

PASCD Newsletter



“Educators impacting teaching and learning through leadership”

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President’s Message

As the PASCD president, I had the pleasure of attending ASCD’s Empower ’17 ~ the ASCD Annual Conference in Anaheim, California from March 25th to 27th. This year’s conference was especially interesting as ASCD has reinvented their annual conference.



Education is evolving; so should education conferences.

We are preparing students for a rapidly changing workplace. In order to deliver innovative instruction, we need professional learning that’s forward-focused, targeted, and personalized to our specific needs and areas of interest.

We need professional learning that addresses the whole child.

Because research, practice, and common sense confirm that a whole child approach best develops and prepares students—ensuring that every child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged.

We need professional learning that’s as innovative and effective as the instruction we deliver to our kids. We need to be empowered!

This year’s ASCD conference connected educators with the resources, knowledge, and community to implement a whole child approach. Through the conference’s learning paths, educators directed their own professional learning—receiving exactly what they needed to empower their schools and students.

ASCD Empower17, a conference redesigned by educators, for educators, provided the expertise and formats needed to develop sustainable and practical plans of action that solve problems of practice. From learning sessions to interactive panel discussions, educators discovered learning

opportunities suited to his or her individual style and content supporting the whole child.

Dr. Jeff Taylor, PASCD President

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67th ANNUAL PASCD CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

PASCD is pleased to announce the 67th Annual PASCD Conference. *Sparking Innovation 2017* will take place November 11-13, 2017 in Harrisburg, PA at the Best Western Premier Central Hotel and Conference Center. This year’s conference has a STEM focus and will highlight the innovations students and teachers are creating across the state. This conference will include a one-day pre-conference featuring Code.org certification and two full days of keynotes, action labs, small group sessions, and new,

exciting vendor interactions. New to this year is a STEM Playground that will showcase ten school districts located across Pennsylvania that are excelling in STEM programming. This playground will be an opportunity for educators, students, and educational partners to engage in dialogue to “spark” future innovation in K-12 schools throughout the commonwealth.

Sparking Innovation 2017 will feature three keynote speakers and two action labs. **Bena Kallick**, co-author of *Learning and Leading with Habits of Mind: 16 Essential Characteristics for Success*, will open our conference with a talk focused on *Students at the Center: Personalized Learning with Habits of Mind*, a discussion based upon her new book of the same title. In this keynote, Bena will define and describe personalized learning as a simple and powerful frame that allows students to thoughtfully engage with inquiry, generate ideas, and develop challenging yet achievable performance opportunities. She will demonstrate the importance for students to develop the Habits of Mind, a set of dispositions that are necessary for student to be more self-directed as they manage their own learning. There will be many examples of how this works. Dr. Kallick will also lead an action lab following her keynote address to continue this discussion focused on personalized learning.

Additional keynote speakers are **Lance Rougeux**, Vice-President of Learning Communities and Education Consultants at Discovery Education, and **Judd Pittman**, Special Consultant to the Secretary of Education on STEM at Pennsylvania Department of Education. Both Mr. Rougeux and Mr. Pittman will share insight regarding STEM

education. Mr. Pittman will also follow his keynote address with an action lab. Additional information regarding the conference is coming soon.

PASCD joins Eduplanet21 to “flip” Professional Development

“Change is inevitable. Growth is optional” -John Maxwell



PASCD is excited to introduce our new learning platform for online professional development. Eduplanet21 proudly call itself “a social learning tool that provides flipped professional development.” In working with Eduplanet21, we now have the ability to deliver training that is personalized to your needs.

No longer does mass, one size fits all, sit and listen professional development have to be the status quo. We are changing our professional development offerings to meet the needs of our busy members. You will have choice and voice to access learning opportunities that are face to face with high-level discussions, blended learning experiences, or flipped and online learning delivered anywhere anytime. This professional development is aimed to meet you where you are and at a time that works for you. We will feature various technologies integrated into our Eduplanet21 system that provide authentic engagement and job-embedded instructional coaching.

Our first pathway will be available at the beginning of March for our Online Curriculum Academy.

PA Educational Leadership Summit



July 23-25, 2017
Blair County Convention Center
Altoona, PA

The PA Educational Leadership Summit sponsored by PASCD, PAMLE, PASA, and PPA will be held July 23-25, 2017.

Featured Keynoters:

As Director of Innovation for Future Ready Schools, a project of the Alliance for Excellent Education, **TOM MURRAY** works with Congress, the White House, the U.S. Department of Education, state departments of education, corporations and school districts across the country to implement student-centered, personalized learning, while helping to lead Future Ready Schools and Digital Learning Day. As a former school principal and teacher, Murray’s experiences in K–12 digital leadership, which include implementing a 1:1 program, BYOD, blended learning, and a K–12 cyber school where he served as the director of technology and cyber education for the Quakertown Community School District in Bucks County have been recognized nationally.

KRISTEN SWANSON, Director of Learning at Slack, is one of the founding members of the Edcamp movement and a current member of the Edcamp Foundation Board. At BrightBytes she is responsible for all of the professional learning, impacting 10 million students across the globe. Kristen has taught at the elementary level, served as a regional consultant for Response to Intervention, worked as an educational technology director for a public school district in Pennsylvania, and developed curriculum alongside Dr. Grant Wiggins of Understanding by Design. Kristen is a prolific author and blogger and is passionate about sharing the organic learning message.

For program and registration information:
<http://bit.ly/2lhdC8C>

PASCD Scholarship Information

2017-2018 PASCD Scholarship Award Applications Open

We are pleased to announce the PASCD Scholarship Award Applications are now open.

Two Scholarship Awards are available:

- One - \$2000 scholarship
- One - \$3000 Mary Ravita Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: All information should be received by **11:59 PM on April 30th, 2017** to the following email address: PASCDscholarship@gmail.com. ALL information should be sent in ONE PDF document with the student's first name initial, last name and current college (Ex. F. Yerace Bloomsburg).

Eligibility Requirements: Student must be a PA resident, enrolled as full-time in an education major and be in their second, third, or fourth year of study at a college/university located in Pennsylvania. A student's fifth year of study, for purposes of earning teacher certification, will be accepted.

Scholarship Documents:

- [2017-2018 Scholarship Application.docx](#)
- [2017-2018 Scholarship Information.docx](#)

For more information, please contact:

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PASCD 2016 Emerging Leader Class

PASCD 2016 Emerging Leader Class includes:

Lauryn Antimary, Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3, PreK Teacher

David Beard, Solanco School District, Middle School Assistant Principal

Martha Dominick, Southern Tioga, Elementary Teacher

Susan Ericson, Downingtown Area School District, Elementary Teacher

Patricia Fawcett, PA Cyber Charter School, Director Elementary Curriculum

Dr. Jennifer Fisler, Messiah College, Director of Teacher Education

Jaime LaForgia, Discovery Education, Director of Professional Development

Ed Luckey, Wilson School District, Middle School Music Teacher

Dr. Ryan McFadden, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, Coordinator Online Education

Stephan Pron, Boyertown Area School District, Elementary Principal

Ashlie Rittle, Littlestown Area School District, Elementary Teacher

Tamara Stavenski-Bennick, Parkland School District, High School Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction

Nicole Stulak, Downingtown Area School District, Instructional Coach

Dr. Timothy Wagner, Upper St. Clair School District, Associate Principal for Program Planning and Innovation

We thank Eduplanet21, a professional learning and curriculum development company based in Mechanicsburg, PA, for partnering with us to support the 2016 PASCD Emerging Leader Class.