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MIDWAY COLLEGE'S KEA-SP OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year! The KEA-SP Officers are excited about the new year ahead of us and the changes taking places.

Our KEA-SP Chapter is a unique one in where we have students attending Midway's Main Campus both Day and SCD classes, the Lexington Campus, as well as locations in Somerset, Louisville, and now Online. We are certainly a diverse blend of students traditional and non-traditional but we all have one common goal: to teach!

This newsletter will be issued four times a year, twice a semester in hopes to keep all of us informed about upcoming important dates such as Praxis exams, PD's and fun events that the KEA-SP will be hosting. We know that not everyone will be able to attend meetings in Midway and we are making accommodations to get as many of our students across the state (and outside!) involved. Do you have a suggestion on how to do that? Let us know!

Another way that we can all stay in touch is through your Midway

email account and on Facebook! Important information is sent out by the Teacher Education Department (TED) to inform you of matters that you need to be aware of. Join us also on Facebook by searching for Midway College Kentucky Education Association-Student Program to join. Here we'll post updates on what's to come and upcoming events.

We want to know how the KEA-SP can help you! Let us know on Facebook or by emailing our President, Allie Crump at

acrump@midway.edu

Checkpoint What?

In Midway College's Teacher Education Program there are three checkpoints that you must complete in order to graduate from the TED Program. Here's a snapshot of each checkpoint:

Checkpoint I

Once you have completed EDU 100, 103, 104, 201 and your Intro to either Elementary, Middle or Secondary Education, you will put together your portfolio through LiveText and go through the Checkpoint I Interview. You will also need to have an overall 2.5 GPA, pass the Checkpoint I Quix, and an ACT score of 21 or the

equivalent of the SAT/Praxis I Exam. Once you complete the interview and your portfolio is in good standing, you are then formally admitted into the TED program.

Checkpoint II

Checkpoint II is your entry into Student Teaching where you will have completed your entire 80 hours of Field Placement, maintained your 2.5 GPA and completed the appropriate classes for your degree.

Checkpoint III

Checkpoint III is essentially your completion of the program after

you have completed all appropriate coursework, maintained the 2.5 GPA, successfully passed Checkpoint II and received a grade of C or better in Student Teaching.

The Checkpoint process is clearly laid out in our Student Handbook and if you need another copy you can always turn to the TED website at <http://eagles.midway.edu/ted/accreditation/accreditation.htm>

Remember, the TED staff is here to help you through the process!

Develop a passion
for learning. If
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-Anthony J.
D'Angelo

Midway College KEA-SP Officers



Allie Crump-President

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I'm 20 years old and I am studying elementary education with emphasis in math and I attend Midway's Main Campus. I'm excited about the events coming up this year for KEA-SP, especially Read Across America. I'm here to answer any questions that you have. Let's make this a great year!



Jennifer Coomer-President Elect

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I am 25 and live in Lexington with my two children. I am studying elementary education with emphasis in arts and humanities. I attend most classes at Midway's Lexington Campus. I am really excited to be working with KEA-SP this upcoming year! Let me know if you need anything else.



Stacy Beeler-Secretary

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I'm from Georgetown, Kentucky and I'm pursuing my degree in Elementary and Middle School Education with an emphasis in Math. I'm an in-seat student at the Women's College and I have been a vegetarian for 14 years.



Kris Wright-Treasurer

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I'm from Frankfort, Kentucky and I'm earning my degree in Elementary Education with a Math emphasis. I attend the Women's College and I'm also on the Midway Soccer Team. I hope to be a coach as well after I graduate from Midway.



Meghan Wright-Editor

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I'm from Georgetown, Kentucky and I live there with my husband and three-year old son. I'm working towards my dual certification in Elementary and Middle School Education with an emphasis in science at the Women's College. I also have a degree in Landscape Horticulture.



Jaime Howard-Online/SCD Representative

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Greetings! My name is Jaime Howard. I was born and raised in southeastern Kentucky in the small town of Fleming-Neon. I am a non-traditional student with a degree in journalism from Eastern Kentucky University, but after becoming a mother to a daughter and son, decided to return to college to obtain certification in teaching. I am currently in the LBD program and looking forward to graduating from Midway and getting into my own classroom.

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available

Porsche Thomas-Historian/Women's College Representative

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I'm Porsche Thomas and I'm a sophomore at Midway's Main Campus. My major is in psychology and I have an interest in education.



The Funny Side

A colleague of mine had Jimmy (name has been changed to protect the dignity of the student) in class and witnessed this story. One day in social studies class the students were learning about population. The discussion turned to twins. Jimmy sat in class looking really confused for quite a while. Finally he raised his hand. "You mean to tell me that me and my cousin – we ain't twins"? The teacher was very confused and asked him to explain. "We were born the same day, in the same hospital and our mothers were in the same room...you mean to tell me we ain't twins"? "No, Jimmy. I'm sorry, but you're not twins."

One day in class, one of my 6th graders looked really sad. I asked the boy what was wrong and he told me his mom was in the hospital. I asked if everything was okay and he said that she was having a hysterectomy. This was said in front of several students and a few were paying attention. Jimmy, another student (the same one from above), looked very concerned and raised his hand. I called on him and this is what he shared with the class: "My uncle had one of those last week. She'll be okay." A student came up to me at that point and I begged her to stand in front of me because I was having a very hard time composing myself. It was so innocent, but absolutely hilarious.

Do you have a funny story to share? Send it to Meghan Wright mwright@midway.edu

The Kentucky Education Association Student Program

The KEA Student Program is Kentucky's only professional association open to all college students preparing to enter the teaching profession.

Nearly 2,500 students working for their teaching certificates at 36 Kentucky colleges and universities choose to belong to the KEA Student Program each year—and they are better prepared to enter the classroom because of it.

The KEA Student Program helps them complete their portfolios; document their mastery of Kentucky's standards for new teachers; write their resumes and learn valuable interviewing skills; prepare for the PRAXIS exams; and network with teachers and administrators in the school districts where they will apply for teaching positions. Our former members say their experience in the KEA Student Program helped them most when they had to demonstrate their capacity for leadership during their KTIP year.

Professional Development

Each year KEA Student Program members enjoy access to a variety of state and regional professional development events and many more at their home campuses, and the certificates they receive become part of their portfolios. All of these events are open, free of charge to KEA Student Program members.

Community Outreach

KEA Student Program members take part in community outreach projects at home and across the state. KEA Student Program members visit schools across Kentucky to read with children who might not otherwise have that experience.

In each of the last three years the KEA Student Program and its individual campus chapters donated more than 1,500 books to needy children at schools across Kentucky as part of NEA's Read Across America.



Leadership

KEA Student Program members learn valuable leadership skills on campus and through opportunities to work with KEA's local associations; in elected and volunteer positions at the state level with the Student Program and KEA; and by representing KEA and the KEA Student Program at national and regional conferences.

In the last ten years alone, more than 320 KEA Student Program members from 28 colleges and universities have represented KEA and the Student Program at national professional conferences in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Louisville, Miami, New Orleans, Orlando, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Washington DC.

Scholarships and Awards

In the last ten years, KEA has awarded more than \$60,000 in scholarships to members of the KEA Student Program, through the [Marvin Dodson-Carl Perkins Scholarship](#) awards program; every member is eligible to apply.

Liability Insurance

As a member of the KEA Student Program you are covered automatically under the NEA Educators Employment Liability Insurance Program. If legal action is brought against you for any incident that occurs during your student teaching or other on-site classroom activities required for your degree program, your legal expenses will be paid, along with up to \$1,000,000 in damages. For more information, contact Roz Bryant at rbryant@kea.org or Jeanine Scott at jeanine.scott@kea.org or call 1-800-231-4532, ext. 322 or ext. 326.

Taken in part from www.kea.org.

Diversity



Workshop

Who: All Midway College Teacher Education Students

What: **Mandated Diversity Day Workshop**

When: Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(this will be an excused absence for those with Saturday morning classes)

Where: **Winburn Middle School**

1060 Winburn Drive

Lexington, Ky

Why: **EPSB requirements**

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



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Here you will find the most updated information regarding professional development, KEA-SP activities, fundraisers, and our biggest event Read Across America.

The Midway College KEA-SP is affiliated with the Kentucky Education Association and the National Education Association. Candidates are encouraged to participate since early membership in this professional association offers many benefits. These include liability insurance community service leadership opportunities professional development and collaboration an on-line database to assist in job placement, scholarships, and publications. KEA-SP membership runs from September 1 through August 31. Each year, students must renew to retain membership.



Who Do I Contact?

Have a question about the TED program but not sure who to contact? Keep this list handy for a quick reference!

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Dr. Charles Roberts-TED Chair: All other matters not handled by his staff.

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to get yours!

Important Dates

- ⇒ **October 1st: Diversity Training** for ALL TED majors. This includes, the Women's College, SCD, and Online. This is **MANDATORY!**
- ⇒ **November 17th: Checkpoint I* & II** portfolios due**
- ⇒ **November 22nd: Checkpoint III*** portfolios due**
- ⇒ **November 30th and December 1st (if needed): Checkpoint I* & II** interviews held**
- ⇒ **December 1st: Checkpoint III*** interviews held**