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The Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) elected their 2015-16 officers during the group’s annual leadership institute in Louisville on July 17, 2015.

The new KASA officers are:
• President: Barry Lee, director of special education services, Pulaski County Schools
• President-Elect: Jennifer Carroll, PGES coordinator, Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative and Wolfe County Schools
• Vice President: Casey Allen, superintendent, Ballard County Schools
• Immediate Past President: Lu Young, Ed.D., professor, University of Kentucky College of Education, Office of Next Generation Learning

In the coming year, the officers will lead work in expanded support for principals; continue to develop KASA’s new superintendent training program as a model for the nation; and ensure the association meets the ever-changing needs of school leaders, upholds and strengthens the profession, and integrates resilient leadership into leadership development programs.

“This new leadership team brings a wide range of representation across role groups from professionals who have collectively served in nearly every instructional role in a school district. We are thrilled to have these folks at the helm, and we can’t wait to see how they will drive the work of the association in the coming year,” KASA Executive Director Wayne Young said.

“I am so excited to serve as President of KASA. I see it as an honor to be a part of such a great organization that supports students and administrators across Kentucky,” President Barry Lee said.

KASA is the largest school administrator group in Kentucky, representing more than 3,000 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.

About the Officers:

President Barry Lee has devoted over twelve years as an educator in Kentucky, working as a middle school special education teacher, high school principal, and director of special education. Lee has been an active KASA member, serving on the Next Generation Leading and Learning and Annual Leadership Institute committees and as the Lake Cumberland representative on the board of directors. He has been a KASA member for eight years.

President-Elect Jennifer Carroll is a recognized expert in the Professional Growth and Evaluation System (PGES). Carroll has served over the years as a teacher, program manager, instructional supervisor, coordinator of the Appalachian Leadership Lab, and PGES coordinator. Carroll has served as the Mountain Region representative on the KASA Board of Directors, served as chair of the 2013 Institute Planning Committee, and currently serves on KASA’s Next Generation Leading and Learning committee. She has been a KASA member for seven years.
Vice President Casey Allen has over 17 years of experience in education, having served as a teacher, district coordinator of extended school services, principal, instructional supervisor, and superintendent. Although currently working toward his doctorate in education, Allen continues to make time to serve. He is on the Kentucky Department of Education’s Superintendents’ Advisory Council, vice chair of the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative, board member for the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, and has served on KASA’s Leadership Institute Planning Committee and as a superintendent mentor. Allen’s father, Dr. Larry Allen, was President of KASA in 1986-87 while he was superintendent of Paducah Independent Schools. Allen has been a KASA member for 12 years.

Immediate Past President Lu Young, Ed.D., has a long history serving in Kentucky’s educational system, with over 30 years of experience. She became the first chief academic officer of Fayette County Public Schools in July 2013 after serving nine years as superintendent of Jessamine County Schools. Currently, Young is a professor in the Next Generation Learning office at the University of Kentucky. Young is a 2012 winner of the Kentucky Superintendent of the Year, has been a longtime board member and active member of KASA, and has served as one of two Governing Board representatives for the American Association of School Administrators. Young has been a KASA member for 20 years.

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