Kenya Johns, LPC, NCC, CAADC, CCTP, serves as a counselor and program supervisor at a non-profit agency in western Pennsylvania. Kenya is currently a doctoral candidate working towards the completion of her doctoral dissertation at Duquesne University. Kenya is licensed in Pennsylvania as a Professional Counselor (LPC). Kenya is a National Certified Counselor (NCC), Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC), and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP). Kenya has a diverse set of leadership positions in the counseling profession and in professional development, including her experience interning in a K-12 school, crisis work, professional development, mentoring, program development and private consultation. Kenya has international experience collaborating and teaching while in Madrid, Spain.

Kenya has taught throughout Pennsylvania with a diverse set of students, colleagues and environments. Kenya has taught several courses including, but not limited to, career counseling, multicultural, practicum and internship, group, intro into counseling and counseling skills. Kenya currently serves as PCA’s professional development chair, is a member of PCA’s Anti-Racism Taskforce and has previously volunteered at the PCA conferences. Kenya currently serves as a Graduate Mentorship co-chair for the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES). Kenya currently works with various organizations throughout the United States of America that work towards creating and sustaining anti-racism policies and strategies. Kenya is a professional speaker and trainer. Kenya has a strong research agenda in wellness, mentorship, diversity and trauma.

When asked why she wanted to be PCA’s next president, Kenya responded by saying:

“For the last few years, I have developed an interest in PCA and the counseling profession overall. I have dedicated my time volunteering to various counseling organizations to gain a better understanding of the needs of our members that are active and our members that are not. These opportunities networking and volunteering has provided me with a sense of pride and commitment to not only enhancing the amazing opportunities with PCA, but also finding ways to bridge the gaps between those that feel represented as counselors and those that do not.

This year PCA took a bold stance in the face of diversity and inclusion. Moving forward, PCA will need to select a strong, confident leader that is ready for the hard tasks that we plan to face. I have spent time creating programming, networking with state and local officials regarding policy and change directly represented in diversity. I have experience in research and education regarding addressing the needs of diversity moving forward. Most importantly, I have been connecting with counselors across the state to get their opinions, their ideas, addressing their concerns. As a PCA president, I will continue to take a hands-on approach and connect to all the counselors across the state. I believe that my ability to recruit and establish effective collaborations will not only enhance the profession under my term, but for all of the future terms.”