



KEA Student Program represented at NEA Student Leadership Conference

Fifteen KEA Student Program members and 5 campus chapter advisors traveled to Washington DC for the National Education Association Student Leadership Conference June 26-29. Student members participated in sessions where they learned about NEA leadership and opportunities, political action, and many other things. They also participated in Outreach to Teach, a daylong event in which all hundreds of student, active, and retired members join to makeover a school. Students and advisors from Kentucky did landscaping work, moved furniture, cleaned, built dressing rooms in the theater, cleaned out and organized the theater props and wardrobe, made bulletin boards, assembled furniture, painted murals, painted walls and doors, and many other tasks. Everyone on this trip returned home energized for KEA-SP's school year!

17 chapters attend KEA's New Student Leader Orientation & Training

KEA-SP kicked off the school year on August 15-16 at KEA headquarters in Frankfort with the annual NewSLOT (New Student Leader³⁹ Orientation and Training.) Thirty-nine student leaders and six advisors, representing 17 different campus chapters, spent the weekend learning about KEA and the Student Program and the leadership and community service opportunities available to them through both. Sophomore Courtney Morgan, from Murray State University, said, "I feel so much more prepared to lead my chapter. Before, I was a little worried that I didn't know enough, but now, I am excited about a great year at Murray."

The group worked together to develop the KEA-SP event schedule for the 2008-2009 school year:

Schedule

- Oct. 4 "Drive-In" Professional Development Day at NKU
- Oct. 11 KEA Central District "Drive-In" Professional Development Day
- Oct. 18 "Drive-In" Professional Development Day at Madisonville CC
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1 KEA SP State Fall Conference at Kentucky State University
- Jan. 12 Deadline for application for KEA Dodson-Perkins scholarship
- Feb 28 "Drive-In" Professional Development Day at Campbellsville U.
- Mar. 2-6 Read Across America Week
- Mar. 9 Deadline for submission of all KEA SP membership applications

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| April 1-3 | KEA Delegate Assembly, Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel |
| April 3-4 | KEA-SP Student Assembly at Kentucky State University |
| April 7 | Deadline for applications for NEA-Retired Jack Kinnaman Scholarship |
| June 26-29 | NEA Student Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA |

Local Chapter Highlights

Student Program members take active role in KEPAC

Student program members across the state have been taking a more active role in political activities. Encouraged by KEPAC Representative Katie Robinson, many members are now taking part in candidate interviews at the local level where KEA chooses candidates recommend for endorsement. Additionally, several student program members in West Kentucky have participated in political events for candidates supported by KEA.

Murray State University at Paducah starts the year with a full schedule

The Crisp Center KEA-SP members are currently involved in an "Adopt a Classroom" project at a Title I school in Paducah. Student Program members are involved in a variety of activities such as reading and lunch buddies, providing some resources for a reward system, and helping students connect with professionals in the community to promote work ethics and set career goals. In addition, the chapter has held a yard sale and t-shirt sales to raise funds for this event and others. Additionally, the chapter is holding a raffle to raise money for the "Buddy Walk" which is an event that raises awareness and funds for Down Syndrome. Many of the student program members will be participating in the "Buddy Walk" which is scheduled for October 25; last year the chapter participation was overwhelming, and they are hoping for the same results again this year.

UK Secures an NEA CLASS Grant to fund "ARTs for smARTs"

KEA-SP is well on its way to holding "ARTS for smARTs" on 7 February 2009. The project, sponsored by an NEA CLASS grant, will include a variety of activity booths such as recyclable art, music madness, young authors, fossil fun, and boogie booth. The project will be "a day dedicated to engaging creative, artistic fervor in elementary students in grades 3-5, while also demonstrating how Fine Arts can be effective ways of teaching parts of core content subjects." UK's chapter of KEA-SP will work closely with KEA-Retired, the Fayette County Board of Education, and the University of Kentucky Art Education Program to make this huge project a success.

Murray State Madisonville Campus starts year with "Boogie Bash"

Student Program members at Madisonville Community College started the year with a spectacular event that drew a wonderful response from the community. The chapter of KEA-SP set up a booth at the annual "Saturday Night Boogie Bash." Activities included face painting, bean bag toss, sponge relay, cake walk, Mardi Gras masks, football throw, and a painting center. Not only was the event fun for kids and members, KEA-SP drew such a response that the chamber of commerce awarded the chapter a \$100 prize!





Chapters with notable membership numbers

Congratulations to all chapters on a successful start to the 2008-2009 school year. As of September 29, 2008, we had a total of 1,183 members statewide.

Here are our KEA SP membership "Top Twenty" local chapters:

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| NKU | 183 |
| ECTC | 137 |
| Midway | 136 |
| Murray | 105 |
| Morehead | 94 |
| Madisonville CC | 54 |
| UK | 43 |
| Bellarmine | 42 |
| Murray Paducah | 41 |
| WKU | 36 |
| U of L | 35 |
| Campbellsville | 26 |
| Centre | 26 |
| Cumberlands | 24 |
| Somerset CC | 24 |
| EKU | 21 |
| Georgetown | 20 |
| Murray-Hopkinsville | 20 |
| Brescia | 19 |
| St. Catharine | 19 |

We need YOU to help make this newsletter work!

If you didn't see a report of YOUR chapter's activities and successes in this issue of the KEA SP Newsletter, then you need to let us know what you are doing!

Be sure to take the time to send reports of your local activities to State KEA SP secretary Shanna Mills (shanna.mills@gmail.com) so we can brag to all your peers across the state about the great things you are doing.