



# PASCD Newsletter



**“Educators impacting teaching and learning through leadership”**

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## President’s Message



At the PASCD conference, I had the pleasure of working with the first PASCD Emerging Leader Class. What an impressive group of educators! The diverse group, chosen for their

outstanding commitment to education, is comprised of classroom teachers, principals, reading specialists and curriculum directors. Their resumes are impressive. The group was more impressive in person! What passion and commitment they share for educating children.

The PASCD Emerging Leader program is designed to develop the leadership capacity of participants. Over the next two years, the group will meet virtually and face-to-face becoming a PLN—professional learning network—for the members. Currently, each is developing an action plan for professional growth. They also will become more involved in PASCD in various ways—social media, writing for our newsletter and journal, involvement in regional activities, and advocacy. Look for an Emerging Leader strand at the 2015 PASCD Conference.

Through small group sessions, Emerging Leaders will share their experiences and expertise.

I would like to personally thank four **amazing** ladies for their tireless work in developing and launching this program. ASCD Emerging Leaders Krista Rundell, Class of 2012 and from the Class of 2013, Brianna Crowley, Bekci Kelly, and Allison Rodman. Together, these ladies shaped the EL program, developed the application process, served on the selection committee, and coordinated the first meeting of the group. Over the next two years, these ladies will mentor and lead the PASCD Emerging Leader Class. Their commitment to personal and professional growth is inspiring.

Keep your eye on this outstanding group of ASCD and PASCD Emerging Leaders. They are bound to impress us over the next two years!

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Dr. Lori J. Stollar

PASCD President

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## Introducing PASCD's New President-Elect!



The PASCD Presidential election was held this fall, followed by an announcement of our new President at the Annual Conference Membership Meeting in Hershey, PA.

Congratulations to Dr. Jeff Taylor, who has been elected as the new President of PASCD! Dr. Taylor is the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment and Special Programs in the North Hills School District. He will serve as President-elect from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. He will then serve a two year term as President beginning on July 1, 2016.

Dr. Taylor has been an active member of PASCD for over 14 years and is currently serving on the Executive Board as the Technology and Communications Coordinator. He has played an integral role in developing and instructing the PASCD Online Curriculum Leadership Academy. He also serves as a Western Region PASCD Executive Board member, PASCD Conference Committee member, and is currently the Technology Committee Chair.

Jeff's vision for PASCD is for us to be seen as the "go to" organization in Pennsylvania for curriculum and supervision. He believes that, "PASCD must be an organization committed to the improvement of curriculum development, supervision, instruction, the promotion of professional growth, and the education of children. As a state affiliate of ASCD, our organization must continue to promote quality leadership by providing timely programs and services to our membership."

Congratulations, Jeff! PASCD looks forward to the future with you as the President-Elect!

## PASCD Award Winners



The Annual Awards Program was held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at the PASCD Conference in Hershey, PA. The program honors PASCD members whose contributions to the organization or education profession deserve special recognition.

### Robert V. Flynn Memorial Distinguished Service Award

The award was presented to a PASCD member who has demonstrated a commitment to serving and enriching the organization. The recipient has been recognized as a long-term supporter of service to PASCD, involvement in PASCD programs and projects, and service to the membership.

Dr. Robert Williams, a dedicated member of PASCD for 14 years and Principal at the Hepburn-Lycoming Elementary School in the Williamsport Area School District, was the recipient of the Robert V. Flynn Memorial Distinguished Service Award. He is currently the PASCD Supervision Committee Chair and an instructor for the supervision academies across the state. He has been actively involved with the supervision committee, supervision academy, and has been a participant in the ASCD National L2L conference in Washington, D.C. Robert was also instrumental in leading the Williamsport Area School District to be the recipient of

the PASCD Exemplary Supervision and Evaluation Award (Blue Ribbon Award) in 2009. He has presented at PASCD Annual Conferences over the years, and serves as an advisor to PDE on behalf of PASCD on the Teacher and Principal Effectiveness Evaluation Models.

Dr. Williams' has made a tremendous impact on PASCD by working hard to make it a better organization and impact state-wide educators by promoting excellent education for the whole child while providing supports for educators at all levels in all curricular areas.

### Supervision and Curriculum Development Award

The award was presented to a PASCD member who has made a significant contribution in the area of supervision and/or curriculum development. The recipient has shown involvement and leadership in professional activities, programs or projects that have positively impacted schools and students. This award was presented to Dr. Michael Loughhead, Assistant Superintendent of South Fayette School District. Dr. Loughhead is an accomplished educational leader with extensive experience in the development and implementation of innovative initiatives integral to excellence-driven educational programs. He is an experienced leader with expertise in visionary school leadership, with proven expertise in implementing novel programs. He is responsible for the direction and supervision of all academic programs in the areas of curriculum, assessment, teacher evaluation and instructional/information technology. Dr. Loughhead is leading his district in a major innovative curriculum initiative in STEAM programming which includes computational thinking. He is also responsible for leading principals in a novel technology-based teacher evaluation system aligned with PDE requirements.

### Outstanding Research and Publication Award

The recipient of the award was a PASCD member who has researched and published within the past two years. The winner submitted his publication to the committee, which was reviewed on the basis of design, conceptual framework, format, and publication.

The award was presented to Dr. Lou Angelo, Associate High School Principal at Upper Saint Clair School District. The title of his dissertation publication is, "A Program Evaluation: Assessing the Implementation Fidelity of a High School Student Leadership Academy's Curriculum and Evaluating Demonstrated Learner Outcomes for Alignment with the NASSET Youth Development and Leadership Standards." The purpose of his study was to conduct a program evaluation of a high school student leadership academy to compare participants' learning outcomes to the NASET youth development and leadership standards. Results evident from the data collection, analysis, and triangulation indicated that participants experienced personal growth and development as well as leadership growth and development and achieved the NASET youth development and leadership standards.

Dr. Angelo earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management through Drexel University. He is planning to present the research to an international community at the Hawaii International Conference on Education.

### Outstanding Young Educator (OYE) Award

This award is presented to an emerging educational leader, 39 years of age or younger, who demonstrated exemplary commitment and exceptional contribution to the profession. The recipient has proven to have made a large impact on students, demonstrate creativity, innovation, and leadership within their district.

Dr. Timothy Wagner, Middle School Language Arts Curriculum Leader at Upper Saint Clair School District, is

PASCD's Outstanding Young Educator. He has demonstrated a commitment to the education of the whole child by ensuring that students learn about and practice healthy lifestyles, providing an intellectually challenging environment that is physically and emotionally safe, actively and consistently engaging students in their own learning and helping them feel connected to the school and broader community, creating an environment where student have access to personalized learning, and working with staff, parents, and community stakeholders to help students develop the skills and attitudes that will ultimately prepare them for college, further study, and employment in the global market.

*Congratulations to all of the PASCD 2014 award winners!*

## 64<sup>th</sup> PASCD Annual Conference Update

Bryan O'Black, Ed.D.  
2014 PASCD Conference Chair

I would like to thank all of our members who attended the 64th Annual PASCD Conference in Hershey, PA late last month. The conference proved to be a great success and allowed for over 200 attendees to engage in high quality professional development. Our conference theme this year "Leading an Innovative Culture for Learning" was brought alive in over 60 small group sessions, hot topic sessions, award winners, scholarship recipients, and our general session speakers. As we go back to our classrooms, schools and districts I encourage you to think critically about how we change the culture of learning in our schools in order to create engaging and innovative learning spaces. Please share out with your teachers and administrative teams the knowledge and information that you were able to gather throughout the conference.

It truly has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Annual Conference Chair for the past two years. I wish to thank the Executive Board, Conference Committee, Sponsors, Vendors, and you our PASCD members for making this conference an

exceptional experience for educators throughout Pennsylvania. We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh, PA from November 15-17, 2015 for our 65th Annual Conference.

## PASCD 2014 Emerging Leaders

Nicole Avon, Mars Area School District, Physics Teacher

Melanie Berlin, Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary, Kindergarten Teacher

Kristen Craig, Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School, English Curriculum Coordinator, K-8 and Reading Specialist

Christian Ehrhart, Spring Grove Area School District, Teacher

Christine Fleming-Hirshka, Hatboro Horsham School District, Gifted Support Specialist

James Gallagher, Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Colleen Hinrichsen, Mars Area School District, Elementary Teacher

Lisa Hoffman, Quakertown Community School District, Supervisor of Curriculum and Professional Development

Rebecca Hoffmann, Mars Area School District, English Teacher

Megan Howard, Girard School District, Elementary Teacher

Concetta Lupo, Wissahickon School District, Elementary Principal

Jessica Shupik, Bensalem Township School District, Curriculum Coordinator and English Teacher

Jennifer Ward, Haverford Township School District, English Teacher

Geri Capreri Wilkocz, Souderton School District, Teacher/Literacy Specialist

Felix Yerace, South Fayette Township School District, Teacher

