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The Report

Spring 2013

Upcoming Events

Gonzaga University and WSASCD present a Technology Institute "A New Learning Landscape"

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 or Wednesday, June 26, 2013

8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Globe Room, Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University, Spokane

Featuring Jeff Utecht, Educational Technology Consultant

Target Audience: classroom teachers, preservice teachers, school administrators

Description: This full day of fast-paced presentations and hands-on activities includes experience with collaborative web-based applications, and inspirational instructional strategies. Our keynote speaker, Jeff Utecht, will share his insights into the emergence of 'A New Learning Landscape' and what that means for our schools, our students, and communities.

Bring to Workshop: Participants should bring their own laptop equipped with Google Chrome or Firefox internet browsers. Laptops must have the ability to connect wirelessly.

Sponsored by Gonzaga University and Washington State ASCD. Supported by NEWESD 101, ESD 123, Federal Way Public Schools, Central Valley School District, Nine Mile Falls School District, Cheney Public Schools, and Spokane Public Schools

[Register](#)

WSASCD and Richland School District present the 4th Annual RTI-PLC Institute "Planting the Seeds for Our Children's Future"

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 20-21, 2013

7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Richland High School, Richland
 Fourteen (14) clock hours included in registration

This institute is perfect for schools and districts seeking an August professional development opportunity.

Target Audience: classroom teachers, school and district-level administrators, instructional coaches, mentors, teacher leaders, and professional developers.



The goals of this institute are to:

PRESENT information from school and district teams from across Washington State that utilizes concepts and practices relative to Professional Learning Communities and Response to Intervention. Strands relate to Assessment, Behavior/Social, Early Childhood/Parent Community, English Language Learners, Instruction, Literacy/Writing, Math/Science, Professional Learning Communities, Response to Intervention, Special Populations/High Needs Programs, and State/Federal Initiatives

INSPIRE institute participants to stay positive as they navigate change by networking with educators from around the state.

PROVIDE planning time with your team to begin or continue working together toward the implementation of strategies, programs, models and/or policies that increase student learning. Team time space can be reserved for teams of five or more.

Register



Washington Educators' Conference
Engagement: Shaping the Education World
 October 21-22, 2013
 Seattle Airport DoubleTree Hotel

The two-day event is a new collaboration between AWSP, OSPI, WASA and WSASCD. The conference is designed for all educators, ranging from the classroom to the boardroom. National and local speakers will cover the hot issues in Washington State education: Teacher/Principal Evaluation, Common Core, technology and Smarter Balanced. The conference also will feature dozens of concurrent sessions on timely topics.

Details about the conference, along with registration information, will be posted to the [Washington Educators' Conference page](#) as it becomes available.

Association News

WSASCD Awards Nominations due May 17

State Whole Child Awards

The 2013 Whole Child Awards nominations reflect the five tenets of the Whole Child Initiative. Awards will be given to schools that show evidence of ensuring ALL students are safe, healthy, engaged, supported, and/or challenged. Awards will be presented within the recipients' school district at a venue of their choice. Nomination forms are available on our website.

Cultivating Character Award

The Cultivating Character Award celebrates the accomplishments of a school which demonstrates effective implementation of a character education program based on the belief that the ethical, social and emotional development of children is as important as their academic achievement. The Cultivating Character Award will be presented at a venue within the recipient's school district. Nomination forms are available on our website.

Outstanding Young Educator Award (OYEA)

The Washington State ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award nominee is an education professional, 40 years of age or younger, who demonstrates exemplary commitment and exceptional contribution to the profession. The OYEA winner will receive a check for \$2,000, provided by a generous donation from McGraw Hill School Education Group, at the Washington Educators' Conference luncheon at the Seattle Airport DoubleTree Hotel on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Nomination forms are available on our website.

Thank you, Tim Nootenboon and Welcome, Ismael Vivanco

On behalf of WSASCD, we'd like to thank Mr. Tim Nootenboom, Executive Director, Learning and Teaching for Central Valley School District, who has served as president for the past two years. We are so fortunate that he will stay on the board, serving as past president for the coming year. Congratulations to Dr. Ismael Vivanco, who will serve as our new president. Dr. Vivanco, formerly the Associate Executive Director of Migrant Education and Academic Achievement for ESD 171 in Wenatchee, has two positions for next year.

He will serve as the superintendent for two school districts – Palisades and Entiat School Districts. His experience will serve him well as he assumes his new role as the leader of Washington State ASCD.

Thank you Departing Board Members

Washington State ASCD exists because of the time and commitment of the educators who serve three-year terms to promote the mission of our association. Their dedication to WSASCD is greatly appreciated! Members of the board who are concluding their three-year terms in June are Dr. Miguel Villarreal, Assistant Superintendent of Othello School District and Ms. Jill Burnes, Principal, Enumclaw High School in Enumclaw School

District. Dr. Villarreal and Ms. Burnes will be honored at a special board dinner in June. The contributions of our entire Board of Directors have been centered on supporting you, as educators, so you can best serve the children of our state. On behalf of WSASCD, thank you to these outstanding board members!

WSASCD Board of Directors for 2013-2014

Members of the Board of Directors who will continue their service are:

- Dr. Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent of Palisades and Entiat School Districts, serving as President
- Mr. Tim Nootenboom, Executive Director, Learning and Teaching, Central Valley School District, serving as the past president
- Dr. Gregory Borgerding, Principal, Glacier Middle School, White River School District, serving as the ASCD representative
- Mr. Brent Howard, Technology Integration Specialist, Central Valley School District; representing ESD 101
- Ms. Anastasia Sanchez, Principal, Kirkwood Elementary School, Toppenish School District, representing ESD 105
- Mr. David Cooke, Principal, Jemtegaard Middle School, Washougal School District, representing ESD 112
- Ms. Karen L. Johnson, Elementary Principal, North Thurston School District, representing ESD 113
- Mr. Dave Colombini, Interim Assistant Superintendent, South Kitsap School District, representing ESD 114
- Ms. Janet Regge, Instructional Facilitator, Renton School District, representing ESD 121 North
- Mr. Brad Brown, Principal, First Creek Middle School, Tacoma Public Schools, representing ESD 121 South
- Ms. Karin Manns, Principal, Monte Cristo Elementary, Granite Falls School District, representing ESD 189
- Dr. Suzann Girtz, Assistant Professor and Director of Assessment, Gonzaga University, serving as the university representative
- Ms. Jessica Vavrus, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning, OSPI, serving as the OSPI representative
- Dr. David Denton, Associate Professor, School of Education, Seattle Pacific University, serving as co-editor
- Dr. Mike Dunn, Superintendent, NEWESD 101, Spokane, serving as co-editor;
- Ms. Kathy Clayton, WSASCD Executive Director, serves as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Curriculum in Context

Thanks to the sponsorship of Seattle Pacific University and the editorship of Dr. David Denton and his co-editor, Dr. Mike Dunn, we've had two great issues of *Curriculum in Context* this year. We would also like to thank our format editor, Deb Ramsay, Executive Director, Technology and Design Services, NEWESD 101.

Check out the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 issues:

- [Upholding Common Standards: Adopting and Implementing Common Core](#)
- [Improving Education through Innovation](#)

Manuscript Submission Guidelines for Fall 2013 Issue

Deadline: September 9, 2013

Theme: Engagement in Education

Engaging students is at the heart of effective teaching. Without engagement, interest withers, time wastes, and plans fail. Although it is at the core of meaningful classroom activity, it is difficult to define and perhaps impossible to prescribe. Engagement depends on careful proportioning of passion, knowledge, and skill. Nevertheless, educators across the state of Washington engage their students every day. The next theme of *Curriculum in Context* is "Engagement in Education." How do you engage students? What kind of methods do you and your colleagues use to engage kids with special needs? What is your district doing to ensure students are continuously engaged to raise achievement? These are some of the questions under consideration in the next issue of *Curriculum in Context*. The editorial staff invites you to submit a manuscript on this topic to David Denton (dentod@spu.edu). Final manuscripts are typically 850-2500 words and citations are written in APA format.

International ASCD News

Congratulations to Dr. Becky Berg, President of ASCD International



Becky J. Berg is the superintendent of the Deer Park School District in Deer Park. In her nearly 30-year career in public education, she has served at the middle and elementary levels as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. She has also been an adjunct instructor at both Eastern Washington University and Washington State University. Next year, Dr. Berg will serve as the superintendent of Marysville School District.

Berg has been an ASCD member for 20 years, where she has served in a variety of roles: Washington State ASCD board member and president, Leadership Council member-at-large, Worldwide Influence Study Group member, Legislative Committee member, and ASCD Board member from 2007 to 2010. Dr. Berg's induction speech is located on the WSASCD website.

Congratulations to Dr. Joshua Garcia, ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award recipient



Dr. Garcia, Deputy Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools in Tacoma is a winner of the association's prestigious *2013 Outstanding Young Educator Award (OYEA)*. ASCD created the OYEA program in 2002 to recognize creative and committed teachers and administrators under the age of 40 who are making a difference in children's lives. A panel of diverse education professionals selected Garcia as the 2013 administrator OYEA winner from a large pool of candidates nominated by educators across the globe.

"Being named one of the 2013 ASCD Outstanding Young Educators is truly a humbling honor for me as an educator and human being. I believe every student should and can graduate from our schools well-prepared for higher education. Unfortunately, many of the brick walls our children face are human made," said Garcia. "Schools and community leaders must work relentlessly to dissolve these barriers and build cohesive systems that promote excellence for all. I hope that my award will give me a platform to continue my work to fulfill our pledge to provide every child the opportunity to pursue a successful life."

Dr. Garcia is a Washington State ASCD member and has served as a member of the board and president. Dr. Garcia's acceptance speech is located on the WSASCD website.

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