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A Letter from the NOSS Board November 2019

NOSS exists to assist education professionals in making a positive difference in the lives of students.



With a heavy heart, we share that Vickie Kelly, former NADE Vice-President, passed away on November 2, 2019. Vickie was a long-time member of the organization serving in several roles. She was a dedicated educator for students in Louisiana and Mississippi for over fifty years. “Vickie LOVED NADE. She worked tirelessly to advance the organization and to support its mission. Vickie knew how to make those around her feel valued and accepted. One of my favorite memories of Vickie is traveling in the opposite direction of our destination, talking and solving issues. Yes, with Vickie you could be lost and still be productive,” stated Joyce Brasfield Adams. Annette Cook, NOSS Executive Board member, shared, “Vickie is the reason I am in leadership with this organization. We had a ‘Mississippi connection’ and she kept nudging me to serve in a leadership role. I visited her developmental program at Hinds Community College. She was also Vice-President of NADE at the first

national conference I attended. She and I had many great conversations, the most recent one earlier this year. She was very encouraging about the new direction we are taking with NOSS. She missed the conference in Atlanta because she and Tom were on a trip for their 50th wedding anniversary. She called to talk and wanted more details about the new name. My heart is saddened to hear that she is gone.” Long-time friend, Dessie Williams, stated, “Vicky wrote personalized, handwritten letters to EVERY student she taught. Her office was Grand Central Station, ALWAYS filled with students she empowered from under-preparedness to excellence.” Please remember Vickie’s family and friends during this time. We have lost a true champion for students.

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