

Davenport Education Association 2019 Election Candidate Biographies

PRESIDENT: (ONE to be elected for 2-year term)

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He/she shall preside over the meetings of the membership, the Representative Council, and the Executive Board. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, and shall appoint special and standing committees, with the advice of the Executive Board. He/she shall represent the Association personally, or through delegates, before the public, and shall perform all other duties usually attributed to the office. He/she shall work closely with the Vice-President, and shall inform that person of all matters pertinent to the office. The President shall serve as one of the DEA's delegates to all state Representative Assemblies, and as one of the DEA Directors-at-Large to the UniServ Unit Board of Directors. He/She shall appoint the Secretary and Treasurer.



John Kealey (West)

Years in Education: 29 Years in Davenport: 25 Years as a DEA Member: 25

Leadership Experience: I was President of DEA from 2005 to 2007 and Vice President from 2003 to 2005. I am currently the Great River Uniserv President and a Building Representative from West High School.

Statement: I would like to serve once again as the President of DEA. The next two years will be difficult and I want to help out as much as I can. Also, it would be my honor to represent the DEA at the 2019 NEA RA in Houston this summer. I have always learned a great deal from RA's and I ask members to vote for me so I can continue to use the knowledge and information that NEA provides to its members in the years to come.

VICE-PRESIDENT: (ONE to be elected for 2-year term. Term is ending for Amanda Crecelius)

The Vice-President shall work closely with the President, accepting such committee and other assignments as are made by the President or Executive Board. He/she shall serve as the presiding officer in the absence of the President. He/she shall automatically succeed to the office of President or when the Presidency becomes vacant during his or her own term. The Vice-President shall serve as one of the DEA's delegates to all state Representative Assemblies, and as one of the DEA Directors-at-Large to the UniServ Unit Board of Directors.



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: (FOUR to be elected for 2-year terms)

The Executive Board is the administrative authority of the Association. They, with policies adopted by the Representative Council, will be responsible for the managing the affairs of the Association. The Executive Board meets once a month. Board members are also non-voting members of the Representative Council that meets once a month.



Alicia Fuller (Jefferson)

Years in Education: 14 Years in Davenport: 6.5 Years as a DEA Member: 6.5

Leadership Experience & Statement: With the magnitude of changes and challenges we are facing as educators and Davenport Education Association members, I feel it is important to elect Executive Board Members and Association Representatives that are willing and able to make our education association a priority. With previous Executive Board, Association Representative, and Committee experiences for the DEA, I am a strong candidate to help maintain the success of the DEA. I believe that we need to maintain and continually build strong leaders and members within the Education Association in order to protect the rights of our educators and students. I am a firm believer in not just talking about obstacles, but problem-solving solutions to overcome those obstacles so we may build a strong educational foundation, in turn raising the achievement level of our students. Additional Leadership Experience: TLCS Mentor, Jefferson BSAT member and CTT Guide, District TQ/PD Committee member.



Sarah McGlynn (Monroe)

Years in Education: 13 Years in Davenport: 10 Years as a DEA Member: 10

Leadership Experience: Nationally Board Certified Teacher, DEA Executive Board member (5 terms), NEA Teacher Leadership Initiative (TLI) State Coach for Iowa, Mentor Teacher, Teacher Re-Store Organizer, Davenport Community Food Pantry Coordinator

Statement: Through adversity, our unity and cohesion will rise to the top! Many big changes are on the horizon, and we need to work harder than ever before to stay the united front we've always been. I am PASSIONATE about the work our Association does for the betterment of our students and staff, and hope to have the opportunity to continue to fight for us all going forward. I have worked tirelessly throughout the past several years to create meaningful programming for our staff and community, including the Teacher Re-Store and the Davenport Community Food Pantry. I look forward to empowering additional members in the future, as we continue to grow as an association. We ARE better by association!



Linda Smithson (Smart)

Years in Education: 21 Years in Davenport: 21 Years as a DEA Member: 21

Leadership Experience: I have been a union member for 21 years, since I began teaching at Smart. I've been a reading teacher, Model Teacher, and currently am the Title 1 Reading Interventionist at Smart. I serve on the building BSAT and SIT teams and run our MTSS intervention system. I've been a building rep for 5 years at Smart Intermediate, serving also as Treasurer for the DEA the past 2 1/2 years. Statement: A strong union supports its members by advocating for them, protecting their rights and representing their wishes. I have been a non-voting member of the Executive Board of the DEA in the role of Treasurer. I would like to continue to serve the members of the DEA by being a Member at Large. Public education is one of the pillars of our society. Strong public education systems create an informed society and benefit everyone.

ISEA DELEGATES & ALTERNATES: (FIVE to be elected for 2-year terms)

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Sarah Nelson (Adams)

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*First time delegate for ISEA Delegate Assembly

Leadership Experience: I have several years of leadership experience in several different positions. I was a co-building rep at Adams last school year. I have experience as a lead teacher and am currently a classroom coach. I have had opportunities to lead PD, collaborate with teachers, and attend valuable training. I successfully completed the TLI program through the NEA and attended the NEA Summit as well as served as a Delegate at the NEA RA last year.

Statement: There is a lot going on in education in our state as well as in our district. Given the current climate, I will strongly advocate for not only our district but education across the state and country. I am committed to representing all teachers and students. Not only am I dedicated to education, but I possess strong leadership and communication skills to convey the message that education should be a number one priority.



Lori Palmgren (Central)

Years in Education: 16 Years in Davenport: 5 Years as a DEA Member: 5

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Monike Hill (Adams)

Years in Education: 18 Years in Davenport: 13 Years as a DEA Member: 13

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Leadership Experience: My extensive leadership experience is evident by the success of many ensembles, former students, teams (coaching), social and professional organizations and my own family's very busy schedule. I have taught K-5th music, 6-8th bands/jazz/steel bands, 9-12th competitive bands, WGI indoor drumlines and color guard, guitar class, musicals/plays, variety/talent shows and private lessons for eighteen years within Iowa, Illinois and Michigan. I have a B.A. in Music Education and a M.M. in Instrumental Pedagogy and Conducting.

Statement: I have been a very dedicated band and general music educator within the Davenport Community School District for thirteen years. Our Davenport Education Association has given me a way to help others avoid the pitfalls of our profession so I have been a school representative for three years. I will continue to work diligently to help our students, our district, our profession and all of you, my amazing colleagues. Thank you!



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