

The SCEA 2024 Elections

CANDIDATES PROFILES

CANDIDATES FOR NEA DIRECTOR (2024-2027)



Peter Lauzon

School: Center for Advanced Technical Studies. **Number of years in the UEP:** 16 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Master of Ed.- SUNY Plattsburg; BS Biology, BS Biology Education. **Work Experience:** Center for Advanced Technical Studies, Biomedical Science 2021-present; Midland Technical College 1998-present. **Professional Association Memberships:** Environmental Educators Association of SC, Executive Board Treasurer; LR5EA, local president; The SCEA, Board Member, Budget Chair. **Candidate's Platform:** As a dedicated advocate for our profession, I've actively contributed to governance leadership and financial stability of our organization. If elected, I'll champion transparency, improve working conditions, and representation of our educators.

My commitment to unity and effective communication aligns with our association's goals. I look forward to the opportunity to represent and serve our members both in South Carolina and Washington.



Chastity Griffin Baccus

School: Mt. Gallant Elementary School. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 15 consecutive years in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Coker College-BS in Education; Walden University-Master's in Reading and Literacy; Salem International University-Master's in Administrative Leadership. **Work Experience:** Elementary Teacher at Gallant Elementary; Dean of Students at Gallant Elementary; Director of Be Great After School at Old Pointe Elementary. **Professional Association Memberships:** President of York County Education Association; Executive Board Member of The SCEA, Leader for Just Schools National Cohort. **Candidate's Platform:** As NEA Director, I aim to continue The SCEA's deep-rooted connection with

NEA. I aim to ensure that all educators, staff, and students are treated fairly and allowed to grow and flourish in their field. For students to receive the best quality education, conditions should be fair, equitable, and attainable for all stakeholders. My vision is to support and provide opportunities to grow leaders and make our education system the best it can be.



Stephanie M. Johnson

School: HB Rhame Jr. Elementary School. **Number of years in the UEP:** 18 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Gardner Webb University-Masters in Executive Leadership; University of South Carolina-Masters of Art in Teaching; University of South Carolina- Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. **Work Experience:** Richland School District One-18 years. **Professional Association Memberships:** Reading Recovery Council of North America-member; MIRA Education- Board Member. **Candidate’s Platform:** My name is Stephanie Johnson. I’m running to become your next NEA Director. I’m Elementary and National Board Certified; currently a Reading Interventionist. I served on The SCEA Board for eight years and past

chairperson of NEA Women’s Issues Committee. In 2017, I was one of five educators nationally to receive the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence from the NEA Foundation. I humbly ask for your vote to advocate for our members.



Urica M. Brown

School: JB Beck District Office. **Number of years in the UEP:** 19 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** B.S. in Chemistry-University of South Carolina; M.Ed in Educational Leadership-University of Phoenix. **Work Experience:** ADEPT Facilitator-Georgetown Co. School Dist.; Chemistry and Computer Science Teacher, Georgetown High School; Lead PACE Instructor- S.C. Dept. of Ed. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA-District 6 Director; Georgetown Education Association-President; South Carolina Science Council-2019-President. **Candidate’s Platform:** As NEA Director, I will maintain constant communication with staff, teachers, students, legislators, and the community about topics that support a safe and healthy learning environment for all. I will be a visible liaison

for education. As a scholar, practitioner, and leader, I will continue to educate myself and others about all education matters and respect all viewpoints.

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS

UniDistrict 2 (3-year term: 2024-2027)

(Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Marlboro, Union, York)



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School: Mt. Gallant Elementary School. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 15 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Coker College-BS in Education; Walden University-Masters in Reading and Literacy; Salem International University-Master's in Administrative Leadership. **Work Experience:** Elementary Teacher at Gallant Elementary; Dean of Students at Gallant Elementary; Director of Be Great After School at Old Pointe Elementary; **Professional Association Memberships:** President of York County Education Association; Executive Board Member of The SCEA, Leaders for Just Schools National Cohort. **Candidate's Platform:** I

would like to seek reelection for this position to continue to lead the work of public education. I aim to ensure that all educators, staff, and students are treated fairly and allowed to grow and flourish. For students to receive the best quality education, conditions should be fair, equitable, and attainable for all stakeholders. My vision is to support and provide opportunities to grow leaders in our state to make our education system the best it can be.

UniDistrict 3 (3-year term: 2024-2027)

(Aiken, Edgefield, Greater Lexington, Greenwood, Lexington/Richland 5, McCormick, Newberry, Palmetto Unified, Saluda)



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representation of our educators. My commitment to unity and effective communication aligns with our association's goals. I look forward to the opportunity to represent and serve our members both in South Carolina and Washington.

UniDistrict 4 (3-year term- 2024-2027)

(Dillon, Florence, Horry, Marion)



Jean Read

School: Horry County Schools. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 37 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** BS Early Childhood Ed, Lock Haven College, PA. **Work Experience:** Substitute Teacher-Horry County Schools 2017-present; elementary teacher-Evesham Twp, NJ 1987-2016. **Professional Association Memberships:** Horry Co Ed Assoc/The SCEA 2018-present; Evesham Twp Ed Assoc/NJEA. 1987-2016, bldg. rep 1992-2016. **Candidate's Platform:** I have advocated for legislation to improve working conditions for all educators. With HCEA, I have worked on raising awareness of our Association and recruiting members. As a teacher/building rep in NJ, I attended numerous workshops and conferences at the county, state, and national level. These experiences provide me with a wealth of knowledge to

bring to the table. Please vote for me as District 4 Board member.

UniDistrict 5 (1-year term 2024-2025)

(Calhoun, Richand)



Chanell Harris

School: Birchwood School/SC DJJ. **Number of years in the UEP:** Five (5) consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Northeastern University-Ed.D. Curriculum, Teaching, Leading, and Learning; South Carolina State University- BA-History/Social Studies Education. **Work Experience:** South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, South Carolina Virtual Charter School, Blythewood High School. **Professional Association Memberships:** NEA Global Learning Fellowship-participant, mentor; South Carolina Council for the Social Studies; South Carolina Council for African American Studies. **Candidate's Platform:** As a student member of The SCEA, I was surrounded by passionate educators-active and retired. I watched rooms

filled with educators voicing their concerns and truths and fighting for our children and their colleagues. With these memories, I want to continue along the path that was modeled for me. My priority is the wellbeing of my colleagues. We have to take care of educators so they can take care of our students.

UniDistrict 5 (3-year term 2024-2027)

(Calhoun, Richland)



Stephanie D. Robinson

School: Richland School District One Waverly Administration Building. **Educational Background:** University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC-Ed.S. Educational Administration, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC-M.Ed. Educational Leadership. Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL-BA Language Arts Education. **Work Experience:** Secondary Consultant for Programs and Projects-Richland School District One; AAP Secondary Consultant-Richland School District One; ELA Support Facilitator/High School English-Greenville County School District. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA; SCASA. **Candidate's Platform:** My philosophy is to focus on building collaborative relationships between all educators-certified and non-certified and the communities that we are called to serve. It is important to develop positive relationships with all stakeholders in order to foster learning

environments that will assist our students with becoming motivated and self-sufficient learners.

UniDistrict 6 (3-year term-2024-2027)

(Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Lee, Summerville, Sumter, Williamsburg)



Urica M. Brown

School: JB Beck District Office. **Number of years in the UEP:** 19 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** B.S. in Chemistry-University of South Carolina; M.Ed in Educational Leadership-University of Phoenix. **Work Experience:** ADEPT Facilitator-Georgetown Co. School Dist.; Chemistry and Computer Science Teacher, Georgetown High School; Lead PACE Instructor- S.C. Dept. of Ed. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA-District 6 Director; Georgetown Education Association-President; South Carolina Science Council-2019 President. **Candidate's Platform:** As district director, I will continue to work with other Board members, state, and local leaders to develop policies that make a positive

impact on the growth and advocacy of the association. I will work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the members and our students are always heard. I will also continue to promote the national vision of a great public school for every child.

UniDistrict 7 (1-year-term: 2024-2025)

(Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Blackville, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg, Williston)

Kayla F. Carter



School: Barnwell Primary. **Number of years in the UEP:** 10 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Liberty University-2020-2024-Phd in Education with Concentration in Organizational Leadership; South Carolina State University-2015-2019-M.A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology; South Carolina State University 2013-2014-M.Ed. in ECE. **Work Experience:** Barnwell Primary and High School-2020-present-Speech language Pathologist; Denmark-Olar Elementary School-2013-2020. **Candidate's Platform:** As District Director, I am dedicated to tackling the challenge of attracting and keeping skilled teachers in rural schools. By actively involving stakeholders and genuinely understanding educators' concerns, my goal is to identify effective strategies for supporting and retaining teachers in rural districts. I am committed to providing unwavering support for the professional and personal growth of teachers and stakeholders alike.

UniDistrict 7 (3-year-term: 2024-2027)

(Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg)



Iva Jade Green

School: Elloree Elementary School. **Number of years in the UEP:** 29 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** The College of Charleston, 30+ graduate credits; The Ohio State University, M.A. Educational Service and Research; Morris College, B.S. Early Childhood and Elementary Education. **Work Experience:** Orangeburg County School District, Richland County School District One; Dorchester School District Four. **Professional Association Memberships:** ASCD, NAEYC, SCABSE. **Candidate's Platform:** My name is Iva Jade Green, and I am seeking reelection to the Executive Board. I am a native of Holly Hill, South Carolina. My teaching experience is PreK-8th in both regular and mainstream classes. During my tenure, I have worked to ensure that all educators, parents, and students feel supported and informed. I enjoy

promoting and improving education for all stakeholders of SC. I humbly ask for your support and your vote.

CANDIDATES FOR NEA DELEGATES – CERTIFIED/NON-CERTIFIED



Jacqueline W. Simmons

School: Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy. **Number of years in the UEP:** 20 plus consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Grand Canyon University-Educational Leadership; Cambridge College-Master of Education Elementary Education; Francis Marion College-BS Elementary Education. **Work Experience:** Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy-Williamsburg County-classroom teacher-presently; Hemingway Elementary-Williamsburg County School District-classroom teacher; Batter Park Elementary School-Williamsburg County-classroom teacher. **Professional Association Memberships:** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, President; Williamsburg County Education Association-President; SCEA Board Member.



Adrian Shaun Goodman

I am a dedicated 24th year special education teacher in Richland School District One and a proud member of The South Carolina Education Association (The SCEA). Fueled by the belief that educators, when supported, can offer their best to students, I advocate for a stronger voice within the profession. As Maya Angelou once said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." I embody this philosophy by striving to create a brighter future for students through education.



Kiyanna Mullins

School: Alston Middle School. **Number of years in UEP:** One (1) year in the UEP. **Educational Background:** University of Phoenix, B.S.-Business Communications; University of Phoenix, M.S.-Elementary Education. **Work Experience:** RSD2-Killian Elementary-3 years; CCSD-Sanders-Clyde Elementary-7 years; DD2-Alston Middle School-3 years. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA; secretary and treasurer of Summerville Education Association.



Peter Lauzon

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Dena Renee Crews

School: North Vista Elementary. **Number of years in the UEP:** 22 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Walden University, MS Literacy and Administration; Francis Marion University, BS Elementary Ed; Francis Marion University, BA English. **Work Experience:** Literacy Coach, North Vista Elementary School; Curriculum Coordinator, West Lee Elementary School; Classroom Teacher, Darlington, Sumter, and Lee Counties. **Professional Association Memberships:** Tenacious Grace, Board Member, former Board President; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., former Area Coordinator.



Chastity Griffin Baccus

School: Mt. Gallant Elementary School. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 15 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Coker College-BS in Education; Walden University-Master's in Reading and Literacy; Salem International University-Master's in Administrative Leadership. **Work Experience:** Elementary Teacher at Gallant Elementary; Dean of Students at Gallant Elementary; Director of Be Great After School at Old Pointe Elementary. **Professional Association Memberships:** President of York County Education Association; Executive Board Member of The SCEA, Leaders for Just Schools National Cohort.



Dr. Karen Greene

School: Stratford High School. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 15 plus years of consecutive membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Bachelor's Degree-Charleston Southern University; Master's Degree-Charleston Southern University; Doctorate Degree-Nova Southeastern University. **Work Experience:** Berkeley County School District-Science teacher; Berkeley County Virtual Learning Program; Springfield College-Charleston Campus. **Professional Association Memberships:** The South Carolina Education Association-District 6 Board Member; The Berkeley County Education Association-Past President.



Stephanie M. Johnson

School: HB Rhame Jr. Elementary School. **Number of years in the UEP:** 18 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Gardner Webb University-Masters in Executive Leadership; University of South Carolina-Masters of Art in Teaching; University of South Carolina-Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. **Work Experience:** Richland School District One-18 years. **Professional Association Memberships:** Reading Recovery Council of North America-member; MIRA Education-Board Member.



Stephanie D. McFadden

Math Interventionist at Hyatt Park Elementary School. **Number of years in the UEP:** 19 plus consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Southern Wesleyan-M.Ed. Administration and Supervision; Southern Wesleyan-M.Ed. Elementary Education; University of South Carolina (Columbia)- BAIS Early Childhood and Elementary Education. **Work Experience:** Richland County School District One- Hyatt Park Elementary- 2021-present; Richland District Two Teacher- 2005 to 2021; Lexington/ Richland Five Teacher- 2000 to 2005. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA- PAC Captain; National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.



Chanell Harris

School: Birchwood School/SC DJJ. **Number of years in the UEP:** Five (5) consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Northeastern University-Ed.D. Curriculum, Teaching, Leading, and Learning; South Carolina State University-BA-History/Social Studies Education. **Work Experience:** South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, South Carolina Virtual Charter School, Blythewood High School. **Professional Association Memberships:** NEA Global Learning Fellowship-participant, mentor; South Carolina Council for the Social Studies; South Carolina Council for African American Studies.



Angelia S. Jackson

School: Georgetown High School. **Number of years in the UEP:** Nine (9) consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Webster University-MBA; Limestone University-BA. **Work Experience:** Georgetown High, Rosemary Middle, Kingstree High. **Professional Association Memberships:** SCEA member, NEA member, SCBEA member.



Joyce B. Argo

School: Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 23 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** M.Ed in Educational Leadership & Supervision-Winthrop University; M.Ed in Reading/Literacy-Winthrop University; B.S. in Elementary Education-Winthrop University. **Work Experience:** Rock Hill District-Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School; York School District One-Jefferson Elementary School; Lancaster County School District-JJ Clinton Elementary School. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA (Human and Civil Rights Committee, Past District Director for UniDistrict 2 and The SCEA Executive Board), York County Education Association (YCEA) (Building Representative at Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School); Rock Hill Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Chaplain, Chair of Ritual and Ceremonies Committee and Executive Board).



Uria M. Brown

School: JB Beck District Office. **Number of years in the UEP:** 19 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** B.S. in Chemistry-University of South Carolina; M.Ed in Educational Leadership-University – University of Phoenix. **Work Experience:** ADEPT Facilitator-Georgetown County School District.; Chemistry and Computer Science Teacher, Georgetown High School; Lead PACE Instructor- S.C. Dept. of Ed. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA-District 6 Director; Georgetown Education Association-President; South Carolina Science Council-2019 President.



Lisa Lucas

School: H. E. McCracken Middle School/Beaufort County. **Number of years in the UEP:** 22 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Bachelors from Edinboro University of PA; M.Ed from Lesley University. **Work Experience:** H.E. McCracken Middle School, Red Cedar Elementary School; Bluffton High School. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA-state delegate, Executive Board member; The BCEA-local president-current secretary; member of the BCEA, The SCEA and NEA since 2001.



Kimberly Gadson

School: Hardeeville Elementary School. **Number of years in the UEP:** 12 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** University of Houston, Webster University, The Citadel. **Work Experience:** Jasper County School District, Charleston County School District, Beaufort County School District.



Ashley Thurman

School: Sheridan Elementary; **Number of years in the UEP:** Nine (9) consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** South Carolina State University-Ed.S., Educational Leadership; South Carolina State University-M.Ed, Elementary Education, South Carolina State University-B.S., Elementary Education. **Work Experience:** School Level Instructional Facilitator, 4th Grade Math teacher. **Professional Association Memberships:** Orangeburg County Education Association-Vice President 2023-2025; Secretary-2021-2023; The South Carolina Education Association Elections Committee-2023-2024.



Pamela Raley

School: Jackon Creek Elementary. **Number of years in the UEP.** Six (6) consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** Jackson State University-BS in Elementary Education; University of South Carolina-Endorsed in Gifted/Talented; Capella University-Master's in early childhood education. **Work Experience:** Jasper County. School District; Savannah/Chatman School District; Richland 2 School District. **Professional Association Memberships:** NEA, SCEA, Ad Hoc Literacy Committee.



Jean Read

School: Horry County Schools. **Number of Years in the UEP:** 37 consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** BS Early Childhood Ed, Lock Haven College, PA. **Work Experience:** Substitute Teacher-Horry County Schools 2017-present; elementary teacher-Evesham Twp, NJ 1987-2016. **Professional Association Memberships:** Horry County Education Association/The SCEA 2018-present; Evesham Twp Ed Assoc/NJEA. 1987-2016, bldg. rep 1992-2016.



Flashette S. Johnson

School: District Office-Charleston County School District, **Number of Years in the UEP.** Three (3) consecutive years of membership in the UEP. **Educational Background:** University of Phoenix, MA Education Administration; College of Charleston, BA English. **Work Experience:** Charleston County School District-August 2021-present; Berkeley County School District-August 2008-August 2021. **Professional Association Memberships:** National Association for Gifted Children (Diversity and Equity Committee); Alliance of Black School Educators (parliamentarian for Low Country Chapter); Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc (active member, Nu Alpha Omega Chapter).



Stephanie L. West

School: Longleaf Middle School. **Number of years in UEP:** Five (5) consecutive years in South Carolina. **Educational Background:** New York University-MA Educational Leadership 2001; Montclair State University-BA-English/Secondary Education 1997. **Work Experience:** Longleaf Middle School, Columbia, SC -August 2023-present; Dent Middle School, Columbia, SC, August 2019-July 2023; Lafayette Estates Elementary Schools, Fords, NJ, July 2009-August 2019.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISORY DELEGATE

Stephanie D. Robinson



School: Richland School District One Waverly Administration Building.
Educational Background: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC-Ed.S. Educational Administration-Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC-M.Ed. Educational Leadership; Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL-BA Language Arts Education, **Work Experience:** Secondary Consultant for Programs and Projects-Richland School District One; AAP Secondary Consultant-Richland School District One; ELA Support Facilitator/High School English-Greenville County School District. **Professional Association Memberships:** The SCEA; SCASA.