

MARK JEWELL

Candidate for NEA Executive Committee · 336-324-1819

markjewellteach@gmail.com ·

Dear NCHE Member:

Since the day I entered college at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, I have appreciated all who work in our institutions of higher education. That experience changed the trajectory of my life, and I want everyone to have that educational experience. As your partner on the NEA Executive Committee, you can be assured that I will continue be your champion. These are some of my commitments to you:

1. **INCLUSION:** The voice of NCHE members must be represented at all levels of the association. At NEA, I will continue to assure representation wherever decision-making bodies are gathering for policy or program. As a long-term local president in Guilford County, home of 6 higher education institutions, past state president in North Carolina, and a member of the NEA Executive Committee, I know the value of including the voice and power of our colleges and universities for legislative, legal, and academic and civil rights action. I will continue to see that NEA is inclusive of this partnership in local and state projects also.
2. **STRENGTHENING FEDERAL ADVOCACY:** I will continue to see that NEA builds a powerful lobbying effort with our higher education friends across the country. Americans are ready for a fight for accessibility and affordability, let's give it to them.
3. **MORE MEMBERS:** I will continue to work on our strategic planning to recruit and retain our higher education members. We know membership organizing has to be a multiple year adventure with a commitment of staff and financial resources. NEA has exemplars in bargaining and non- bargaining campuses to showcase and become models for others. Let's not waste our new wave of public support for unionizing.
4. **ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE COLLEGE FOR ALL WHO WANT IT:** Local, State, and Federal governments will have to invest in two year and four year colleges for all with the understanding that costs may be more than tuition as well as reducing college debt for those who have completed that journey. NEA will continue to be a leader in preparing affiliates to be advocates without allowing politicians to divide us on funding priorities.

It has been an honor to work with NCHE as a member of the NEA Executive Committee. I look forward to our continued partnership. You can always count on me to be accessible, responsive, and an advocate for your members. Thank you for reading my information, and please contact me for any additional clarity.

Forward,

Mark Jewell