

2015



National Distinguished Principals





NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPALS PROGRAM, 2015

NAESP is pleased to feature the 2015 National Distinguished Principals (NDPs), individuals who exemplify the highest attributes of the elementary and middle-level principalship and who demonstrate significant career accomplishments; dedication to education; exemplary leadership; high standards for instruction and student achievement; and lasting contributions to their entire school communities.

This prestigious program, established in 1984, promotes and celebrates excellence in educational leadership for pre-K-8 education, and it highlights the fundamental importance of elementary and middle-level principals as primary catalysts for creating a lasting foundation for learning, driving school and student performance, and for shaping the long-term impact of school improvement. The program is conducted by NAESP in corporate partnership with VALIC, a financial services company specializing in retirement programs.

Each class of NDPs includes principals who lead elementary and middle-level schools in both the public and private sectors and the U.S. Department of State American Overseas Schools. The individuals representing public schools are initially nominated by their peers and colleagues in their home state. Final selections are made by executives and volunteer leaders of NAESP's state-affiliated associations. Special committees select principals from among those nominated by private education associations and from the schools affiliated with the U.S. Department of State American Overseas Schools.

Nomination and selection criteria, established by NAESP, require, among other factors, that the NDP candidate is a practicing principal of a school that (1) is clearly committed to excellence; (2) has programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students; and (3) has firm ties to parents and the school community. Candidates must show evidence of outstanding contributions to the community and the education profession. Visit www.naesp.org for additional details.

ABOUT NAESP

NAESP, founded in 1921, is a professional association serving elementary and middle school leaders in the United States, Canada, and internationally. It operates through a network of affiliated associations.

Representing Public Schools



Laurie K. King
Crestline Elementary School
Mountain Brook City Schools
Mountain Brook, Alabama



Anita A. Stevens
Chinook Elementary School
Anchorage School District
Anchorage, Alaska



Christopher R. Barnes
Corte Sierra Elementary School
Litchfield Elementary School District
Avondale, Arizona



Melissa L. Fink
Jones Elementary School
Springdale School District
Springdale, Arkansas



Dion J. Stevens
Southside Middle School
Southside School District
Batesville, Arkansas



Lisa D. Gonzales-Solomon
Lowell Elementary School
Santa Ana Unified School District
Santa Ana, California



Jennifer Passchier
Crawford Elementary School
Aurora Public Schools
Aurora, Colorado



Alicia M. Bowman
West Woods Upper Elementary
School
Farmington Public Schools
Farmington, Connecticut



Charlynn J. Hopkins
John M. Clayton Elementary School
Indian River School District
Frankford, Delaware



Angela Murphy-Osborne
Palmetto Elementary School
Orange County Public Schools
Orlando, Florida



Christi Hildebrand
Elm Street Elementary School
Coweta County School System
Newnan, Georgia



Melanie H. Sigler
Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle
School
Clarke County School District
Athens, Georgia



Malaea Wetzel

Haleiwa Elementary School
Central Oahu School District
Haleiwa, Hawaii



BJ DeAustin

Garwood Elementay School
Lakeland District #272
Rathdrum, Idaho



Marsha Jones

Lost Creek Elementary School
Vigo County School District
Terre Haute, Indiana



Julie J. Trepá

Paul Norton Elementary School
Bettendorf Community School
District
Bettendorf, Iowa



Kimberly G. Mitchell

Bonner Springs Elementary School
Unified School District 204
Bonner Springs, Kansas



Lynley D. Schroering

Luhr Elementary School
Jefferson County Public Schools
Louisville, Kentucky



Debbie Kay Fuller

Mansfield Elementary School
DeSoto Parish School System
Mansfield, Louisiana



Patrick Mackin

Slidell Junior High School
St. Tammany Parish School
District
Slidell, Louisiana



Tracy L. Williams

W.G. Mallett School
Mt. Blue Regional School District
(RSU 9)
Farmington, Maine



Carol E. Hahn

Bellows Spring Elementary School
Howard County Public School System
Ellicott City, Maryland



David N. Keim

Fred W. Miller Elementary School
Sam Placino Elementary School
Holliston School District
Holliston, Massachusetts



Jeremey Whan

Bemis Elementary School
Troy School District
Troy, Michigan



Mark French

Rice Lake Elementary School
Osseo Area Schools
Maple Grove, Minnesota



Kelli G. Brown

Petal Elementary School
Petal School District
Petal, Mississippi



Jasmine L. Briedwell

Lake Contrary Elementary
St. Joseph School District
St. Joseph, Missouri



WH Aaron Griffin
 Frenchtown Elementary School
 Frenchtown School District #40
 Frenchtown, Montana



JoAnne K. Roberts
 Grant Elementary School
 Lincoln Elementary School
 Norfolk Public Schools
 Norfolk, Nebraska



Anna M. Parrill
 Dr. Lewis F. Soule School
 Salem School District
 Salem, New Hampshire



Paula Southard-Stevens
 Charlestown Middle School
 Fall Mountain Regional School
 District
 Charlestown, New Hampshire



Emil Carafa, Jr.
 Washington Elementary School
 Lodi School District
 Lodi, New Jersey



Eloisa Solis
 Central Elementary School
 Las Cruces Public Schools
 Las Cruces, New Mexico



Charles A. Smilinch
 Colonial Village Elementary School
 Niagara Wheatfield Central School
 District
 Niagara Falls, New York



Steve M. Lassiter, Jr.
 Pactolus School
 Pitt County Schools
 Greenville, North Carolina



Lynn M. Wolf
 Sunrise Elementary School
 Bismarck Public Schools
 Bismarck, North Dakota



Glen L. Stacho
 Drake Elementary School
 Strongsville City School District
 Strongsville, Ohio



Donna Jo Boles
 Perkins-Tryon Intermediate
 School
 Perkins-Tryon Public Schools
 Perkins, Oklahoma



Scott W. Drue
 Aloha-Huber Park K-8 School
 Beaverton School District
 Beaverton, Oregon



Mary Beth Grove
 East York Elementary School
 York Suburban School District
 York, Pennsylvania



Louise K. Seitsinger
 Tiogue Elementary School
 Coventry Public Schools
 Coventry, Rhode Island



Claire D. Thompson

Lake Murray Elementary School
District Five of Lexington and
Richland Counties
Chapin, South Carolina



Brad L. Olinger

Flandreau Elementary School
Flandreau Public Schools
Flandreau, South Dakota



Robin M. Pinder

Homestead Elementary School
Cumberland County School
District
Crossville, Tennessee



Diane D. Gough

Hewitt Elementary School
Midway Independent School
District
Hewitt, Texas



Ross G. Lunceford

Lincoln Elementary School
Ogden School District
Ogden, Utah



Kristin A. Hubert

Northwest Primary School
Rutland City Public Schools
Rutland, Vermont



Pamela R. Johnson

Falling Creek Elementary
Chesterfield County Public
Schools
Richmond, Virginia



Taj R. Jensen

Tyee Park Elementary School
Clover Park School District
Lakewood, Washington



Elizabeth J. Moore

Pinch Elementary School
Kanawha County Schools
Elkview, West Virginia



Sandra Pelletier Mountain

Random Lake Elementary School
School District of Random Lake
Random Lake, Wisconsin



Brenda Creel

Alta Vista Elementary School
Laramie County School District #1
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Representing Private Schools



Kristin M. Olson
First Lutheran School
Evangelical Lutheran Education
Association
Torrance, California



Scott A. Schumacher
St. Peter's Lutheran School
Lutheran Schools of Indiana –
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana



Anne Reap
Trenton Catholic Academy Lower
School
Diocese of Trenton
Hamilton, New Jersey



Philip R. Riley, Jr.
Saint Monica Catholic School
Diocese of Dallas
Dallas, Texas



Mary Pat Schlickemaier
Saint Rita Catholic School
Diocese of Arlington
Alexandria, Virginia

Representing U.S. Department of State American Overseas Schools



Catarina Song Chen
Escola Americana de Belo Horizonte
(The American School of Belo Horizonte)
U.S. Department of State- Office of
Overseas Schools
Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil



Michael Schooler
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Addis Ababa
U.S. Department of State – Office of
Overseas Schools
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia