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## CEA awards college scholarships

CEA is proud to assist many of our hard-working members whose children are attending institutions of higher education. The Members Scholarship Foundation, now 12 years old, provides \$500 in tuition assistance for each senior attending a university or other post-secondary institution.

As of this year, we have awarded 512 members' children more than \$256,000 in scholarships. Here are the latest recipients:

Member	Member Building	Student	College	Member	Member Building	Student	College
Jenifer S. Alexander	South Mifflin ES	Robert J. Alexander	DePaul University	Frances R. Knaus	East Pilgrim ES	Emily E. Knaus	University of Cincinnati
Judith E. Ashmore	Woodward Park MS	Erin R. Ashmore	The Ohio State University	Deborah L. Leopold	Olde Orchard ES	Evan S. Leopold	Miami University
Joyce L. Auer	Wedgewood MS	Jill E. Auer	Bowling Green State University	Jean M. Lewis	CEA-R	Mary E. Lewis	Miami University
Cynthia R. Beck	Brookhaven HS	Jessica K. Beck	College of Mount St. Joseph	Christie A. Lukasik	Alpine ES	Emily A. Lukasik	Miami University
Dianne V. Boganwright	Wedgewood MS	Kelsey V. Boganwright	Ohio University	Charlene M. McChesney	Mifflin MS	Steven D. McChesney	Randolph-Macon College
Mary M. Bourke	Tutor	Michael S. Bourke	College of Charleston	Constance S. McGowan	Ridgeview MS	Eryn V. McGowan	College of Wooster
Luzon M. Branham	Mifflin HS	Lawrence D. Branham	Tennessee State University	Jerry Mounts	CEA-R	Kristin A. Mounts	Ohio University
Luzon M. Branham	Mifflin HS	Lauren D. Branham	Tennessee State University	Nancy J. Moushey	Dominion MS	Nicholas J. Moushey	Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Diana W. Brewer	Livingston ES @ Beck	Benjamin G. Brewer	Ohio Wesleyan University	Marti B. Netler	PAR Office	Bryant M. Greening	Ohio University
Marilyn S. Clowson	CEA-R	Laura L. Clowson	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	Jeanne C. Nowocin	Tutor	Thomas F. Nowocin	The Ohio State University
Molly F. Cooper	Highland ES	Kathleen E. Cooper	Ohio Wesleyan University	Tonia Pace	Avondale ES @ Old Watkins	Brittany J. Dawson	Marietta College
Kristan K. Crosby	Beechcroft HS	Callie K. Crosby	Columbus College of Art & Design	Kathleen M. Perkins	Woodward Park MS	Jennifer L. Perkins	The Ohio State University
Betsy H. Dawson	Southmoor MS	Jill E. Dawson	Ohio University	Marsha A. Perry Packer	Resigned	Marscilla A. Packer	The Ohio State University
Patrick H. Dunlevy	CEA-R	Shane C. Dunlevy	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Kristine P. Plisga	Alpine ES	Nora A. Plisga	Hiram College (Hiram, OH)
Dennis E. Ferrell	CEA-R	Andrew D. Ferrell	Hofstra University	Nancy J. Rea	Dominion MS	John C. Rea	The Ohio State University
David J. Givler	AIMS	Hannah E. Givler	The Ohio State University	Nancy J. Rea	Dominion MS	Elizabeth M. Rea	The Ohio State University
Roxie W. Goodlett	CEA-R	Darrin N. Green	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Sandra E. Reed	CEA-R	Wacharaphon Vongchucherd	The Ohio State University
Cynthia A. Grover	Briggs HS	Amy L. Grover	The Ohio State University	Lori H. Reeves	Forest Park ES	Cordery D. Reeves	University of Cincinnati
Mary A. Hatem	Winterset ES	Jessica M. Hatem	The Ohio State University	Dolores H. Smith	PAR Office	Brittany M. Smith	Hampton University
Thomas E. Hemmelgarn	Neil Avenue Ctr.	Jessica A. Hemmelgarn	DePaul University	Lori K. Swope	Avondale ES @ Old Watkins	Katie J. Swope	Miami University
Rita C. Hinz	Beechcroft HS	Megan C. Hinz	Albron College	Debra F. Thomas-Smith	Brookhaven HS	Allison D. Smith	Ohio University
Rita C. Hinz	Beechcroft HS	Jennifer C. Hinz	The Ohio State University	Mary T. Vieth	Eakin ES	Julianna T. Vieth	Columbus College of Art & Design
Christine M. Hoell	Indianola MS @ Everett	Lauren M. Hoell	Columbus College of Art & Design	Karen J. Wiles	Briggs HS	Amanda E. Wiles	University of Cincinnati
Mary M. Holcomb	NECC	Drew M. Holcomb	The Ohio State University	Constance B. Williams	Valley Forge ES	Anne M. Williams	The Ohio State University
Joan M. Hudak	Highland ES	Margaret A. Hudak	The Ohio State University	Melissa I. Wilson	Parkmoor ES	Emily I. Wilson	Wooster College
Linda T. Jackson	NECC	Marcus J. Jackson	Mount Union College	Betty K. Winland	Northland HS	Teresa K. Winland	University of Dayton
Deborah F. Kleven	Woodcrest ES	Thomas J. Kleven Jr.	Miami University	Linda L. Wyman	Sherwood MS	Andrew A. Wyman	Capital University

### MLK dinner set

Join us for the 29th Annual Columbus Education Association's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner. This extraordinary event will take place Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus.

We honor the memory of Dr. King, and we present awards to individuals who exemplify the spirit of his work.



We now are taking nominations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. Any individual is eligible, except current employees of Columbus City Schools. The major requirement is distinguished service in community, education, social justice or human and civil rights.

Nominations are also being accepted for the Helen Jenkins Davis Award named in honor of the first black teacher hired by the Columbus schools.

The event will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Make your reservations through Minority Involvement Program (MIP) committee members, faculty representatives or the CEA office.

The deadline for submitting nominations for both awards is Dec. 10. Awards guidelines and nomination forms are available on the CEA Web site at [www.ceaohio.org](http://www.ceaohio.org).

### Calamity rules: a mixed bag

Rumors have been circulating that Ohio schools will lose their calamity days—days that can be used in case of inclement weather, heating or water problems or other emergencies requiring schools to be closed.

It is true that the state legislature is rethinking how schools can make up this time. But the changes are far from a done deal, and it seems unlikely that schools would lose the ability to make up the time. We do have concerns about the long-range effect of such legislation.

The latest proposal is House Bill 66, which has been approved only by the House at this point. It has not been seriously considered by the Senate.

The bill views school makeup time in terms of hours instead of days. Instead of the requirement that schools be in session for 182 days, the bill would set a minimum number of hours. This would mean schools could choose how to structure the time. If school closures are necessary, the time lost may be made up through extra days or simply by lengthening the current school day. Some schools might not need any makeup time if they already have provided the state-mandated number of student hours.

School districts also could choose to hold classes on

weekends.

The House is proposing between 455 and 1,001 hours of instructional time (instead of 182 days), depending on the grade level in question.

School districts now are permitted to close schools for up to five days per year, delay the start of a school day for up to two hours and close schools up to two hours early for public calamities such as hazardous weather, without making up the lost instructional time. Once the closure days exceed five, makeup days are scheduled.

We have mixed feelings about this proposal. On one hand, flexibility is needed. In some cases, there is a danger that the school day could grow too long for younger students and others who cannot handle it. There are concerns that the change could ultimately lead to a four-day school week, and that would not serve the best interests of students.

Keep watching *The Voice* for updates on this issue.

## CEA says thank you

More schools have completed their United Way Campaign by returning their pledge envelopes.

You gave to United Way of Central Ohio, and we say thank you for participating in the Columbus City Schools campaign.

We continue our thanks to: Avondale ES @ Old Watkins, Buckeye MS, Dana ES, Hilltonia MS, Mifflin Welcome Center, Southeast CC and Starling MS.



## Leading the way: CEA Foundation

Nearly a decade has passed since the Association created its foundation. CEA was among the first unions to follow this path, and over the years many others have followed our lead.

The CEA Foundation is a separate, non-profit organization that serves as the fiscal agent for individual schools applying for professional development grants. Money received is deposited in the foundation's account, which helps our members with access to their dollars without the service fees often charged by other organizations.

The Ohio Department of Education has noticed our efforts and, for a number of years sent the funds supporting the National Board Certification program through the CEA Foundation. The funds covered teachers working in 18 counties. The system is one of the most streamlined in the nation.

The latest foundation project is the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) tutoring program. Under NCLB, the CEA Foundation will provide tutoring services to a number of schools by early January. We guarantee an outstanding program using highly qualified Columbus teachers. The foundation will offer a specially designed curriculum that contains supportive materials written for use with small groups of students, along with an evaluation process.

The CEA Foundation helps our teachers serve the students of the Columbus City Schools.

## Wellness mini-grants available

Have you ever thought of starting a fitness program at your school? How about inviting a series of speakers to talk about healthy eating habits?

The Columbus City Schools Employee Wellness Committee and Aetna Insurance are offering employee wellness mini-grants to district buildings and sites to do programs just like these. Grant applications may be submitted through May.



Grant funds can be used to buy pedometers, pay for fitness instructors, provide incentives such as wellness contests, purchase healthy food and fitness equipment and hire speakers. However, this is a one-time opportunity. If you received a grant last year, you are not eligible for another.

Project budgets range from \$50 to \$200. The amount awarded is based on the number of individual requests submitted, the number of employees the project serves and the judgment of the grants committee.

For more information visit the CEA Web site.

Correction: **Avondale ES @ Old Watkins** was inadvertently omitted from the Gainsharing award list that appeared in the Nov. 26 issue of *The Voice*. We apologize to the teachers and congratulate them for their success.

## Special notes

- Sister's Network, Inc.** ([www.sistersnetworkinc.org](http://www.sistersnetworkinc.org)) is sponsoring a call for membership. They are starting a chapter in Columbus for **African-American breast cancer survivors**. A welcome reception will be held on **Jan. 15, 2008, at the King Arts Complex at 6 p.m.** Please call Bertie Ford at (614) 581-2177 with questions.
- Charity Newsies** members will be selling newspapers on street corners in Columbus on **Saturday, Dec. 8**. One hundred percent of all **donations will purchase school clothing for Franklin County students**. Support this effort, and refer needy students by calling 263-4300.
- Ethnic** (Hispanic, Asian, Indian, African-American, etc.) **breast cancer survivors are needed to model in a fashion show on March 8, 2008, at the King Arts Complex**, 867 Mt. Vernon Ave. Please call Ezetta Murray at 253-4731 if you are interested.
- The **deadline to participate** in the **Sick Leave Bank** has been **extended** to the close of the business day on **Dec. 20**. Surf to: [www.ceaohio.org](http://www.ceaohio.org) to download a form. If you have questions, call CEA at 253-4731.
- Surf to: <http://www.ceaohio.org/newsPage.aspx?artID=290> for details of current offers from **MidState Educators Credit Union**. Holiday helper loans, home loans, new or used vehicle loans, continuing education loans and interest-free classroom supply loans are available. Call MidState at 253-4731 for more information.
- Blue Jacket Tickets are available for Dec. 5**, Colorado (4). Call the CEA office at 253-4731 to purchase tickets.

## Job Sharing Requests

CEA is compiling a list of teachers interested in job sharing next school year. If you are looking for a job sharing partner, fill out the form below and return it to the CEA office. A list will be printed and mailed to each person who submits the form to assist him/her in finding a partner for job sharing. Even if you submitted your name last year, please fill out a new form this year. Please return this form to Carol Wagner at CEA by Monday, Dec. 10, 2007.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Preference for Next Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_