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Meet your 2021-2023 EAA Executive

Our EAA is committed to keeping you informed! If you have not already, please check out our EAA Website, Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter. This is where you will get the latest EAA information! Stay informed!



It is my great pleasure to welcome our new Executive team for the 2021-2023 school years. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. I would like to personally thank our outgoing Executive Members for their amazing contribution; Jenn Engle, Donna Jeske and Tricia Summerfield.

I will be entering my eleventh year of service with the Executive in the fall. I have seen and experienced a great deal and I have grown in ways that I never expected possible. I look forward to serving and supporting our Membership as your President for an additional two years. I appreciate the continued support of everyone as I continue on this journey.

Thank you

~Colleen Dietrich Sisson, President, EAA



another two year term as your Vice President. I have gained valuable knowledge with regard to disability management and how to best support the Membership when they are at their most vulnerable. A reminder to reach out to the office with any questions or concerns about sick leaves and/or workplace injuries. I have enjoyed talking with many of you and I look forward to the resumption of in-person meetings when we can meet face to face. Thank you all for your commitment to the students you support. This past year has undoubtedly highlighted the essential role of EAs and CYWs in education. Let's build on that momentum heading into the 2022 negotiations.
~Lisa Weiler Haskins, Vice President, EAA



This past year I have had the privilege to support all of you in my role as EA Representative. This experience has taught me more than I ever imagined it would and I am truly grateful. I have had the opportunity to participate in our Negotiations, the creation of our PD Day, the EAA Appreciation Awards, and helping support our Keys. I have truly enjoyed hearing from many of you and helping out as much as possible. Moving forward, I am stepping away from this role and am excited to step into a new role as Treasurer. I will continue to seek out opportunities to continue supporting the EAA and our Members. I am truly humbled by all the hard work, passion, and dedication all of you have shown as we have navigated this past year. Simply put, you are all truly amazing professionals and I am privileged to continue supporting all of you and the EAA.
~Lisa Cornish Treasurer, EAA

It has been a pleasure to serve the EAA Membership for over 7 years. I look forward to the next two years!
As EAA Secretary, I enjoy my role serving the Membership! My responsibilities are:



- **Website updates which include approving new Members to the website, website support, updating our website with posts and maintaining up to date information on our site;**
- **Social media and EAA eUpdates.**

I look forward to seeing you again in person at our EAA meetings and PD Days! Thank you for all the dedication and hard work that you do for our students! Reach out to our Executive if you have any questions or concerns. We are here for YOU! We are STRONGER TOGETHER!
~Penny Penticost Secretary, EAA



It has been an honour to represent and serve the Members of the EAA for the past two years. During the last two years, I have helped plan and organize the EAA PD Days, Town Hall meetings for Key Members and New Members, collaborate with the Board and sit on the Negotiation Team. I appreciate all the opportunities that I have to work with our Membership and provide support when it is needed. I look forward to continuing on the Executive as your CYW Representative, for the term 2021-2023.

I personally would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of you, for your professionalism, patience and understanding this past year. We have faced numerous challenges and risen to the occasion. This has shown other professionals in the Education sector, that we ARE the backbone in Education.

~Rochelle Christie CYW Representative, EAA



I am honoured to represent and serve the Members of the EAA for the next two years. Since completing my Child and Youth Worker Diploma, I have served as a member of the EAA as an Educational Assistant in many different programs for the last 7 years. I am extremely enthusiastic about this opportunity, and admire the focus on supporting the students, and the community of the Waterloo Region. It is my goal to work with a team that shares my dedication

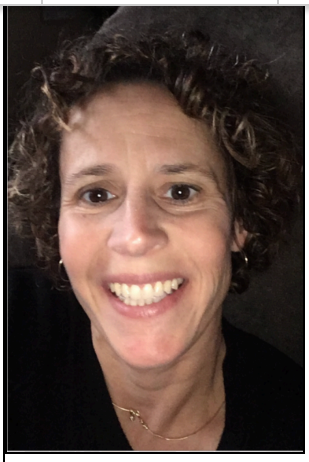
well prepared to dedicate myself to the highest standards, and exceed your expectations for this position.
~Alicia Eagle, EA Representative



I am very proud to be serving as your Health and Safety Officer for a second term.
These past couple of years have been filled with all sorts of new experiences and trying times. Navigating a global pandemic and trying to keep our members safe and healthy has created a lot of new learning experiences for me. I will continue to advocate and be a voice for the EAs and CYWs that I represent.
Please continue to reach out to me with all of your Health & Safety and violence in the workplace questions. Working together we can make sure things are done properly and that you feel safe, heard and supported as you do your job. We are the front line workers in Education and I am extremely proud of the work that we do. Our students hold a special place in our hearts and that shows in everything we do. I am happy to be a part of this association and I look forward to our next couple of years working together.
~Lynn Wilson Health and Safety Officer, EAA

I am very excited at the opportunity to be your Officer At Large for the term 2021-2023. I am also looking forward to meeting and working with all of our members in the next two years!
~ Dave Smith, Officer At Large





I've been an Educational Assistant for over 10 years!

I currently call HHSS my home.

I'm fortunate enough to have a great support team there!

Throughout the years I have worked with some great colleagues and they have taught me so much, such as being a team collaborator, how to approach problems and work through different experiences but most importantly, how we support each other!

So, I'm excited about having the opportunity to support you and represent and serve the Members of the EAA Association.

~Maria Latyn, Membership Engagement Officer

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