

Albert Barnes

Position: Teacher

Local Association: PGCEA

I am Albert Kirk Barnes Jr. I am a retired educator from Georgia, and I am currently in my ninth year in the state of Maryland at Benjamin Stoddert Middle School in Temple Hills Maryland. While in Georgia I served in the following positions: Vice President and President of Muskogee Association of Educators, Board member Georgia Association of Educators, a member of the Elections and Credentials Committee Georgia of Educators, and a member of the Judiciary Committee, Georgia Association of Educators. I am Currently in my ninth year in Maryland. I have been a member of the Nomination and Elections Credentials Committee at PGCEA, and a member of the Board of Directors at PGCEA. I am currently the Building Representative for Benjamin Stoddert Middle School. I am seeking to serve the organization at the next level.

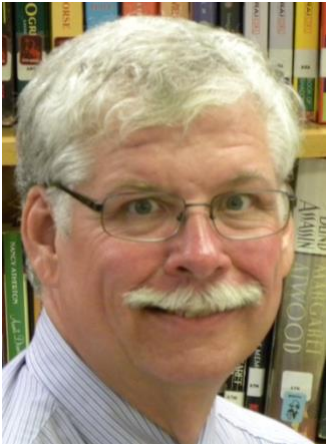


Michele Clarke

Position: Teacher

Local Association: PGCEA

I am Michele Clarke. I have taught in PGCPSS since 2004 and was an ESP in Howard County for 5 ½ years. As a seven-year member of the PGCEA Board of Directors I am dedicated to advocating for better public schools by testifying at County and State level hearings on education-related issues. I've led Lobbying Teams to lobby State Senators and Delegates on passing legislation to improve education in Maryland including better salaries for teachers and ESP. As Chair of the PGCEA Grassroots Organizing Team I helped organize members to advocate for themselves. Currently I am a member of the MSEA Membership and Organizing Committee and Vice-Chair of the MSEA Caucus for Educators of Exceptional Children. I am a strong advocate for students and fellow educators. As your next NEA Director I will always fight for social justice and equity issues and will advocate for all Maryland educators.



Joe Coughlin

Position: ESP

Local Association: Baltimore

It is an honor serving as your Treasurer, and your Interim NEA Director. I have worked as an educator for 22 years as a Computer Technician and have served as board member, Vice President, and President of my local, ESPBC.

As a local and state leader, I understand the effects membership has on a budget and our collective power to advocate for students, schools, and our profession. That's why I want to fight anti-union attacks by building relationships with our pro-union allies and seeking new partners that have our same goals and beliefs.

I would like to continue to represent Maryland as your NEA Director by lobbying congress to address the inequities our marginalized students are experiencing and by bringing funding back to our state to support endeavors like community schools.

I would like to continue the work for Maryland schools as your NEA Director.

Please vote Joe Coughlin



Linda McLaughlin

Position: Teacher

Local Association: EACC

I am running for NEA Director. I have experience as a local president, as a member of the President's Advisory Council, on MSEA Resolutions, and recently on the MSEA Board Composition work group. I am dedicated to working for our union, for our members, and for our students. In my current position I work with new (and veteran) teachers, assisting them in navigating the changing needs of our students and classrooms. I have experience as a past local president that will help me represent all members well and I am passionate about members' rights. I will listen intently, ask hard questions and have courageous conversations when needed, and act with intention. I ask for your vote and your support for NEA Director.



Nikki (Anzer) Woodward

Position: Teacher

Local Association: Montgomery

Anzer (Nikki) Woodward is a 23-year veteran educator whose experience in the birth–12 setting spans general and special education across the itinerant, classroom- and home-based settings. Nikki is an equity warrior elevating antiracist, just schools, and restorative justice practices and training for educators to amplify education justice across our different learning settings. Nikki is an advocate for our profession and has advocated for public education to receive the funding and resources needed to serve as the equalizer all learners deserve, as we must provide them the opportunity to become their greatest selves. Over the last year, she has advocated for needed changes to the Blueprint to recognize and honor the contributions of ALL EDUCATORS!

Nikki serves as the Vice President for MCEA, NEA PAC captain, MSEA Fund for Public Education Steering Committee, NEA Strategic Campaign Institute Steering Committee, NEA Leaders for Just schools, and NEA IDEA Cadre.
