

*93rd Annual West Virginia PTA
Convention Sponsors*

*West Virginia PTA gratefully acknowledges
the generous support of our 2016 Convention Sponsors*



Diamond Sponsor

West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts
SimplyCircle
Lifetouch

Platinum Sponsor

Association Insurance Management (AIM)
American Federation of Teachers -WV

Silver Sponsor

MedExpress
Blennerhassett Elementary PTA
Konstella
McDonald's

*West Virginia PTA
93rd Annual Convention*



*Awards Banquet
April 16, 2016
Morgantown, West Virginia*

Keynote Speaker Andrea Santos



Andréa Santos from Logan High School in Logan County is known for her positivity, inspiration, and ability to reach out to troubled students. Teaching grades 9-12, she shows her students how to strive for excellence, respect others, appreciate and explore cultural diversity and language, and break down barriers that attempt to hold them back.

She believes that her students are the most important element of her career and that every advancement in her profession is entirely for them.

Andréa Santos is a 22 ½-year veteran who received a Bachelor of Science degree (summa cum laude) in Education from West Virginia State University. As a Spanish teacher, she has received a WV OEPA Commendation for facilitating the development and modification of the current Logan County Secondary Schools Multiculturalism and Diversity handbook, “Unity in Diversity” to be used as a cross curricular guide for county educators. She is a member of the Logan High School Leadership Team, the WV Policy 5000 Hiring Committee for Logan High School, the Logan High School Freshman Academy Team, and the Logan County Staff Development Council.

Outstanding Business Partner Award

Christmas Creations, and proprietors Linda and Kenneth Craig, are responsible for 30% of the membership of Mountaineer PTSA by offering \$5 off if the customer buys a membership card. They also display and distribute information regarding PTA, get their family members involved by sitting at booths set up in the community, and attended their Child Passenger Safety Week when the PTSA partnered with WV Northern Regional Highways Safety Program.

Local Unit Great Program Idea Award

Spring Mills Primary School PTA has hosted a Trunk or Treat Family Night at the school since the school doors opened in 2011. It is one of the most anticipated activities of the school year, and grows every year with new activities and more community member participation. With multiple activities set up inside and outside the school, this event gives families the opportunity to spend time together, meet school staff, the PTA Executive Board, and their children’s school friends and their families in a fun environment.

Local Unit Great Membership Campaign Idea Award

Mountaineer PTSA educated the public about the benefits of PTA: you get great savings, it’s the most inexpensive non-profit to join, membership in Mountaineer PTSA also gives you membership in WV PTA and National PTA, and there are many saving discounts available through National PTA, and training is offered and information is available on any subject involving all youth and children at every level of PTA. They offer memberships year-round, and their target audiences are grandparents and home-schooled.

Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Penny Merkel is a very hands-on, old-school teacher at Franklin Primary School in Brooke County, who does whatever it takes to make sure every student in her class gets the education that is set forth in her room. She notifies parents right away if students need extra help or encouragement and sends home extra resources from her room to help her students learn. She encourages her students' parents to join their PTSA, so they don't miss out on all the great opportunities they have to offer. Penny is an honest, hardworking, fun-loving, caring teacher, who also loves PTA.

Outstanding Principal of the Year

Drenna Reineck serves as principal of Spring Mills Primary School in Berkeley County. During school hours you may not be able to find Drenna in her office because she may be in the hallways talking with students, providing aid to her staff, in the cafeteria helping with lunch duty, or in a classroom reading a story to their students. She encourages educators within their school to become PTA members, and informs new parents on the things PTA does for the school. And not only is she a proponent of PTA activities, she is engaged in the activities herself.

Outstanding Service Personnel of the Year

Norman Kidd is custodian at Colliers Primary School in Brooke County. He makes every child feel special, and ensures the school is a safe place for their children to attend. He worked tirelessly when their school was nominated for a West Virginia School of Excellence, helping to make sure they met the guidelines. He makes every parent feel welcome and appreciated, and is invaluable to the PTA by helping with fundraisers, setting up and cleaning up after meetings, and helping with Student Appreciation Week, Teachers Appreciation Week, and their end of year School Party.

2016 West Virginia PTA Convention Awards Banquet



Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Janelle Sperry
West Virginia PTA President

Invocation

Diane Klinger
West Virginia PTA Past President

~Dinner~

Keynote Speaker

Andrea Santos
2016 West Virginia Teacher of the Year

Presentation of Awards

Membership Awards
2016 West Virginia PTA Scholarships
2016 West Virginia PTA Awards

Conclusion

Janelle Sperry
West Virginia PTA President

**Scholarship Auction to begin immediately
following the Awards Banquet**

2016 West Virginia PTA Scholarship Recipients



Devon Alt is the son of Donna and Donald Alt of Keyser. He attends Frankfort High School where he has lettered in Basketball, Track, Cross County and Baseball. He is a member of the Leo Club, FFA, and the National Honor Society. He has coordinated fundraisers for Relay for Life, CASA, Ronald McDonald House and food drives at his church. He is also active in 4H. Devon is undecided in his college choice, but hopes to major in pre-law.

Savannah Blythe is the daughter of Chris & Monica Blythe of Bridgeport. She attends Bridgeport High School where she is a member of the Cross Country Team, National Honor Society, Student Council, & French Club. She has volunteered for Relay for Life, Walk for Autism, & is a Mission Meal Server. She was named Cross Country Athlete of the Year for her school. She plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan & major in Athletic Training.

Katherine Keith is the daughter of Susan and Jeff Keith of Linn. She attends Gilmer County High School where she is active in Cross Country, Basketball, Student Council, and is a Class Officer. Her volunteer work includes being a Red Cross Volunteer, and fundraisers for FBC Cancer Fund & Fruit Basket for the Community. She was named Top Scholar for Basketball & Most Improved Cross Country. She plans on attending Davis & Elkins and major in Nursing.

Shyanne Mickley is the daughter of Mindy and Tommy Mickley of Martinsburg. She attends Musselman High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Library Club, & Marching Band. She is active in her church and is a Bible Study Leader. She received the President's Volunteer Service Award, and Girls State Citizenship Award. She plans on attending WVU and major in Business Administration.

Sarah Savage is the daughter of Mark and Tammy Savage of Kingwood. She attends Preston High School where she is a Varsity Cheerleader and participates in track. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, & Knights of the Round Table. She is active in her church where she has been a Bible School Assistant. She has received English, Science, History and Math Honors. She is undecided on colleges, but plans to major in Nursing.

2016 West Virginia PTA Award Recipients

Star Volunteer Award

Juanetta Likins has been a PTA member for five years, serving as PTA Secretary for two years at Kingwood Elementary. She attends nearly every PTA-sponsored event and takes a leadership role in many of them. She is instrumental in the operation of the holiday Santa's Workshop and purchases items weekly to keep their Teacher's Lounge stocked with snacks & drinks. She can always be counted on to help, even at the last minute.

Tiffini Lopez has been involved with Marlowe Elementary PTA for over three years, serving as Vice President since last year. She created the after school Garden Club, spending countless hours beautifying the school grounds. Tiffini helps plan the Spring Fling, Fall Festivals, and Teacher Appreciation Luncheons, as well as organizing the Santa's Shop. Her most recent contribution was raising money to install a fence around the walking track.

Heather Bischoff serves as a Committee Chair for Mill Creek Intermediate School PTA. She is wonderful at organizing volunteers at events and is an active participant in all PTA activities. This year, Heather organized the Secret Santa Shop including the volunteers, shopping, wrapping, and decorating the room for the kids to enjoy. Heather is an active participant in meetings, and takes on many duties involved in school and PTA events. She is a true asset.

Kimberly Wade has been involved in PTA since 1998 and this year Kim (Boo) joined Braxton County Middle School PTA. She is very active and accepted the position of Secretary. She's full of ideas for fund-raisers and activities for the students. Boo has helped with every fund-raiser and activity, including getting sponsors and donations from the community, picking up supplies, helping to set-up the functions, as well as staying after to clean up.

Audra Ceglie-Broughan is considered a Rock Star at Jefferson Primary PTA. She serves as Secretary and organizes volunteers for classroom parties & events, as well as food donations. She volunteered to take charge of student birthdays, is the official chef for their Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, and helped with the Clothes Closet when needed. She comes to every event with a smile, and never hesitates to roll up her sleeves and get the job done.