

**2018 NEA ESP of the Year Award
DATA SHEET**

You must use this form to provide nominee and affiliate information.

Type of Nomination (Please check one)

State Affiliate Nominee

Local Affiliate Nominee (Only permitted if there is no State ESP of the Year Program)

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee: John Jones

Home Address: 1012 Pretty Drive

City: Jollyville State: Great State Zip Code: 333

Mobile Phone: 222-444-9090 Alternate Phone: _____

E-mail: cleanschoolsrock@email.com

Job Title: Head Custodian

NEA Career Family (check all that apply)

*Descriptions can be found at www.nea.org/assets/docs/WhoWeAreESP.pdf

Clerical Services

Health/Student Services

Custodial/Maintenance

Paraeducators

Technical Services

Food Services

Security Services

Transportation Services

School/Worksite: Green Middle School District/University: Highland Public Schools

Work Address: 4444 Lovely Blvd.

City: Birdseye State: GS Zip Code: 33544

Work Phone: 222-440-8888 (ext. 34) Work E-mail: jjones@highland.k12.gs.us

Number of Years as NEA Member 12

STATE AFFILIATE NAME

Great State Education Association

LOCAL AFFILIATE NAME

Landmark Education Association

Data Sheet

- *1-page maximum*
- *Must use form provided*
- *12-point font*
- *Handwritten data sheets not accepted*
- *Page numbering begins with this page labeled as "Page 1"*
- *Scoring/Criteria: The Data Sheet is not scored.*

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STATE AFFILIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Great State Education Association
Affiliate Name

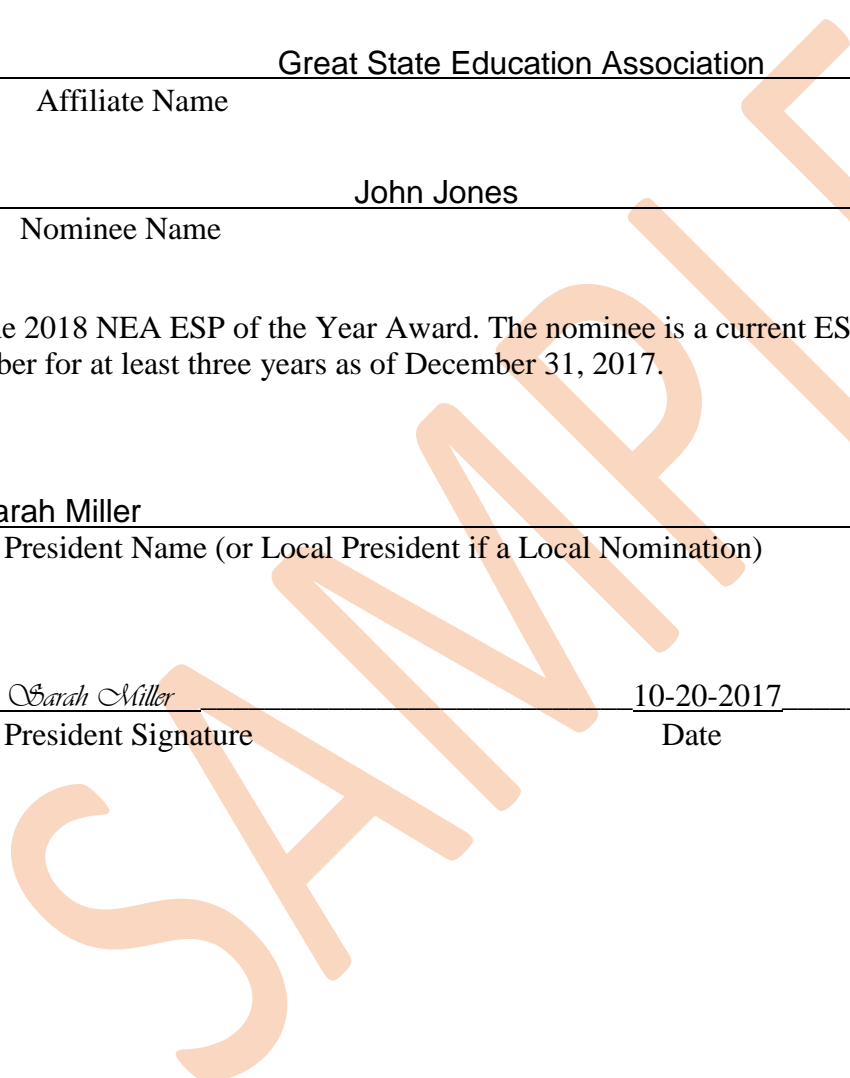
John Jones
Nominee Name

for the 2018 NEA ESP of the Year Award. The nominee is a current ESP member for at least three years as of December 31, 2017.

Sarah Miller
State President Name (or Local President if a Local Nomination)

Sarah Miller 10-20-2017
State President Signature Date

- State Affiliate Acknowledgment Form**
- *1-page maximum*
 - *Must use form provided*
 - *12-point font*
 - *Handwritten forms not accepted*
 - *Page numbering continues with this page labeled as "Page 2"*
 - *Must be signed by the affiliate president*
 - *Scoring/Criteria: The Acknowledgment Form is not scored.*



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Dear NEA ESP of the Year Award Selection Committee,

I am excited to be nominated for the 2018 NEA National ESP

Professional Practice:

I take immense pride in my career and have a passion for making a difference in the lives of students. I have been employed with Highland Park Public Schools as a custodian. I worked my way from night custodian to the position of lead custodian, an accomplishment that I take great pride in every day. Each morning, I arrive an hour before I am scheduled to arrive to ensure that the building is clean and staff. I was honored to receive the "Great State Award for Professional Practice: Safety Strategies" from the Great State Department of Education for my work to lead an afterschool program for students interested in pursuing a career in custodial/maintenance. Once a week, I mentor and tutor a group of students and discuss opportunities in the field, education goals, and to provide them with and training on a variety of topics related to the field including proper use of storage, safe cleaning and disinfecting, and more. My favorite part of the day is graduation. Watching my students walk across the stage is gratifying and emotional for me. It is the final chapter in my goal to impact student success. I will always apply my professional skills and knowledge to better equip students for whatever career or trade they pursue.

Nominee Statement

- *Each criterion area must be clearly labeled with the corresponding criterion heading*
- *5-pages maximum*
- *Double-spaced*
- *12-point font*
- *1-inch margin all sides*
- *Handwritten letters not accepted*
- *Page numbering continues*
- *Criteria: Must give examples of achievement in each of the five criterion areas (Professional Practice, Member Advocacy/Association Involvement, Community Engagement, Personal Achievement, Enhancement of ESP Image)*
- *Must give examples of how the nominee goes above and beyond the roles and responsibilities of his/her job description*
- *Scoring: This section is scored for a maximum of 25 points.*

Member Advocacy and Association Involvement:

As the son of a career bus driver and teacher, I have always believed in the power of collective bargaining and the importance of unions. I have been a member of the Landmark Education Association (LEA) since I started working for Highland Public Schools in 2005. I am active at the local, state and national affiliate levels. As the Vice-President of my local, I make it a personal mission to engage existing and potential members. I provide training and support for newly forming ESP groups in other locals at their request. At the state level, I have provided training at our statewide ESP Conference on topics such as mentoring, organizing, indoor environmental quality, and team building. At the national level, I have served on numerous workgroups such as NEA's Professional Growth Continuum workgroup, the Anti-privatization workgroup and Social and Racial Justice committee. I am also excited to have been a member of NEA's ESP Careers Strategic Board Committee for the last two years. Using my knowledge and passion for employee rights, I hope to continue to inspire education professionals to become members and to become actively involved in their association.

Community Engagement:

I am fortunate to live and work in the community in which I grew up. For the last three years, I have served on a committee that works with local civic leaders to administer, select, and honor the recipients of a local Educator of the Year award. One of my most proud achievements involves the mentorship of young people in my community. I have been active in the local Boys and Girls Club for five years and started holding monthly

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support meetings at the local library for a group of students who struggled with what they wanted to do after graduation. It has been rewarding to see some of these young men and women find a renewed sense of determination to continue working hard to better their futures. I proudly watched last year's entire group walk across the stage to receive their diploma.

Personal Achievement:

One of my personal goals is deep rooted in community. I truly believe in employee rights and public education, and feel deeply that we are each responsible for our community and the people in our neighborhoods. I strive to be a positive role model for my students, their parents, and anyone else whose life I touch. I created the "Community Together" forum, which allows for monthly discussions that provide community members with an in-person opportunity to discuss issues and address concerns. I have worked with local businesses to secure locations for the meetings. We recently took the forum to social media and created a Facebook and Twitter account for the group. We continue to build capacity and strengthen our relationships with other community stakeholders. Recently, Mayor Chamberlain wrote a piece in an op-ed column about our goals and accomplishments. The forum has benefited students, members, and the larger community in several ways. As President Miller mentioned, I successfully advocated for the adoption of an IPM program in my district. I was able to bring my concerns to the forum and increase support for the cause. Over 75% of forum members attended the school board meeting that covered the IPM proposal. I truly

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believe that education and community go hand-in-hand and the “Community Together” forum is one avenue through which we can come together and achieve greatness.

One piece of advice that I have for a colleague entering the profession is, “Never allow someone to tell you that you are ‘just an ESP.’ Believe in yourself, your union, and your passion for student success.”

Enhancement of ESP Image:

I have worked tirelessly to elevate ESP careers in my school and district. I am truly passionate about educating others on the important role that all ESP play in student success and meeting the needs of the whole student. It is critical that ESP believe in themselves. Last year, after an association meeting where several leaders shared that they are sensing low morale from ESP, we decided to start the “Not Just an ESP” campaign. As chair of the committee, I worked with other passionate members in my local to develop the campaign’s goals and objectives. We identified a series of roundtable discussions to be held at our local library and other events aimed at educating the larger school community on ESP careers. Recently, we staffed a table at a local grocery store where we handed out brochures on the nine career families. I spoke about the campaign at a PTA meeting and we received a standing ovation from those in the audience.

I am truly honored and appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this award.

John Jones

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JOHN JONES

1012 Pretty Drive, Jollyville, GS 33333 | cleanschoolsrod

HEAD CUSTODIAN

Safety-conscious, loyal and hardworking head custodian with a reputation for thoroughness in cleaning and maintaining. Respected by administrators, staff and students—known for personable demeanor.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2008 – Present

Head Custodian, Highland Public Schools – Green Middle School

- Supervise cleaning of building and assures a clean environment for students, staff, and guests
- Maintain interior and exterior of building
- Schedule custodians accordingly
- Schedule and coordinate facility use of building
- Maintain monthly payroll
- Responsible for facility use billing
- Answers emergency situations day or night
- Assist students in need
- Leads school health and safety meetings

January 2005 – January 2008

Custodian, Highland Public Schools – Green Middle School

SCHOOL & ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

2016 – Present – Vice-President, LEA

2016 – Present – NEA Board of Directors

2016 – Present – Green Middle School Health and Safety Committee

2015 – Present – At-large Member, GSEA Board of Directors

2014 – Present – Joint Labor-Management Team

HONORS/AWARDS

Boys & Girls Club Friend of Education, 2016

Great State Award for Innovative Health and Safety Strategies, 2014

EDUCATION & TRAINING

2003 – 2005: Certificates – Forklift Operator, Gym Floor Resurfacing, Low Pressure Boilers

2001 – 2003: Tall Sky Community College, Associate Degree, HVACR

2001: Blue High School

Résumé

- *1-page maximum*
- *12-point font*
- *1-inch margin on all sides*
- *Handwritten résumés not accepted*
- *Page numbering continues*
- *Criteria/Scoring: The Committee will review and score the Nominee Statement, Résumé, and Letters of Endorsement for up to 5 points per criterion (Professional Practice, Member Advocacy/Association Involvement, Community Engagement, Personal Achievement, Enhancement of ESP Image) for a combined maximum of 25 points.*
- *Further demonstrates the nominee’s achievements in each of the 5 criterion areas*

Dear NEA ESP of the Year Award Selection Committee

It is an especially rewarding experience for a UniServ director to get to watch that person grow, develop, and achieve beyond what I thought possible. My relationship with John has provided me that rare and special opportunity to witness his growth.

John was on the interview team that selected me to be the UniServ director. We have worked more and more closely together over the years and our shared passions have blossomed into a wonderful friendship. Even the toughest challenges of John has been no obstacle at all. He thrives on pushing himself to do what that no one thought possible. In his achievements, he is honored with recognition with teammates and colleagues. John's application for the award is a testament to many of his personal and professional achievements that he has achieved in the direction, and share a lighter moment. Our city has an annual parade. When John was a member of the public relations committee, he was the entry in the parade. The committee thought it would be fun to have John. John organized a work group, took over the UniServ committee for the head and plastic tablecloths with miles of duct tape. The dragon was fifty feet long and was carried on hula-hoops. John loved the dragon and watch for it every year! John is an excellent leader. Those recommending him for this honor.

Sincerely,

Tamara Jones

UniServ Director, Great State Education Association

Letters of Recommendation

- ***3 letters must be included***
- ***2-page maximum for each letter***
- ***Handwritten letters will not be accepted***
- ***Double-spaced***
- ***12-point font***
- ***1 inch margin on all sides***
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- ***Must answer, "Why does this nominee deserve the 2018 NEA ESP of the Year Award?" through examples of accomplishments related to the 5 criterion***
- ***Must give examples of how the nominee goes above and beyond the roles and responsibilities of his/her job description***

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PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Promotional Photo

- ***One high-resolution digital headshot***
- ***Should be 1200 x 1200 pixels or 1.4Mb in size and 240-300 dpi (jpg, tif, or eps file)***
- ***Will not be reviewed by Selection Committee***
- ***Does not count towards the 14-page maximum***
- ***Must be received 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, December 8, 2017***
- ***Scoring/Criteria: The promotional photo is not scored.***

