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Keren Morrell-Kiernan Named Kelly Educational Staffing® National Substitute Teacher of the Year

Vancleave, Mississippi resident selected from more than 30,000 substitute teachers across the U.S.

TROY, Mich. (May 6, 2014) – Kelly Educational Staffing (KES®), a specialty service of Kelly Services®, is pleased to announce during **National Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9, 2014** that **Keren Morrell-Kiernan** was named as the company's national Substitute Teacher of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Morrell-Kiernan's recognition is based on her outstanding performance and exemplary service as a substitute teacher in the Pascagoula School District in Mississippi.

Ms. Morrell-Kiernan was first named the KES Substitute Teacher of the Year for the state of Mississippi after being nominated unanimously by students and teachers. In April, she was honored as the national KES Substitute Teacher of the Year at a **surprise ceremony** in front of students, administrators, her family, and leadership from Kelly Corporate headquarters, at Lake Elementary School in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Ms. Morrell-Kiernan received a \$1,150 bonus check from Kelly and a memorial scrapbook filled with the hand-written nominations from third grade students. In addition, Kelly also presented Mrs. Morrell-Kiernan with an additional \$1,000 to donate to the school.

Ms. Morrell-Kiernan, a resident of Vancleave, Mississippi, has been a long-term KES substitute teacher for five years and has spent a good portion of her life devoted to children. After the loss of her daughter in 2007, Ms. Morrell-Kiernan established a foundation in her honor called "Shae's Place," where students can go after school to do homework in a safe environment.

As a KES substitute teacher, Ms. Morrell-Kiernan has taught all grade levels and subjects at several schools in the Pascagoula School District, as well as teaching special education students.

"The most rewarding part of being a substitute teacher for me is meeting different students, encouraging them to do their best, and helping them to achieve their goals," said Ms. Morrell-Kiernan. "I am so pleased when I encounter a student I've taught before who is ready to graduate!"

"Keren is a special person who exemplifies the type of substitute teacher we strive to provide to our client-schools. The encouragement, positive attitude and caring nature she brings to the classroom enables students to do their best," said Nicola Soares, vice president for Kelly Educational Staffing. "We are honored to have Keren represent Kelly Educational Staffing on our behalf."

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Each year, as part of a long-standing tradition and an integral component in demonstrating how KES values employees, field managers have the opportunity to nominate substitute teachers for a state-level Substitute Teacher of the Year award. Nominations are based on performance, feedback and recommendations from permanent teachers and school administrators at the schools where the substitute teachers have been assigned. **Winners of the state-level Substitute Teacher of the Year award** are then eligible for the national Substitute Teacher of the Year award.

National Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week, also known as SubWeek, is five days dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of wonderful individuals that fill in for permanent teachers everyday in the United States. This week is meant to be celebrated in conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Week. The dates consist of the first full week in May.

About Kelly Educational Staffing

Kelly Educational Staffing® (KES®) is a specialty service of Kelly Services, Inc, a leader in workforce solutions and the first staffing provider to develop a comprehensive education talent management solution. Launched in 1997, KES partners with 4,200+ public and private schools across 35 states and has a national classroom placement (fill) rate greater than 98 percent. KES provides schools with quality substitute teacher staffing and management. In addition, KES offers after school program staffing, and the staffing of non-instructional positions such as custodians, cafeteria employees, administrative assistants, and school nurses. More than 1.1 million classrooms are filled by a KES substitute teacher each year. Visit www.kellyeducationalstaffing.com for more information.

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