the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and the Center for Teaching Quality, is seeking 30 CEA members to participate in the 2017 cohort of the Teacher Leadership Initiative (TLI).

Increasingly, teachers are seeking new opportunities to advance the profession and their careers by taking on new leadership roles such as peer reviewers, instructional coaches, mentors, curriculum developers, and policy advocates. In the TLI, teachers will play more consequential roles in shaping the policies and practices that govern teaching and learning in the United States.

In the coming months, 300 teachers from multiple sites across the country will be selected to participate in our comprehensive leadership-training institute in participating affiliates. Those selected to participate and complete the entire experience and provide feedback on the process will receive a $300 completion honorarium. In order to complete this initiative, participants will:

- Participate in rigorous competency-based curriculum
- Apply experience through a self-selected capstone project
- Engage deeply in local and national collaboration
- Receive extensive coaching and support
- Complete an evidence-based portfolio with micro credentials

Through the TLI, you will hone your expertise and engage in leadership work in schools, state houses, and associations throughout the country. The TLI will prepare you to serve as a leader of the profession, with the knowledge, skills, and core values to meet the new demands as a 21st-century teaching professional.

Please submit your online application for the Teacher Leadership Institute (TLI) online no later than December 1, 2016 by going to http://bit.ly/1617CEArg. Be sure that your application is complete, and includes your resume and references. Applicants will be notified of selection in early January of 2017.

For information about applying for this program, contact Dorothy Wilson at CEA at (614) 253-4731.

Spring Elections: Consider Running

The following positions will be open in the CEA 2017 Spring Elections: Governors for Districts 1, 4, 5, 10 and Middle School Governor At-Large #2 (three-year terms); 2017 NEA State Delegates At-Large and 2017-2018 School Governor At-Large #2 (three-year terms); 2017 NEA Spring Elections: Governors for Districts 1, 4, 5, 10 and Middle East.

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First Year Members Demonstrate Political Action

Teachers for Better Schools (TBS) is the political action committee of your Association. It raises money for local and state pro-public education candidates who recognize that we are deeply committed to the success of every child. TBS supports elected officials who put our students at the center of election reform.

Your Association does not use any dues money to promote individual candidates. Instead, teachers join TBS separately. A contribution of just one dollar per payday amounts to thousands of dollars to help us continue its efforts to make sure elected officials are serving the interests of our schools and our students.

Your Association congratulates the following first-year members who have joined TBS to support local and state pro-public education candidates: Kevin Balogh (Trevitt ES), Thomas Bennett (Linden STEM ES), Annelise Binng (Elem. Art), Elise Bodnyk (Columbus Gifted Academy), Andrew Boso (Linden-McKinley STEM Academy 7-12), Nicole Brickman (Wedgewood MS), Shelley Butz (West Mound ES), Ashley Carter (Beatty Park ES), Michael Casale (Linden STEM PreK-6), Suzanne Clareson (Eastgate ES), Anita Cook (Dominion MS), Richard Delozier III (Yorktown HS), Hilary Dickinson (Mifflin MS), Kira Dolly (Indian Springs ES), Suzanna Duggan (Ecole Kenwood K-6), Larry Fisher (Phys. Ed), Christopher Foster (Mifflin MS), Emily Froeman (AIAMS), Angela Granata (Africentric HS), Sarah Grosh (Art), Coralie Hafner (Weiland Park ES), Deborah Haptonstay (Wm. STEM Academy PreK-6), Jacquia Hearn (Eastgate ES), Kathryn Hoffman (Music), Shonte Ivey (Sherwood MS), Erica Jackson-Matthews (Woodward Park MS), Brenten Johnson (Mifflin MS), Chelsey Kern (Moler ES), Annette Lasker (Art), Amanda Lewis (Valleyview ES), Tamela Marecule (Wm. STEM ES), Keisha McClelland (Westmoor MS), Kyleigh McCune (Linden-McKinley STEM Academy 7-12), Mary Meyung (West HS), Anna Morbitzer (Hillrona MS), Douglas O’Malley (Leawood ES), Amy Pruzan (Downtown HS), Kimberly Reiner (Whetstone HS), Teresa Rollins (Trevitt ES), Janell Ross (Mifflin MS), Shonda Santini-Greaves (Africentric HS), Jesse Schilling (Cols. City Prep. For Boys), Heather Smith (West Broad ES) and Amanda Snyder (Cols. Prep. For Girls), Karla Sowers (Wm. STEM ES), Anastasia Stuntz (Columbus Gifted Academy), Kara Wetterauer (Columbus Scioto 6-12), Samantha Williams (Medina MS), Kelli Williamson (Beechcroft HS), Lindsey Wtcosky (West HS) and Kira Young (Hamilton ES).

Special Notes:

- The PAR session on Gang Awareness will be held Tuesday, December 13, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Columbus Downtown High School. This is a change in location from previous notices. Please register on CIMS.
- Change a Life and inspire your own. Tutors are needed for adults wanting Reading/Writing instruction, GED preparation, or English as a Second Language. The Dominican Learning Center offers one to one or small group (2-3) tutoring. Instructional materials are provided free to tutors.

Training sessions are held at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus, OH 43206 from 9a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- January 21, 2017
- February 18, 2017
- March 18, 2017
- April 29, 2017
- May 20, 2017

To register please call (614) 444-7330. To find out more, please visit www.domlearningcenter.org.