



KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

AND THE CENTER FOR EDUCATION LEADERSHIP



*Leadership Focused • Student Centered • Success Driven*

**NEWS RELEASE**  
January 12, 2018

**KASA names inductees for first cohort of  
Kentucky Women in Education Leadership**

Frankfort KY – After a competitive application process, 30 female educators have been selected for the first cohort of the Kentucky Women in Education Leadership (KWEL). Applicants were chosen based on specific leadership criteria. These leaders, along with 30 of the state's top female executive educators, will convene January 19-20 in Louisville for a leadership forum and induction ceremony.

KWEL is designed for women working in P-12 public education who are entering or advancing their careers. KWEL members will 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 of women who are exemplary leaders.

“KWEL is defining the future for women in public education while building on the foundation laid by the Kentucky Women in School Administration, which was KASA's first women's initiative in the 1980s and 1990s when few women held leadership positions in school districts,” said Rhonda Caldwell, Ed.D., KASA executive deputy director.

The KWEL forum, January 19-20, brings generational leaders from both programs 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 that 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.

### **The 2018 inductees are:**

Kimble Best, Principal Boone County Schools

Christina Boone, Instructional Supervisor LaRue County Schools

Melissa Bowling, Teacher Greenup County Schools

Kendra Bronsink, Instructional Coach Daviess County Schools

Rhonda Callaway, Director Secondary Instruction Webster County Schools

Kim Chevalier, Assistant Superintendent Walton-Verona Ind. Schools



Tiffanie Clark, Director Special Education Nelson County Schools  
Rebecca Custis, Teacher Jefferson County Schools  
Ginger Estes, Assistant High School Principal Hancock County Schools  
Kasey Farmer, Attendance Specialist Henderson County Schools  
Kristie Gorman, Assistant Superintendent Perry County Schools  
Amy Harris, Instructional Supervisor Williamstown Ind. Schools  
Sarah Hatton, Assistant Elementary Principal Logan County Schools  
Ellen Hoffman, Assistant High School Principal Clark County Schools  
Althea Hurt, Elementary Principal Hardin County Schools  
Tanya Jury, High School Principal Nelson County Schools  
Stacy Kidwell, Elementary Principal Lewis County Schools  
Holly Kimble, Coordinator Title I Mason County Schools  
Emma Martin, Teacher Breckinridge County Schools  
Kate McAnelly, Director Curriculum/Instruction Fayette County Schools  
Milli McIntosh, Director Human Resources Simpson County Schools  
Patrice Collins, Teacher Daviess County Schools  
Tina Penley, Assistant High School Principal Somerset Ind. Schools  
Devon Roberts, Assistant Elementary Principal Jefferson County Schools  
Michelle Ruckdeschel, High School Principal Daviess County Schools  
Hannah Scott, Instructional Supervisor Franklin County Schools  
Sara Tucker, Instructional Supervisor Taylor County Schools  
Jenny Watson, Assistant Superintendent Boone County Schools  
Katie Webb, Elementary Principal Paintsville Ind. Schools  
Holly Wood, Instructional Coordinator Washington County Schools

###