A Message from the President

Dear CEA Family:

My position allows me to see the hard work and dedication that our members have to our students, Columbus City Schools and to the Columbus Education Association. To say this year has been challenging is an understatement. I am proud of the work you do in trying conditions, and in some cases, with very little support.

The Columbus Education Association is taking the opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the retirees of 2020 and 2021. Some of these individuals were denied the honor of attending and participating in their own retirement program, so we are pleased to be able to include them in this year's publication. We congratulate our retirees who, collectively, have devoted more than 1,000 years of service to our students.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer. Rest, relax, and enjoy the things you like to do. The CEA Office will remain open this summer, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., to serve you. Thank you for a great year.

We are so proud of the individuals who are listed below:

In Solidarity,
John Coneglio

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Deborah Andrews
33 years teaching in Columbus
Taught at: Berwick Alternative Elementary
Second Grade - 5 years, Kindergarten - 28 years
Future Plans: Spending time with family, travel, quilting, gardening, relaxing!

Loni Boss
(aka: Lorette, Boss, Ms. Boss, Ms. Loni, Gym and others that shall remain unnamed)
22.3 years teaching, 21 in CCS. One year in Hilliard City Schools as high school tutor.
Taught Adapted Physical Education (APE) in grades K–12, plus I served special needs preschools for the first five years of my career. It has been an honor and privilege to work with students with special needs of all ages. I will miss them very much but plan to continue my volunteerism with people with disabilities. I am also a huge advocate for animals with special needs. Many thanks to those administrators, teachers, Instructional Assistants, as well as other staff who have been a great help and support over the years. Finally, thank you, CCS for a challenging, yet hugely rewarding career.

Lori Cannon
32 years in teaching with 30 years in Columbus
Taught at: Northland High School, Fort Hayes Career Center, and Brookhaven High School as a Transition Coordinator
Future Plans: Her immediate plans include surviving all covid variants while improving joint flexibility, as well as taking time to travel to exotic places and eat all of their food. Finally she wants to save quality things that have fallen into disrepair and offer comfort and aid to loved ones. And learn pickle ball.

Loren Bucek, Ph.D.
43 years in teaching with 31 in Columbus
Taught at: Indiana Hill Elementary K–5, Arts Impact MS, Easthaven ES, Starling K–8, Indiana Hill K–8, Duxbury Park ES, and North Linden K–5, instructing in dance, general classroom, and as a TOSA in Reading/Literacy.
Future Plans: traveling, gardening, writing, painting and consulting.

Michelle Gerst
33 years teaching in Columbus
Future plans: Spend quality time with my family

Allison Crawford
34 years teaching. All Columbus!
Taught at: Deshler ES–1st, Kobel ES–1st and Oakland Park Alt ES–1st/2nd
Future plans: I will be relaxing with family, trips to see my daughters, and traveling with my husband, a retired Columbus teacher. I will not be filling out any RIMPs or report cards. I will miss the great people I have worked with!

Virginia “Ginny” Spellman Black
40 years as a School Nurse at: Safe Schools Healthy Students grant. Forest Park, Medina, Linden, Duxbury, West Mound, Sullivan, Barrett, Stewart, Kent, Fair, Reeb, Lincoln Park, and Main St.
Future Plans: To live a full and happy life every day, to travel, to write, to enjoy my family, to continue to volunteer at a free clinic, and to appreciate each day and have gratitude for where I’ve been and how it will lead me into the future.

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Crystal Giles  
37 years teaching with 33 in Columbus  
Taught at: Fair Alternative ES, Moler ES, Kent ES, and Southwood ES; Buck ES, Duder ES, Olde Orchard, Northgate Center, Region 2 (3700 S. High Street) in K, Reading Recovery, Literacy/Instructional Coach, Reading Dept. Curriculum Coordinator, Transformation (School Improvement) Coach  
Future Plans: Spending time with family, especially grandchildren, Traveling, Being more involved with my church.

Lynn Gray  
28 years in teaching with 20 years in Columbus  
Taught at: Forest Park, Salem, Northtowne, Valley Forge, Oakland Park, and Avalon as a Special Ed. Intervention Specialist.  
Future Plans: Travel and visiting family.

Jerolyn "Jeri" Griffith  
33 years teaching in Columbus  
Future Plans: Traveling, kayaking, bird watching, and taking pictures of all of God’s creation! I will also be spending as much time as possible with my grandkids.

Gaye Hansen, MS, BSN, RN, LSN  
27 years as a Nurse with 11 years in Columbus City Schools  
Future Plans: Spend time with my family

Lysa Harris-Holliman  
38.4 years teaching with 34.7 in Columbus  
Future Plans: Travel, Start my Queen Nubian Soap Company, Consult Social Emotional Learners in the Art Room. Advocate for Victims of Domestic Violence, and hanging out in my garden.

Courtney Ingram  
31.3 years teaching in Columbus  
Taught at: Main Street, Deshler, and Oakland Park ES, as a Reading Specialist and Kindergarten Teacher.  
Future Plans: I plan to spend time with friends and family, volunteer, and substitute teach occasionally.

Joan Johnson  
31 years teaching with 28 years in Columbus  
Taught at: Moler: 4th & 5th; North Linden: 1st, 2nd, and 5th; Language Arts Curriculum @ Northgate; Indian Springs: 4th & 5th ECLIPSE; and gifted and Talented: 20+ schools (Elementary)  
Future Plans: I am officially a Snow Bird—spending Winter in Daytona Beach. I plan to travel even more beginning in 2022 (post COVID). Plans include enjoying life!

Jennifer Kee-Tyson  
32 years teaching in Columbus  
Taught at: Gladstone, Windsor, Olde Orchard, Parent Family engagement Coordinator, and Oakmont, as an Elementary Special Ed. Teacher, Intermediate HI resource Teacher, and a PAR Consulting Teacher  
Future Plans: Reading, Volunteering, Advocacy, Attending Workshops, Life Coaching, Mentoring, Become a Toast Master.

Paul Lambert  
8 years teaching in Columbus  
Taught at: South Mifflin ES, Grades 4–6  
Future Plans: Community Service, Church Activities, and spoiling my grandson!

Gary Leidheiser  
28 years teaching in Columbus  
Taught at: Hilltonia Middle School, grade 8, 7, and 6 Arlington Park ES, grade 4, USI/TBT, Arlington Park ES and Gladstone ES, Cassidy ES grade 5, 4, 3, and 2  
Future Plans: Spending summers on Kelleys Island and winters in the Venice, Florida area. Looking forward to spending time with my wife, Sharon, and our family.

Victoria Livingston  
26 years teaching in Columbus  
Taught at: Centennial and Northland HS, Both as Intervention Specialist Tutor. Before Columbus, I taught Art 7–12 in Versailles, OH for 8 years and also taught adult cake decorating classes at the Joint Vocational School in Piqua, Ohio.  
Future Plans: I plan to write more articles and essays about hiking in Ohio as well as traveling to national parks, since my husband and I are passionate about hiking in the parks. These essays will appear in my blog, which I will finally have time to work on. When my husband retires in 3 years, we plan to do more traveling.

Amy T. Martin  
33 years teaching in Columbus  
Taught at: Alpine ES, Grades 1 & 2; Northgate, TOSA Elementary Curriculum; and Olde Orchard, Grade 1.  
Future Plans: TBD

Catherine Maxwell Atwood  
43 years teaching with 17 years in Columbus  
Taught at: A.G. Bell, Preschool Hearing Impaired  
Future Plans: Donate love, support, affection and care on my expected grandchild.

Martha McFerran Dalhya  
33 years teaching with 31 in Columbus  
Taught at: Starling, Independence, and East as a Spanish, History, Geography, U.S., World, and AP Government. Also taught World/Global History  
Future Plans: Write a book about my friend, Pilar, her faith and sanctuary story. Travel to New Zealand with my Kiwi Husband. Stay active in justice work. Read and garden!
Sherri Mitko
22 years teaching in Columbus
Taught at: Yorktown MS, HS, Math, Science 6, 7, & 8
Mayberry ED 3–5th grade, all subjects
Leawood ED 3–5th grade, all subjects
Indian Springs MD 3–5th grades. And sometime 2nd grade. All subjects
Future Plans: Relaxing in my cabin in the woods down in Somerset Ky. ATV riding, sewing and making crafts, and other outdoor activities.

Jeffery Murphy
35 years teaching in Columbus
Future Plans: Travel and grow my lawn care business.

Michael Noonan
26 years teaching with 19 years in Columbus
Taught at: Marion-Franklin HS and Eastmoor Acad. HS in Special Ed. High Incidence
Future Plans: Sleep in

Carol Lynne O’Neill
38 years as a School Nurse with 18 years in Columbus
Future Plans: me time. Spend time with parents, family, and friends. See where the journey takes me.

Sharon Parker
35 years teaching in Columbus
Taught at: McGuffey ES 1st and 2nd; Hamilton ES 1st; Oakland Park ES 2nd
Future Plans: Travel, read more, learn to play the piano, work out regularly, spend time with friends and family, RELAX.

Mary Lee Rippel
40 years as a School Nurse with 26 in Columbus
Served at: Barrett MS, Stewart Alt ES, Fair Alt ES, Kent ES, Huy ES, Innis ES, Medina MS, Brookhaven HS, and Columbus Global Academy
Future Plans: I plan to reconnect with family and friends, travel to visit new places (or revisit some favorite spots), pursue hobbies, and continue learning new things. I will also be spending time with my husband, children and grandchildren. I will increase my volunteer time at my church. And maybe work a little to fund my adventures!

Judith Sayers
27 years in teaching
Taught at: A substitute, then at Colerain ES, 1st grade for 24 years
Future Plans: Volunteer at schools, sub for CCS, kayaking, sailing, hiking, and exploring the United States

Julia Skidmore
34 years teaching with 33 in Columbus
Taught at: Georgian Heights ES
Future Plans: Spend more time with my family and travel.

Debra Thomas-Smith
30 years teaching with 22 in Columbus
Future Plans: Our second grand baby will be born this summer, so I plan to spend a lot of time being Nana. Also gardening, reading, relaxing, and if COVID restrictions ever really lift completely–traveling. Both of my daughters teach music for CCS, so I am not leaving CCS without some Smith representation!

Michael Vail
15 years teaching in Columbus
Taught at: Academic Acceleration Academy 9–12 Science/OGT, Marion-Franklin 9–12 Science/OGT, and Fort Hayes Career Center 11 & 12 Anatomy & Physiology and Surgical Technology
Future Plans: Enjoy life!

Kimberly Walden
33 years teaching with 23 in Columbus
Taught at: Woodward Park-6th, West Broad-5th, Westmoor-7th, and Wedgewood-7th & 8th
Future Plans: My husband retired from Ford after 36 years in February. Our plan is to move to south Florida this Fall. We are so excited for this new adventure! P.S. The picture is my last school picture! “Getting ready for the beach!”

Rochell Weisfogel
43.5 years in teaching with 38 in Columbus
Taught at: Manhattan Day School, NYC-1st & 3rd; Magen David Yeshiva, Brooklyn, NY-4th & 2nd; Colts Torah Academy, Kdg, 4th, 7th; Laces CCS 1st-3rd tutoring; Fairwood ES, 4th; and NPSS CCS Title I 1st-8th Tutoring
Future Plans: Spending time with my children (1st quadruplets in Columbus) and grandchildren. Traveling with my husband to see new places. Working on my hobbies. Reading, art, cooking. Selling my book I published The Lonely Ayil and my Dad’s ointment he invented “Epsal Ointment.”

Christine Williams
36 years teaching with 31 in Columbus
Taught at: Ecole Kenwood French Immersion: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades
Future Plans: Making myself available for my aging parents. Having time to ride, ride my bike, take walks and quilt.
CEA Honors Spring Scholarship Winners

CEA Spring Scholarship Recipients: For more than three decades, CEA has honored and supported students with scholarships. We congratulate this year’s winners and their CEA-member parents:

**Christa McAuliffe Scholarship**
Megan Warren, daughter of Shannon Warren, Hamilton STEM Acad. K–6

**CEA General Scholarship**
Marcus Ray II, son of Lynda Ray, Southland

**Joan Donley CEA-R Scholarship**
Jaylon Jackson, son of Amanda Jackson, Columbus Scioto 6–12

**John E. Grossman Memorial Scholarship**
Maleah Witcher, daughter of Michael Q. Witcher, South HS Graduating Senior

**Rhonda Johnson Scholarship**
Spencer Keane, son of Dorothy Spencer-Keane, Gifted/Talented

**David A. Thompson Memorial Scholarship**
Melvin Patterson, Walnut Ridge HS Graduating Senior

**David A. Thompson Memorial Scholarship**
Alexia Wilburn, West HS Graduating Senior

Congratulations on being selected as Scholarship Award Winners.
We wish you success in achieving your education goals and dreams!

Congratulations Melvin!

Congratulations Alexia!
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### CEA Distinguished Service Award

- Tai Hayden, August 2018
- Rebecca Hinkle McGrath, August 2021
- Lisa R. Johnson, August 2020
- Cindy Love, August 2018
- Kim Ogilbee, August 2021
- Denise Sizemore, August 2021

### CEA Outstanding Member

Jacqueline Broderick Patton, School Nurses