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## KASA names inductees for 2021 cohort of Kentucky Women in Education Leadership

Frankfort KY – KASA, The School Leaders Association, is pleased to announce inductees for its 2021 cohort of the Kentucky Women in Education Leadership (KWEL). Chosen through a competitive application process based on specific leadership criteria, these leaders bring with them a myriad of education experience, talent, and desire to ensure all students receive a world-class education. They, along with some of the state's top female executive educators, will convene March 18-19, 2021 in Louisville for an induction ceremony and leadership forum.

KWEL is designed for women working in P-12 public education who wish to strengthen or advance their careers. KWEL members benefit from a support system, leadership development opportunities, career advancement, shared experiences through a network of on-going professional growth and development, coaching and mentoring, and reward and recognition for exemplary leaders.

"This group of women brings expertise, talent and experience to the program. They are strong leaders amidst the backdrop of the pandemic. They are finding real solutions to bring our students back to school and help them recover and thrive beyond the uncertainty and trauma the pandemic has brought to our families and local communities," said KASA Executive Director Dr. Rhonda Caldwell. "They join more than one hundred of their colleagues to help redefine the future for women in public education and will be part of the generation that reimagines what school can and should be."

In addition to the wealth of education experience these 24 exceptional women leaders bring, they are also community leaders, entrepreneurs, moms, world travelers, fitness specialists, lifelong learners, and so much more! It is an honor to welcome them to the KASA-KWEL family.

The KWEL forum, *Women Leading Women: Courageous, Compassionate, Capable*, is set for March 18-19 and will bring both experienced and aspiring leaders together for an extraordinary growth opportunity. Its purpose is three-fold. First, it will give women that are currently serving in an executive leadership role the opportunity to mentor other women aspiring to lead at the same level. Second, it will support women who aspire to lead but may need the confidence, courage and support to take the next step. Finally, this network can give all women serving in an executive leadership role an additional support system unique to the needs of women and the challenges they face. Registration for the forum is open at [www.kasa.org](http://www.kasa.org) (Leadership Development tab).

### The 2021 inductees are:

- Amanda Abell, Caverna Ind.
- Jessica Addison, Christian Co.
- Karen Angel, Lee Co.
- Christie Biggerstaff, Monroe Co.
- Natalie Davis, Allen Co.
- Misty (Delong) Goble, Johnson Co.
- Michelle Gregg, Ed.S., Walton-Verona Ind.
- Kathy Gutzwiller, Boone Co.
- Terra Hancock, Union Co.
- Katie Holbrook, Ashland Ind.
- Rebecca Howell, Ashland Ind.
- Robin Kelly, Danville Ind.
- Jeannie Lett, Ed.D., Jefferson Co.
- Jennifer Michael, Newport Ind.
- Dudley Napier, Montgomery Co.
- Charlotte O'Bryan, Estill Co.
- Martina Skidmore, Powell Co.
- Lesley Smith, Kenton Co.
- Tiffany Smith, Clark Co.
- Stephanie Stambaugh, Boone Co.
- Dana Thomas, Marion Co.
- Sarah Townsend, Fulton Ind.
- Randee Renee Wright, Breckinridge Co.
- Chastity Yates, Hardin Co.



The KWEL steering committee is comprised of the following members:

- Nannette Johnston, Program Director, KY Association of School Administrators
- Rhonda Caldwell, CAE, Ed.D., Executive Director, KY Association of School Administrators
- Mary Brown, Member Relations Coordinator, KY Association of School Administrators
- Karen Cheser, Ed.D., Superintendent, Ft. Thomas Ind. Schools
- Althea Hurt, Director of Human Resources, Bullitt Co. Schools
- Jan Lantz, Ed.D., Superintendent Services, KY Association of School Administrators
- Dot Perkins, Ed.D., Former Superintendent, Gallatin Co. Schools and Former Executive Director, Central KY Education Cooperative
- Patricia Sheffer, Superintendent, Union Co. Schools

For questions about KWEL, contact KASA Executive Director Dr. Rhonda Caldwell at [rhonda@kasa.org](mailto:rhonda@kasa.org) or visit [www.kasa.org](http://www.kasa.org).

### **About KASA**

KASA, The School Leaders Association, is the largest school administrator group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,100 education leaders from across the commonwealth. Formed in 1969, KASA connects education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's school administrators.

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