

# On the Move...

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## Opportunities for Recognition

Educational Support Professionals are often the first and last educator that students see each day. That's why every year the AEA State ESP Board recognizes ESP members that have been outstanding in their jobs. The AEA State ESP Board Committee is now accepting applications for 3 awards: for 2017-18.

**The Shining Star Award** guidelines are available at the NEA website, ([www.nea.org/home/46497.htm](http://www.nea.org/home/46497.htm)). Nomination packets submitted by the deadline are the considered nominees. The Shining Star Award winner will be Alabama's nominee for NEA ESP of the year. **The Pioneer Award** shall be an Education Support Professional employee who has a minimum of five years of AEA membership and have been outstanding in their contributions to the Association. **The Doris Strode Champion Award** goes to any individual for their service and dedication to ESP's at the local, state and national levels. Application forms for each award are available on the AEA website at [myAEA.org](http://myAEA.org). Please forward you application and any supporting documentation to Shea Jackson by 4:45 p.m. on November 27, 2017.

In addition to these awards, the Alabama Education Retirees Association provides scholarships for educators in Alabama's public schools. The program is open to certified and non-certified school personnel. Applicants must be active AEA members. For 2018 there will be nine \$2000.00 scholarships awarded to AEA members. The application is available on the AEA website or AERA's website, [www.aerainc.org](http://www.aerainc.org). The application deadline is March 2, 2018

## HEA HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Come celebrate the holiday  
season with us  
on Thursday,  
December 7, 2017.

Visit us between the hours of  
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
at the office of  
Huntsville Education  
Association  
709 Arcadia Circle NW  
Huntsville, Al

### Don't Pay the monthly surcharge: Get Your Wellness Screening

Effective October 2015, PEEHIP members may pay a \$50.00 monthly wellness premium if they choose not to participate or fail to complete the requirements by the deadline of August 31 of each year. It's not too late to avoid future expenses; get your wellness screening and save yourself money!

## HUNTSVILLE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

### 2017-18 Meeting Dates

#### REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

December 7, 2017—Holiday Reception

January 4, 2018

February 1, 2018

March 1, 2018

April 5, 2018

May 3, 2018

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 7, 2017—Holiday Reception

January 25, 2018

February 22, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 17, 2018

### Med Network Update

All Med Network cards have now been distributed. If you have not received your's or think you may have accidentally disposed of it, you can request a duplicate card by phone or email: Wanda Faust at AEA (1 800 392 5839) wandaf@alaedu.org.

### Legislative Contact Team—Volunteers Needed!

The next Alabama Legislative Session is approaching rapidly (January 9, 2018). Are you interested in defending your profession, your students, and your school? Would you be interested in serving on our Legislative Contact Team? The LCT is on the frontlines of advocating for public schools and educators. Activities of the LCT may include roundtable meetings with local legislators, attending and participating in local legislative forums, calling/writing/emailing local legislators, and informing members in your building of important developments and issues in the legislature. There will be many important public education issues up for discussion in 2018 including a pay raise— make sure your voice is heard! Please contact UniServ Director Adam Keller at adamk@alaedu.org or 256-533-7570 ext. 3 if you would like to get involved.

## 2017 AEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The annual AEA Delegate Assembly will be held in Montgomery, AL on Nov. 30—Dec. 2, 2017. The Huntsville Education Association will be represented BY 24 local delegates at the Delegate Assembly. The latest edition of the Alabama School Journal contains a complete listing of the business items and resolutions to be presented at this meeting. Take a look at the list, and if you have an opinion you would like expressed (support or opposition), please contact one of these local delegates.

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### Did You Know???

The Huntsville City Schools budget is over \$200 million. In fiscal year 2018, the State provided over \$115 million; the State Foundation Program directly funds over 1800 employees. Local taxes fund over 200 employees in this year's budget. Over \$37 million in local funding for Huntsville City Schools comes from the property taxes which are up for renewal on December 12, 2017.