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MLK award winners announced

This year, CEA is proud to announce co-recipients of the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, Pastor Dale B. Snyder and Priscilla Tyson. Jimmie Beall will receive the Helen Jenkins Davis Award.

Pastor Dale B. Snyder, senior pastor of Bethel AME Church in Linden, is a third-generation social activist. He started early, talking about social justice around the dinner table and on the many fishing trips he took with his father, an African Methodist Episcopal minister, and grandfather. His older brothers were involved in black nationalist politics and issues of black identity. Conversation was always about liberation and human rights. Snyder also learned the value of organizing, when his father started a construction company rehabilitating homes, and the business grew into a unionized company focused on street and highway projects. He followed along, becoming a journeyman machine operator.



Pastor Dale Snyder

After attending business school and Ashland Theological Seminary, Snyder worked for government and private firms, and along the way, always supported union activities. He lobbied for Ohio House Bill 584, supporting set asides for minority contractors. He lobbied to include minority contractors in the construction of Linden-McKinley HS. He joined with the NAACP demanding minority contracting opportunities during Ohio State University's building spree. Pastor Snyder has joined the city's efforts to reduce violence among African-American youth.

During this past election campaign, Snyder rallied 96 AME churches to gather signatures against SB 5 and became Franklin County's outreach coordinator for We Are Ohio. He also helped persuade officials to allow weekend voting before the election and brought in a record number of new voters, helping the disenfranchised gain a voice.

Priscilla R. Tyson has been focused on giving back during most of her career, always bringing her passion and talents to the task of improving the community. A business graduate of Franklin University, Tyson served as vice president of community development at National City Bank and at Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospital. She was founding executive director of City Year Columbus, providing leadership to the entire Midwest program, inspiring young people to invest in their communities and improve life for their neighbors and themselves.



Priscilla Tyson

Tyson served as president of the Columbus Civil Service Commission, promoting excellence in city services, and on the board of the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Greater Columbus Creative Cultural Commission, both dedicated to growing and sustaining the arts locally. Elected

to Columbus City Council in 2007, Tyson has specialized in consensus building, problem solving and planning, serving on multiple committees. She wholeheartedly commits herself to making our community a better place to live.

Jimmie K. Beall, is a guidance counselor at Monroe Alternative MS. Beall has devoted a large part of her educational career to protecting human rights. She has been an active member of the CEA GLBT caucus and opened our eyes to the need for social justice for GLBT Association members and students. She conducts workshops on GLBT awareness for Columbus teachers and counselors, confronting issues of bullying and creating a safe learning environment for employees and students. Her sessions during professional development conferences are among the most popular for teachers from all backgrounds.



Jimmie Beall

Beall, who is now pursuing her doctorate in urban educational administration, has lived what she preaches. With a great deal of courage, she filed what would be a landmark discrimination lawsuit against the London City Board of Education. In 2006, a federal judge ruled that gay men and women are entitled to fundamental rights and protections in the workplace.

We congratulate these outstanding community members who serve as role models for us all. Come and help us honor them. The Jan. 12 dinner at the Hyatt Regency will feature keynote speaker Rev. Jesse Jackson. Get your tickets, \$30 each, now by calling CEA at 253-4731.

HB 319 gerrymanders Ohio

It's easy to take for granted that we all get proper legislative representation through fair apportionment of our Ohio districts. It's not always the case. There is a move by Republicans to change the map.

House Bill 319 features a new map. Unveiled in September, it eliminates one Republican and one Democratic seat, increasing the GOP's current congressional majority. It creates 12 Republican districts and 4 Democratic districts. HB 319 contains this unfair, gerrymandered Congressional map that takes away fair and competitive elections.

It is true that Ohio must have new districts for 2012. The state's share of the U.S. population is shrinking; and, according to law, it will have only 16 districts in 2012, down from the current 18. This plan is nothing more than vote rigging. If we don't stop this effort, we will have to live with this change for the next 10 years.

Speak out with your pen. We have been working to collect enough signatures to block the law with a referendum. We cannot sit back and allow this table tilting. You can find a location to sign a petition at www.ohiodems.org. Ask how you can help by contacting info@ohiodems.org. Visit Ohioans for Fair Districts on Facebook to learn what others are doing.

United Way prize winners

CEA would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's United Way drive. You took that extra step to ensure that the community's needy families and neighborhoods receive vital services. United Way programs and agencies provide childcare to about 40 percent of children of working parents in Franklin County. They provide health and human services to families, keep neighborhoods safe and help us reach out to our senior citizens. This year's prize winners are:



\$500+ Leadership Grand Prize—\$150 Target Cards

Gilda Taylor (Clearbrook ES, CAA)
Merele Wilder (Weinland Park ES, CEA)

\$60+ Level Payroll Deduction Prize—\$100 Target Gift Card

Stephanie Howell (CEC, CSCSA)

\$250+ Level Prizes—\$50 Lowes Cards

Kirk Bardos (Wedgewood MS, CEA)
Kevin Hainer (Scottwood ES, CAA)

\$50 Best Buy Cards

Jeri Hensley (Fairmoor ES, CEA)
Elizabeth Keller (Wedgewood MS, CEA)

\$125+ Level Prize—\$30 Target Gift Cards

Ginny Black (Nurses, CEA)
Patricia Dubose (Linden-McKinley HS, CAA)
Paul Froehlich (Yorktown MS, CEA)
Jerolyn Griffith (Brookhaven HS, CEA)
Laurie Hewitt (Indianola K-8, CEA)
Susan Kulisek (PAR, CEA)
Shawntel Lewis (Kingswood Data Ctr., CSCSA)
Edward Pulsifer III (Africanic EC ES, CEA)
Roxanne Ritchey (Nurses, CEA)
Genevieve Robinson (CAHS, CEA)
Leslie Schneider (Alpine ES, Tutor, CEA)
Anne Stewart (Kingswood Data Ctr., CSCSA)
Alice Stoops (Work Study, CEA)
Thomas Wheeler (Psychologist, CEA)
Jeanne Yungfleisch (Binns ES, CEA)

\$60+ Level Prizes—\$10 Gas Cards

Karen Adams (Transportation/17th Ave., OAPSE)
Joan Baker (Gifted & Talented, CEA)
Mary Ann Baum (CEC, CAA)
Brenda Bryant (Unified Art, CEA)
Mary Cockrell (Transportation, OAPSE)
Robert Collins (Safety & Security, OAPSE)
Timothy Crabtree (Northgate Ctr., OAPSE)
Catherine Donnell (Westgate ES, CSCSA)
Jennifer Griffith (Fifth Ave. K-8, CEA)
Wanda Jackson (Colerain ES, CAA)
Marguerethe Jaede (Northgate Ctr., CEA)
Christina King (Como ES, CEA)
Lucindy Luckett (Arts Impact MS, CSCSA)
Tamara Mascari (Maybury ES, CSCSA)
Charity Miller (Southmoor MS, CEA)
Kerri Myers (Northgate Ctr., CEA)
Monnecca Pettibone (Food Service, CSCSA)
Joan Powers (Ohio ES/Eastgate ES, CEA)
Linda Sheehan (Northgate Ctr., OAPSE)
Carol Steed (Woodward Park MS, OAPSE)
Susan Turner (Cedarwood ES, CEA)
Dara VanEngelenhaven (Ridgeview MS, CEA)
Michele Walton (East Columbus ES, CEA)
William Womack (CAHS, OAPSE)
Sherry Zingelmann (Devonshire ES, OAPSE)

Prizes will be mailed to winners' home addresses. We will announce the CEA-R winners after the organization's campaign has been completed.

Remember, it is never too late to contribute to United Way. You can still make a difference.

Professional Leave: You're worth it

CEA is fortunate to have in its contract an item that provides us time to refresh ourselves with professional development. There is \$200,000 available to bargaining unit members each year to pursue professional development opportunities outside the school district. These include taking a course, attending a conference or workshop or traveling in a teacher education program.

To take advantage of this opportunity, download and print the current application and forms from the district's Human Resources Intranet. Here are the guidelines:

- Advance approval is required.
- Preference is given to workshops in the Columbus area and in Ohio. No trips are allowed outside the continental U.S.
- Applicants are limited to \$1,800 over a two-year period.
- Leave is limited to two teachers per building for the same conference.
- Only five teachers in the district may attend the same out-of-state conference.
- Professional memberships generally are not reimbursable.
- Approved applicants reserve and pay for lodging expenses and are reimbursed.
- Air travel is approved only if a conference is more than 300 miles away.

The fund is usually depleted by March; so if you have been thinking about some special training activity, apply as early as possible. Remember, the purpose of leave, whether it is for a conference, workshop or longer program, is to improve the performance of teachers in the classroom.

Put books in kids hands

Reach Out and Read (ROAR) is a pediatric literary program developed to help parents assist their children at home with developing reading skills. CEA works closely with Nationwide Children's Hospital's ROAR program to put books in the hands of children during their well-child visits.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, you can help CEA jumpstart our ROAR campaign. A percentage of your purchases at any Central Ohio Barnes & Noble (B&N) will be donated to CEA's ROAR book drive. Give bookfair number 10575470 at check out. If you can't make it out to a B&N location on Dec. 10, support CEA's campaign by shopping online at B&N.com/bookfairs from Dec. 10-15. Once you select your items, proceed to check out and enter the bookfair number.

Brent Saneholtz, author of *Growing Up Buckeye*, will be reading and sharing during storytime from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Lennox location, 1739 Olentangy River Road.

So come out on Dec. 10, do some holiday shopping and help us put books in the hands of children.

Correction: All license renewal applications, along with attached transcripts with check or money order, should be sent to the LPDC Office at Northgate, not to Nancy Young in HR.

Special notes

- Make sure no one has to choose between getting well and having a paycheck. **Donate days to the catastrophic sick leave bank.** Use a sick leave form to make your donation. Be sure that you and your principal/supervisor sign the form.
- Christopher Morris, Mifflin MS**, has been approved for 24 days of catastrophic leave. So far, 8 days have been donated. Mr. Morris would appreciate our help and support.
- CEA thanks the following buildings/units that have recently **completed their United Way campaigns: Alum Crest HS, Arlington Park ES, Parsons ES, South HS and South Mifflin ES.**