



The Report

Winter 2013

Successful Workshops in Renton and White River (Buckley)

Since September, Washington State ASCD has hosted three outstanding professional development workshops. Many thanks to Dr. BJ Stone and Rick Wormeli for their presentations. It takes the support of many people to make workshops such as these happen. Thank you to Janet Regge from Renton School District for making the arrangements for BJ Stone's session on "Instructional Strategies" in Renton. Washington State ASCD wishes to thank Janel Keating, Superintendent of White River School District for her support of Rick Wormeli's "Standards-Based Grading" and "Differentiation" workshops.

2013 Washington State ASCD Annual Conference

Thanks to the success of our 2012 Annual Conference which WSASCD co-sponsored with OSPI and WASA, we are ready to expand for next year. Planning has already begun for co-hosting the 2013 conference with OSPI, WASA, and AWSP! The conference entitled "The Washington Educators' Conference," will be held at the Seattle Airport Doubletree Hotel on October 21-22, 2013. This conference will be the perfect venue for teams of Pre-12 teachers, teacher leaders, school and district administrators, and higher education instructors. More information coming soon!

What is in your trophy case? The Power of Collective Commitments

When a parent walks into your school, they will be able to tell what your school values by what is in your trophy case. Will they know what makes your school a great place? Will they know what the hopes and dreams are for your students? We subconsciously communicate to our community what are our school values by what we choose to celebrate. [Read More.](#)

Thank you to Adam Uhler, Principal, Mountain View Elementary and and Greg Borgerding, Ed.D., Principal, Glacier Middle School

Upcoming Events

**"The Great Conversation:
Building Public Support for
Public Schools One
Community at a Time"**
Jamie Vollmer

March 28, 2013
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wilson High School Auditorium
Tacoma

Fee: \$20

Register



**"Learning From Lincoln:
Leadership Qualities That
Make a Difference"**
Dr. Harvey Alvy

April 23, 2013
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Lincoln High School Auditorium
Tacoma

Fee: \$20

Register



in White River School District, for contributing the Critical Question article.

Association News

ASCD 68th Annual Conference and Exhibit Show

March 16 - 18, 2013

For nearly 70 years, ASCD has been personalizing learning and teaching, engaging students, and advocating for a better tomorrow. Attend the annual conference and join educators from across the world who are revolutionizing learning and banding together to bring in a new era in education. Featured speakers at the conference include Freeman Hrabowski III, Maya Angelou, Sandra Day O'Connor, Van Jones, Tim Shriver, Michael Fullan, Andy Hargreaves, and Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch.

If you are attending the conference, you may receive clock hours by downloading a clock hour form from [wsascd website](#) and sending it in along with your conference registration receipt.

Visit the [ASCD website](#) for more information about the conference.

Congratulations to Dr. Becky Berg - New ASCD President 2013-14



Dr. Becky Berg

Washington State definitely has a voice at the national level at ASCD. Berg, Superintendent at the Deer Park School District, will be inducted as the new president of ASCD at the Annual Conference in Chicago on Sunday, March 17th. We are so proud to have one of our own serving in this prestigious role at the national level!

Washington State Educators Presenting at ASCD Annual Conference in Chicago

WSASCD is proud of the educators who will present at the prestigious ASCD Conference in Chicago. Presenters from

"The Power of Personal Example: Abraham Lincoln and 21st Century School Leadership"

Dr. Harvey Alvy

May 4, 2013
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Libby Center
Spokane

Register



"Planting the Seeds for Our Children's Future" 4th Annual RTI-PLC Institute

August 20-21, 2013
7:30 - 3 p.m.
Richland High School
Richland

Register



Washington State are: Dr. Harvey Alvy, Eastern Washington University; Andrew Miller, Miller Educational Consulting; Kindra Clayton, Bellevue Public Schools; Paul Robb and Katie Virga, Seattle Public Schools; Regie Routman, Seattle University; Forrest and Elizabeth Clark, North Thurston Public Schools; Terrie VanDerWegen, Central Valley School District; and Nancy Skerritt, Tahoma School District.

Meet the ASCD Emerging Leaders from Washington State

2011 - 2013



Hannah Gbenro is the Vice Principal at Olympic View Elementary School in Federal Way. Hannah’s participation in the Emerging Leader’s program has aligned with professional learning experiences attending face to face and virtual conferences; presenting at conferences, schools, and districts; and working toward her doctoral degree in educational leadership with specializations in educational administration and business. The most important thing Hannah learned through the Emerging Leader’s program involves cultivating relationships. She believes transformation is grounded in learning, leading, and communicating. While serving as a vice principal, Hannah conducts dissertation research around the implementation of innovations within educational systems. Specifically, Hannah’s work focuses on the barriers and success related to implementing full standards-based education systems.



Dr. Suzann Girtz is an Assistant Professor and Director of Assessment at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Before the jump to higher education, Suzann taught math and science at the high school level. She still claims that there is nothing quite as fun as a troublemaking 9th-grader but jokes that undergraduates are not so different. The most impactful learning she had due to participation in ASCD is the importance of advocacy. She became much more politically involved as a result of attending the Legislative Institute (LILA), to the point of becoming a national delegate in the last presidential election. She takes her new-found passion for politics into the college classroom in an attempt to impress the importance of being involved in policy and its implications upon future teachers.



2012 - 2014

Kindra Clayton is an Instructional Coach and

Administrative Intern at Lake Hills Elementary in the Bellevue School District. She is also currently enrolled in the Danforth Program at the University of Washington. Prior to becoming an instructional coach, Kindra was a classroom teacher responsible for teaching grades 2-5 at three different schools in Bellevue. While she misses the classroom teaching experience, the opportunity to impact teaching and learning on a broader level is a rewarding experience. Kindra has been involved with WSASCD for the past several years. Additionally, she was selected as an ASCD Emerging Leader in 2012. These experiences have afforded her opportunities to network with educators around the world. Kindra has expressed that the most important aspect of her role in education is advocating for students, families and schools. Being involved at the state and national levels of ASCD has provided the perfect opportunity to keep the voice of an elementary school present in the conversations and decisions that affect schools.

Are You an Emerging Leader? ASCD is Looking for You!

Emerging leaders are educators who:

- Have been in the profession approximately 5–15 years;
- Demonstrate a passion for teaching, learning, and leadership;
- Have not previously been involved with ASCD in a leadership capacity;
- Collectively exhibit a broad range of diversity in position, location, cultural background, and perspective;
- Hold promise as leaders; and
- Are committed to ASCD's beliefs and to pursuing leadership opportunities.

ASCD is now accepting Emerging Leader applications from educators who are interested in influencing education policy and practice through unique ASCD leadership opportunities. The two-year Emerging Leaders Program connects participants with experienced ASCD leaders, helps them develop a personalized leadership action plan, and exposes them to a variety of leadership and learning opportunities tailored to their interests. Learn more about the Emerging Leaders Program and the application process at [ASCD website](#). You can apply online now through April 1st.

Nominations for the 2013 State Recognition Awards

Nominations are open for the State Whole Child Awards and the Outstanding Young Educator Award. Nomination information for

the Cultivating Character Award will be available in two weeks. The deadline for nominations is April 26th. Many thanks to the Awards Committee, co-chaired by Dave Colombini, South Kitsap School District and Greg Borgerding, White River School District. They will also be assisted by Deena Allen, Central Valley School District.

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.

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.

Cultivating Character Award

The Washington State ASCD Cultivating Character Award nominee is a school that is effectively implementing a character education program. The school's methods and implementation of character education must have had a significant impact on student performance and achievement over time. There is no single recipe for implementing an effective character education program, therefore, WSASCD has identified Criteria for Consideration which are generally covered in any character education program. Awards will be presented within the recipients' school district at a venue of their choice. Nomination forms will be available in March.

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