

Greetings from Kansas State PTA President

It is hard to believe that Spring is here and with that in mind, Kansas PTA 107th Annual Convention is around the corner. Kansas PTA has been working diligently in putting together the First Kansas PTA Digital Experience. We are putting together a platform that will allow you as attendees to chose your workshops, attend regional and general meetings and so much more virtually. Please watch your email for information on how to register as well as other valuable information regarding convention. We are very excited about this new endeavor and we look forward to seeing you on April 23rd and 24th.

Earlier this month, Kansas PTA Nominating Leadership and Development Committee presented the 2021-2023 nominees to serve on the Kansas PTA Executive Board. The nominee information is as follows:

Nominated for President -Elect: Jim Baucom

Nominated for Vice President of Member Services: Vikki Mullins

Nominated for Vice President of Extension: Julie Howard

Nominated for Vice President of Advocacy: Brooke Burkett

Nominated for Secretary: Amy Kalinich

Nominated for Treasurer: Lauri DeNooy

Thank you to the Kansas PTA Nominating and Leadership Development Committee for all their time and hard work.

Kansas PTA looks forward to seeing you in April.

Sincerely,

Lauri DeNooy, MBA
2019-2021 Kansas PTA

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Nominated for President Elect - Jim Baucom has lived in Johnson County, Kansas since 1999 and currently resides in Lenexa. Jim has been a member of PTA for 9 years. He currently serves as the Field Service Representative for Region 8 and on the 2021 Convention Committee as part of the Tech Support Team. Jim has also served on the Fall Virtual Leadership Training committee, been a Workshop presenter and a Zoom facilitator. At the local level, Jim has been the PTA President of Shawnee Mission Area Council and President at Sunflower Elementary PTA in the Shawnee Mission School District and he has served on various PTA committees including VP of Membership and Fundraising. He has attended 9 Kansas PTA conventions. Jim is an I.T. Security Engineer, with 25 year experience in this profession. Jim and his lovely wife, Jean, have one daughter. Jim has enjoyed the time he has spent volunteering in PTA and looks forward to his continued service with Kansas PTA.



Nominated for Vice President of Member Services - Vikki Mullins has served on executive boards in the Turner School District at the elementary, middle, high school, and council levels, in addition to serving a two year term as Arts & Awards Chair for Kansas PTA, two years as Kansas PTA Treasurer, and several years as the adult mentor for Kansas PTAs Youth Advisory Committee. I work at a fantastic company in Kansas City, KS, Wolcott Foods, that provides home delivered meals to clients with traumatic brain injuries and other disabilities. I have one son, TJ, a Wyandotte County Sheriff's Deputy, who is married with two sons of his own. My son & daughter in law serve PTA on the local level in Turner. I also sit on the Turner Days Committee and as a member of the Turner Foundation, but my true passion is my 17 year involvement with Bikers Against Child Abuse where I serve as a child primary contact & patched member with the Kaw River, Kansas Chapter. When I'm not busy with volunteering, I spend every free moment with my beautiful grandson's, Brantley & Taylor.



Nominated for Vice President of Extension Services - Julie Howard has been involved with PTA for 36 years, having held every position on the local and council level. She has served as President at Turner Council PTA, Muncie Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary, Pierson Jr. High PTA, as well as serving on several community committees in the Turner School district. In addition to volunteering in PTA, Julie has coached youth baseball, basketball, and served as a campfire leader for six years. She is a volunteer for the Shawnee community service center for the past 28 years. She and her husband David work with the BIB Christian program at Lansing Correctional Facility, where they have been serving the inmates and their families Spring and Christmas meals for the past 10 years. She also works in the children's ministry at Stony Point Baptist Church. Julie has been married to David for 41 years, raised four children, and loves being the Grandma to three rambunctious grandchildren. Julie has served on Kansas PTA for the past 14 years and is currently the Secretary. She has also served as a Field Service Representative, been the chairman of the Arts & Awards, PTA Store, Meeting Assistant, Silent Auction on sat on other committees such as the Audit Committee, Convention Committee, Scholarship committee and, NLDC. She looks forward to serving as the VP of Extension.

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Nominated for Vice President of Advocacy - Brooke Burkett I have been fortunate to be serving on the Board of Managers for Kansas PTA for the last 2 years as the FSR for regions 2 and 6. I have also had the pleasure of sitting on the nominating committee as a parent for the teacher of the year selection for Kansas. I am currently serving as this year's Convention Chair. I served as president for 2 years and secretary for my oldest son's elementary school. I have been married to an amazing man for 16 years and we have been blessed with 2 beautiful boys! I also run my own in-home daycare.



Nominated for Treasurer - Lauri DeNooy is the current Kansas PTA President. Lauri has served in various leadership roles at the Local, Council and State levels for the past 15 years. Lauri currently works at Oakes KIA as a Warranty Administrator and Account Receivables. Lauri has earned her Masters in Business and enjoys working with numbers. Lauri has two teenagers, Mary and William. Mary currently attends Johnson County Community College and works part-time; while being involved in Girl Scouts as a Leader in Training and currently serves on the Kansas PTA Board of Managers. William just graduated from Missouri Welding Institute and is working with Garney building Water Treatment Plants and has recently earned his Eagle Award. Both Mary and William continue to support Lauri and the mission and purpose of PTA. Lauri is committed to seeing that ALL children have a voice and that we as Parents, Teachers and Constituents have the necessary resources to achieve the goals.



Nominated for Secretary - Amy Kalinich My name is Amy Kalinich and I am running for Secretary on the KS PTA Board. I am on my second year as secretary at my local PTA in Wichita, KS. I have been married to my husband for 9 years and have two boys, ages 6 & 8. I work as a para for an elementary school and am working towards my Early Child Education degree at Wichita State University. I look forward to serving the children of Kansas in the upcoming years.

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