



Candidate: Vice-President for Health

ELIZABETH WHITNEY

Bio:

Elizabeth Whitney received her doctorate in Health Education & Promotion with a concentration in School Health Education from Kent State University in 2013. She has been at the University of Kentucky in the role of Assistant Professor of Health Education since 2014. Her research interests are in the broad area of child/adolescent health including topics such as bullying, the psychosocial school climate, nutrition education, and physical activity in the classroom. Regarding her scholarship, she has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles on child/adolescent health topics and has presented nationally and internationally on her work. In 2016 Dr. Whitney received a federal grant from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture to develop health education curricula in the areas of ATOD Use prevention and the promotion of mental health for DoDEA schools. At the University she teaches courses in teacher preparation and health promotion. Dr. Whitney is a member of an inter-professional health team at the University and will be leading a brigade of University students to Ecuador this summer where they will be teaching health concepts to Ecuadorian community members and children. Regarding her membership in professional associations/organizations, Dr. Whitney is a member of the American School Health Association, the Society for Health and Physical Educators, and the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Activity, Recreation, and Dance. She is currently serving in several leadership roles within these organizations. Dr. Whitney's career achievements and goals are well aligned with the scope of work of KAHPERD and it would be an honor to be considered for the position of chair-elect for Health.



Sincerely,

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Candidate: President

ROBIN WALKER



Robin (Walker) Richardson educational background includes a BA in education, MS in Health Promotion, and a Rank I teaching certificate all from the University of Kentucky.

She is currently employed by Jefferson County Public Schools as a physical educator at Westport Middle School. Robin's work experience includes seventeen years in the classroom as well as three years as an Educational consultant at the Kentucky Department of Education. In addition, she has also worked for LaRue County Public, Schools, Fayette County Public Schools, and Charlotte, Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, NC, as a physical educator.

Robin has served on the KAHPERD board in a variety of capacities since 2005. She is a former Mustaine Award winner and is currently serving as the Vice-President of Health for the association.



Candidate: Vice-President General

A.J. MORTARA



AJ Mortara is an assistant professor at Berea College where he teaches in the exercise science curriculum and directs the human performance laboratory. His research interests include exercise metabolism and alternative training methods. He received his masters' degree from Eastern Kentucky University and his Doctor of Education from the University of Kentucky. Prior to work in education, he specialized in working conditioning and work hardening for Toyota Motor Manufacturing.



Candidate: Vice-President for Physical Education

LINDA RUCKER



Linda Rucker received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Kentucky. She furthered her education by receiving her Fifth-Year Certification in Elementary Education from Western Kentucky University. She is currently in her third year of teaching Physical Education at Old Mill Elementary in the Bullitt County Public School System.

Although Ms. Rucker's degree/certification is in elementary certification, she has always been a strong advocate for quality physical education and health/wellness programs in schools. She encourages all students to "get moving" in order to develop the habits of a healthy lifestyle. Her professional interests focus on attending physical education conferences, expanding her physical education social network, and utilizing online resources to ensure the most up-to-date best practice activities for her students. She formed and headed the Old Mill Elementary Girls On The Run Team during the

2017-18 school year, being the first team of girls from her school to participate in the character education and physical fitness program.

Ms. Rucker has attended the National PE Institute Conference the past three years in Asheville, North Carolina, which has motivated her to establish her role as a leader in the physical education field. She was honored to be allowed to present at last year's fall KAHPERD Conference in Lexington on how to use social media as a valuable resource for physical educators. This year, she will be co-presenting at the fall KAHPERD Conference with fellow attendees of the 2018 National PE Institute on several of the take-aways from this summer's conference. She is hoping to continue to grow as a physical education leader for many years to come.



Candidate: Vice-President for Sport and Leisure

CHAD SWEENEY



I am currently serving in my thirteenth official year as an educator, though I have worked teaching in several capacities with multiple age groups across a span of 24 years. I've been happy to be a rec league coach, youth minister, wellness center trainer, deacon, special education teacher, landscape crew leader, FCA huddle leader, Sunday School teacher, and Wellness Committee Chair. Recently, I am really excited to be serving students as a physical education teacher and KYAPHERD board member. I have also been traveling the country as a Regional Trainer with Project Fit America having in-serviced over 20 schools! These experiences have helped me to grow my craft working with all kinds of students and realize the needs of students/teachers statewide. I have also collected great PE ideas from other states (Texas, Mississippi, Illinois, Pennsylvania and California) where I've been able to in-service other schools with great physical education programming! I was able to come to the National PE Institute this past year and gained wonderful lessons/activities while networking with other PE Teachers that will bring benefits for my students and others I work with for years to come! I am a lifelong learner and believe in the power of collaboration to evolve and elevate the advancement of physical education in all ways.



Candidate: At-Large East

BILLIE STONE

EDUCATION:

MAT-Physical Education and Health, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 2003
BS-Physical Education, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 1993
Minor- Teaching Secondary Mathematics, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 1994



TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

1995-Present: JCPS: Bates Elementary Physical Education

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education,
Recreation, and Dance
American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation,
and Dance
KY Elementary Teacher of the Year 2012
KAHPERD at large board Member 2016-2018
Exhibit Manager for KAHPERD 2014-present
Health Promotion Coordinator Bates Elementary
Cross Country Head Coach Bates Elementary
"Jedi" Professional Learning Community, Jefferson Country
Public Schools
Member of School Leadership team Bates Elementary

Supervising Teacher for University of Louisville students
FCA Sponsor Teacher Bates Elementary
Scorekeeper Holy Cross High School Baseball
KTIP Resource Teacher
Health Fair Coordinator
PR coordinator for Bates Elementary



Candidate: At-Large West

JAMIE NEAL



Jamie Neal is a Physical Education Teacher at Lincoln Elementary in Simpson County. She is involved in coaching, a proud mom & Steelers football fan! In 2018, she was the Lion's Club Teacher of the Year. She has served as the Vice-President for Sport and Leisure on the KAHPERD board in 2018. Lincoln Elementary was recently named one of America's Bronze level by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Jamie is honored to have led this work for recognition with her school staff as they have all worked hard to give their students the healthy futures they deserve.



Candidate: Vice-President Dance

KALIE MCKINLEY



Kalie McKinley is a high school physical educator at Assumption High School in Louisville, Kentucky specializing in Polynesian dance and simulated aquatic recreation for the physical education setting. Kalie regularly dances and teaches Hawaiian Hula, Ori Tahiti, and Maori Poi and Stick Game. She fell in love with dance at her first state AHPERD conference in 2007.

Kalie McKinley has leadership experience serving on the 2017-2018 as the Kentucky AHPERD Sports Management Section and Indiana SHAPE Dance Council. In 2015-2016, Kalie served on the Midwest AHPERD Council for Future Professional Committee. In 2010-2011, She served on the Midwest AHPERD Social Justice and Diversity Committee and AAHPERD Public and Legislative Affairs Committee as the student member. In 2008-2010, Kalie served as the Indiana AHPERD Council for Future Professional President.

Kalie has been awarded the 2019 Kentucky AHPERD Dance Educator of the Year. In 2018, Kalie was the Midwest SHAPE America High School Teacher of the Year and in 2017 Indiana SHAPE America High School Teacher of the Year. She was awarded the SHAPE America Midwest District Outstanding Young Professional in 2015. In 2010, Kalie was awarded the National Association for Sport and Physical Education Major of the Year. She was awarded the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Outstanding Student of the Year in 2009.

Kalie is currently perusing a master's degree in physical education at the University of Arkansas. She is a 2010 graduate from Manchester University with a double major in adapted physical education and physical education. Kalie is member of both Kentucky AHPERD and Indiana SHAPE. She has experience presenting at Kentucky AHPERD Conventions, Indiana SHAPE Conferences, Michigan SHAPE Conference, and Virginia AHPERD Convention.