

CEA HONORS RETIREES

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 T. Coneglio
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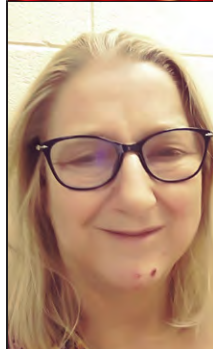


Deborah Andrews

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!



Virginia "Ginny" Spellman Black

40 years as a School Nurse at: Safe Schools Healthy Students grant, Forest Park, Medina, Linden, Duxberry, West Mound, Sullivant, Barrett, Stewart, Kent, Fair, Reeb, Lincoln Park, and Main St.

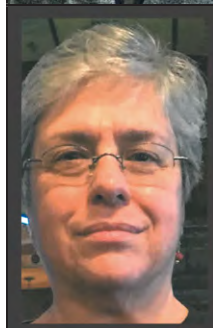
Future Plans: To live a full and happy life every day, to travel, to write, to enjoy my family, to continue to volunteer at a free clinic, and to appreciate each day and have gratitude for where I've been and how it will lead me into the future.



Loni Boss (aka: Lonette, 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.



Loren Bucek, Ph.D.

43 years in teaching with 31 in Columbus

Taught at: Indianola Informal K-5, Arts Impact MS, Easthaven ES, Starling K-8, Indianola K-8, Duxberry 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.



Drew Cady

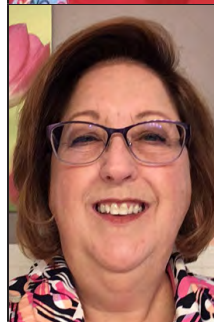
33 years in teaching with 29 years in Columbus
Taught at: Medina MS 8th, 7th, and 6th Grade Social Studies, Math, Science, Language Arts
Future Plans: Spend quality time with friends and family, traveling, golfing, skiing, exercising, cooking, eating, drinking, attending live music venues, and playing with various motor vehicles, all while attempting to maintain good health and staying in good favor with God above. I will also do volunteer work but, haven't decided at what capacity or what type.



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.



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!



Michelle Gerst

33 years teaching in Columbus

Taught at: 1988-89 (internship) Olde Orchard Elementary 2/3 split and 1989-2021 Fairmoor ES 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades

Future plans: Spend quality time with my family

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

**Crystal Giles**

37 years teaching with 33 in Columbus

Taught at: Fair Alternative ES, Moler ES, Kent ES, and Southwood ES, Beck ES, Deshler 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

Taught at: Cols. Downtown HS, Beechcroft, Brookhaven, Maize, Georgian Heights, and S. Mifflin as a Transition Coordinator, Intervention Specialist, O.H. Int. Specialist, Int. D.H./Spec. Ed.

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 at: The James Cancer Center with 11 years in Columbus City Schools

Served at: Heyl ES (2009–2010) and Champion MS (2009–2021)

Future Plans: Spend time with my family

**Lysa Harris-Holliman**

38.4 years teaching with 34.7 in Columbus

Taught at: Shady Lane, Heyl, Cedarwood, Fairwood and Hudson in Elementary Art. Cols. Africentric, Walnut Ridge, and AIMS in Visual Arts. Was the first African-American Elementary/Visual Art Teacher (1987)

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

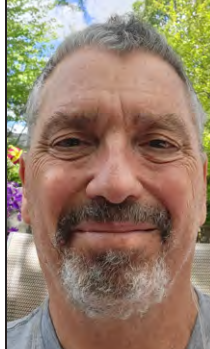
Future Plans: Reading, Volunteering, Advocacy, Attending Workshops, Life Coaching, Mentoring, Become a Toast Master.

**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, Cassady 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.

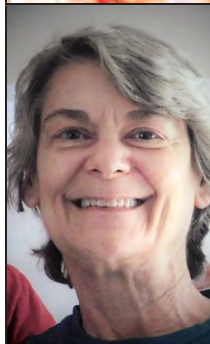
Future Plans: I plan to write more articles and essays about hiking in Ohio as well as traveling to national parks, since my husband and I are passionate about hiking in the parks. These essays will appear in my blog, which I will finally have time to work on. When my husband retires in 3 years, we plan 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: Dote love, support, affection and care on my expected grandchild.

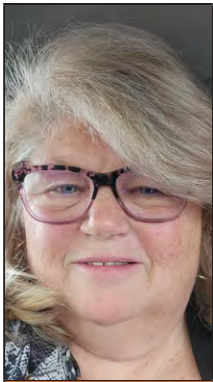
**Martha McFerran Dahya**

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!

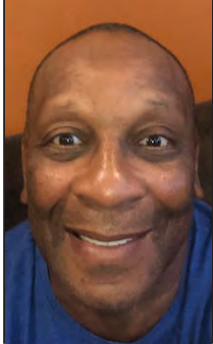
*CEA Wishes You
the Best in Your Retirement*

**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. 3–5 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

Taught: Physical Education and Health. Grades 6–8.

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

Served at: Franklin MS, Moler, Koebel, Douglas, Trevitt, and Gables. Served as a District Diabetes Resource Nurse and served on the District Crisis Management Planning program.

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

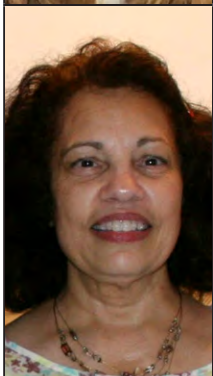
Future Plans: Travel, read more, learn to play the piano, work out regularly, spend time with friends and family, RELAX.

**Mary Lee Rippl**

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

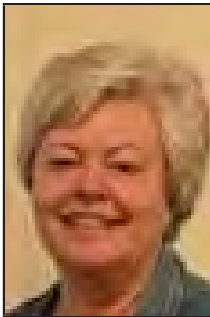
Future Plans: I plan to reconnect with family and friends, travel to visit new places (or revisit some favorite spots), pursue hobbies, and continue learning new things. I will also be spending time with my husband, children and grandchildren. I will increase my volunteer time at my church. And maybe 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

Taught at: Juvenile Detention Center, NPSS tutor (1999–2001), Welcome Center @ Southeast Career Center ESL (2001–2002), Brookhaven HS ESL (grades 9–12) 2002–2014, Mifflin HS ESL (grades 9–12) 2014–2021 (ESL English and Social Studies)

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; Cols. Torah Academy, Kdg, 4th, 7th; Laces CCS-1st-3rd tutoring; Fairwood ES, 4th; and NPSS CCS Title 1 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: École Kenwood French Immersion: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades

Future Plans: Making myself available for my aging parents. Having time to read, 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

Congratulations
Melvin!

David A. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Melvin Patterson, Walnut Ridge HS Graduating Senior

Congratulations
Alexia!

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!*

Thank You for a Job Well Done.

CEA HONORS Outstanding Faculty Representatives

District Governor	Faculty Representative	CEA Unit
1 Angel Dyer-Sanchez	Holly Eichman	Winterset ES
2 Carla Davis	Eileen Weidner	Devonshire ES
3 Joe Decker	Christy Van Aman	Mifflin HS
4 Denise Sizemore	Raylene Polchow	Linden Park ECE
5 Jeannette Johnson	Regina Fuentes	Eastmoor Acad. HS
6 Kim Ogilbee	Summer Amnah	Highland ES
7 R. McGrath Hinkle	Claudia Eschelbach	Marion-Franklin HS
8 Cindy Jamison	Dr. Connie Workman	Sherwood MS
9 Traci Arway	Jacqueline Broderick Patton	School Nurses
10 Becky Coyne	Sarah Grosh	Visual Art

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



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