FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello PTA and PTSA members,

Finally, the 2017-2018 school year has come to a close and summer is in full swing.

I want to thank all of you leaders who have so generously shared your time and talents to better our students and their families and communities. You are the very ones who lead the charge every day to make sure our students have the tools for success.

Many of you will soon be stepping into new leadership roles at your PTA/PTSA. Have no fear! We are here to help you. This summer, we will offer trainings throughout the state to acquaint you with your new role and duties. Stay tuned for dates, locations and times.

Our president-elect, DeVane Trigiani, has worked tirelessly to automate the way schools submit forms to the SCPTA. Beginning immediately, you will import your Local Unit Officer Report via the SCPTA website into the SCPTA data base. See below for details.

Enjoy a safe summer with your friends and family.

If I or my staff can assist you, please be in touch: 803-765-0806 or office@scpta.org.

Best wishes,
Pamela S. Driggers
SCPTA President

SUBMITTING YOUR LOCAL UNIT OFFICER REPORT JUST GOT EASIER

You no longer need to mail or email your LUOR (Local Unit Officer Report) to the State Office. Simply submit it directly to the SCPTA data base. Go to the website: scpta.org and click on the Local Unit Officer Report (LUOR) button on the left side of the home page. Then, complete the form. When you need to make changes to your officer information, you can do it right from your computer.

This system is in affect now.
Your LUOR is due June 30, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES ...

Mark Your Calendar Now!

2019 SCPTA Annual Convention
March 29, 30 and 31, 2019
Myrtle Beach, SC

The 2019 Annual Conference will include the Legislative Conference and Reflections celebration.

MEET YOUR NEW LEADERS

PTA members statewide elected the following new officers during the SCPTA 95th Annual Convention in Greenville. They will assume their new roles July 1, 2018.

President-Elect: DeVane Trigiani
Treasurer: Virginia Crews
Secretary: Jeanette Maxey
Vice President of Advocacy and Resolutions: Helena Miller
Vice President of Membership and Field Services: Amber Yost

DeVane Trigiani
President-Elect

Past positions with PTA include District 23 President, Vice President, Secretary, Awards Chair and Reflections Chair. She currently serves on the SCPTA Executive Board as Vice President of Membership and Field Services.

Virginia Crews
Treasurer

She currently serves as Treasurer for District 1. Previous District 1 positions include Vice President of Communications and Volunteer Coordinator. She has also served as Hospitality Chair and Volunteer Coordinator for her local unit.

Jeanette Maxey
Secretary

Past positions include Treasurer of her local PTA unit, as well as numerous Director positions serving other non-profits.

Helena Miller
Vice President of Advocacy and Resolutions

Helena currently serves as the District 7 President on the SCPTA Board of Directors. Past positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of her local PTA unit. She is an elected school board Trustee on the Rock Hill School Board and serves on their Advocacy Committee.

Amber Yost
Vice President of Membership and Field Services
She currently serves as the Treasurer of District 23. Past positions include President, Vice President and Membership Chair, Secretary and Program Chair of her local unit.

2018 REFLECTIONS WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following student artists on their national achievements in the arts! The 2018 National PTA Awards and Reflections Celebration will be held at the National PTA Convention & Expo in New Orleans on Saturday, June 23, 2018. All winning works will be debuted at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, DC. Save the date for the National PTA Student Arts Showcase and exhibit opening on January 22, 2019.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
Intermediate School Division
Sarah Bloomingburg, *Make a Change*
Bell's Crossing Elementary School

FILM PRODUCTION
Primary Division
Award of Merit
Emma Bogle, *Sadie's Soccer Game*
Oakview Elementary PTA

Middle School Division
Award of Merit
Mark Owens, *Oosiboos*
Camp Road Middle School PTA

Intermediate School Division
Award of Merit
Alysse Davis, *Puppy*
*Fort Dorchester Elementary School*

High School Division
Award of Merit
Ellison Mitchum, *Hang Time*
Summerville High School PTA

MUSIC COMPOSITION
Primary Division
Award of Merit
Adam Starling, *Car Line*
Jennie Moore Elementary PTA

Middle School Division
Award of Merit
Brendan Rardon, *Almost There*
Oakbrook Middle School PTSA

Intermediate Division
Award of Merit
HELEN STOKES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Bailey Soyebo, graduating senior at Ashley Ridge High School in Summerville, has been named recipient of the SCPTA’s Helen Stokes Memorial Scholarship. Bailey will join the freshman class at Clemson University this fall.

The fund to support the scholarship was started in 1956 as a tribute to the SCPTA State President, Helen Stokes. Mrs. Stokes suggested to the state board that instead of presenting a departing president's gift, a scholarship fund be established to encourage graduating South Carolina high school seniors to enter the teaching profession. Her husband, Dr. J. Howard Stokes Sr. offered to match the money contributed by the board and the fund was established. Over the past 62 years, the fund has sponsored many SC students to help with the cost of their education. The fund is financed through Honorary Life Membership awards, the SCPTA Spirit of PTA Award, local unit contributions, memorials, sponsorship of applicants and corporate gifts.  

We wish Bailey and all other high school graduates much success in their chosen pathways.

BECOME A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 National PTA School of Excellence program year is now open at PTA.org/Excellence! As you know, the National PTA School of Excellence program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being of all students. By enrolling in this program, PTAs are making a yearlong commitment to identify and implement an action plan for school improvement based on PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.

Visit PTA.org/StateExcellenceLibrary for resources to recruit, support and celebrate PTAs throughout the School of Excellence program.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All board members may be contacted by email at office@scpta.org.

Executive Committee

- Pamela Driggers, President, Mauldin
- Shawn Reardon, Treasurer, Sumter
- Cori Gubler, Secretary, Charleston
- DeVane Triagini, VP of Membership and Field Services, Summerville
- Joy Anderson, VP of Programs, Fountain Inn
- Ed Murray, District President Representative, Fountain Inn

District Presidents:

- Willie Brooks - North Charleston
- Pat Gates - Gadsden
- Susan Key - Simpsonville
- Maria-Helena Miller - Rock Hill
- Ed Murray - Fountain Inn
- Aline Newton - Estill
- Kitty Waikart (interim) - Columbia
NEW DAYS AND TIMES FOR SCPTA OFFICE

The SCPTA office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Executive Director Vicki Patterson is happy to assist you.

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