

PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



2014-2015 APPLICATION FORM

EPFP Fellows:

- develop a broadened understanding of the policy process and the various aspects of education policy;
- enhance their communication and decision making skills;
- refine their potential for leadership; and
- expand their network of professional colleagues.

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a professional development program for individuals whose work record reflects strong leadership abilities and a concern for issues important to children and education.

Participants in the Fellowship Program hold full-time positions in diverse organizations at the local, state, and national levels.

The program is available in Pennsylvania through The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC). The nationally recognized EPFP was established more than 45 years ago by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC. IEL continues to support the program in the District of Columbia and through its network of state affiliates.

How is the EPFP different from other professional development programs?

EPFP is supported by a national and state network of resource people and peers who have a track record of accomplishment in research, policy development, and effective practice in education, child development, and human services.

In addition, a unique partnership with the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania provides EPFP Fellows with training in strategic leadership concepts.

The EPFP provides a comprehensive approach to knowledge and skill-building with a two-day opening retreat, nine full-day seminars in Harrisburg, one regional leadership forum, and one national policy seminar during a ten-month period.

The Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program is sponsored by:

The Education Policy and Leadership Center
800 North Third Street, Suite 408
Harrisburg, PA 17102
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Ron Cowell, President
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Mattie Robinson, Fellowship Program
Co-Coordinator
E-mail: robinson@eplc.org

In collaboration with:
The Institute for Educational Leadership
4301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 100
Washington, DC 20008-2304
(202) 822-8405
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For more information and to request additional applications, please call (717) 260-9900 or e-mail Mattie Robinson at robinson@eplc.org.

Enrollment is limited. Please apply early.



EPFP Class of 2013-2014

I would recommend this program to future school administrators, current administrators, board members, local and state elected representatives, and state-level education decision-makers. This program provides the good, the bad, and the ugly on education policy at the local, state, and federal levels, and it provides the knowledge needed to impact education policy.

Wesley T. Doll, Ed.D. (EPFP 2013-2014)
Superintendent
Upper Adams School District

In the lexicon of the athletic world, this Fellowship Program is clearly and undeniably a “blue-chipper”! The speakers gave me an “eyes wide open” perspective on the education system in Pennsylvania. The networking and cultivation of new relationships with key stakeholders and peers across the state has been invaluable.

John R. McCarthy, Jr., Ed.D. (2013-2014)
Associate Dean, College of Education
Kutztown University

The EPFP has truly expanded my toolkit of resources and contacts to use in my advocacy work as a local union leader and advocate for the community and students my Association’s members serve.

Jolene Vitalos (EPFP 2013-2014)
Teacher and President
Bethlehem Education Association

Coming from a post-secondary technical school, I have a vested interest in K-12 education policy as we take high school graduates and mold them into tomorrow’s technicians. Getting to know the K-12 school administrators, education advocates, educators, and officials who participate in the Fellows Program or present to the group has given me great insights into how education policy works and can be influenced.

Greg Null (EPFP 2013-2014)
Director of Education
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics

The Education Policy Fellowship Program brings together a diverse cohort of professionals from education, government, military, human services, business, and community organizations.

You are invited to apply if you have:

- A track record of making things happen – inside and across agencies/organizations.
- A full-time professional position and substantive work experience.
- A bachelor’s degree or its equivalent.
- The endorsement and financial support of your employing organization.
- A commitment to personal and professional development.

What is my commitment if I am accepted as an EPFP Fellow?

- Participate in a two-day opening retreat and nine full-day seminars in Harrisburg over a ten-month period.
- Participate in a regional leadership forum and a national policy seminar.
- Share your experience and knowledge with other Fellows through presentations, class discussion, and class projects.
- Conduct independent study and research to expand on issues explored in the program.

How will my organization benefit from my participation in the EPFP?

Employers gain:

- Access to a professional development program with a proven track record.
- Better informed, more skillful employees.
- Employees who are ready to assume more leadership responsibilities.
- Expanded networks that enhance the organization’s ability to access key leaders and decision makers who shape policy on behalf of children and education.

What is my employer’s commitment in supporting my participation?

- Provide release time for your participation in the Harrisburg seminars, the regional forum, and the national seminar.
- Pay a tuition fee of \$2,975 plus all travel-related costs for the regional and national meetings and Harrisburg seminars.

Does participation in the EPFP qualify for Act 48 and SBA credits?

- The EPFP is not an approved Act 48 credit provider.
- EPLC is approved to provide State Board of Accountancy (SBA) credit to certified public accountants through December 31, 2015.

Pennsylvania EPFP 2014-2015 Seminar Calendar

	SESSION LOCATIONS
Opening Retreat:	Dixon University Center, Harrisburg
Regional Leadership Forum:	Gettysburg Battlefield and U.S. Army War College (Carlisle)
Monthly Seminars:	PA Association of School Administrators' Headquarters, Harrisburg
IEL Washington Policy Seminar:	Washington, DC
Day at the Capitol:	PA Department of Education/State Capitol
Graduation:	Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
DATE	SEMINAR TOPICS
Opening Retreat Part 1 Thursday, September 18 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Setting the Stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the EPFP Changes in Society, Demography, and Education Politics, Elections, and Public Policy in Pennsylvania Intersection of Local-State-Federal Policymaking Overview of Key Education Policy Issues
Opening Retreat Part 2 Friday, September 19 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Making Public Policy in Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals of Education Policymaking Policy Players and the Process Roles of the State Board of Education and IRRC Role of Research in Education Policy Roles of School Districts and School Boards
Regional Leadership Forum, Part 1 Thursday, October 9 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	Lessons in Leadership on the Gettysburg Battlefield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., MA, MI, NY, and OH Guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with Focus on Strategic Decisions that Directed the Actions of Union and Confederate Armies Visit to Gettysburg Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum Travel to Carlisle, Multi-State Networking Reception, and Pennsylvania EPFP Dinner
Regional Leadership Forum, Part 2 Friday, October 10 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Lessons in Strategic Leadership from the U.S. Army War College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., MA, MI, NY, and OH Leadership Lessons Learned from Gettysburg Leadership and Managing Change Strategic Thinking for Leaders
Session 1 Friday, November 7 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Leadership and Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitions and Characteristics of Ethical Leadership Ethical Leadership Challenges in Varied Organizations Leaders as Change Agents in Public Education
Session 2 Friday, December 5 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Ready for Success in College, Career, and Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurturing an Educated Citizenry and Educated Workforce Early Education Ready for Success—21st Century Skills The Arts, Museums, Libraries, and Lifelong Learning
Session 3 Friday, January 9 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	A Changing Education Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennsylvania's Changing Demographics Adapting to the Needs of Our Diverse Student Population Preparing, Supporting, and Evaluating Educators Student Achievement: Academic Standards and Assessment
Session 4 Friday, February 6 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	School Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices Technology and New Opportunities Career and Technical Education
Session 5 Friday, March 6 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	P-12 Education Funding Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in Pennsylvania Governor's Proposed 2015-2016 Education Budget Budget Challenges for School District Officials State Budget and Revenues: Priorities and Options
Session 6 Friday, March 27 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Higher Education Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and Funding of Higher Education Higher Education Access, Affordability, and Quality Linking Education and Workforce Development Policy
Session 7 Friday, April 10 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family, School, and Community Partnerships Collaboration and Building Coalitions Making an Impact with Elected Officials
National Meeting April 19-22	IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar Washington, DC
Session 8 Friday, May 8 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Group Project Reports: Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Policy Seminar Debrief Groups Present Project Reports
Session 9 Wednesday, May 27 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Day at the State Capitol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings by Key Education Policy Staff Visit Legislative Offices and Present Policy Project Briefings
Graduation Thursday, June 18	Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors, and Alumni Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

The opportunity to network with top education professionals is not one to be missed. Highly qualified panelists present about K-12, Higher Education, and Government Affairs as they pertain to education in Pennsylvania. This program is a must for education and government leaders across the state.

Dr. Erin Carlin
(EPFP 2012-2013)
Campus President
YTI Career Institute

Each Fellow has a vested interest in education, and EPLC provides the resources and tools to further enhance your ability to improve education for all Pennsylvanians.

Eric R. Holtzman
(2012-2013)
Business Administrator
Tuscarora School District

I found that the EPFP presentations and discussions really served to heighten my awareness and understanding of the complex issues facing today's educators and legislators. I gained a greater admiration and appreciation for those who daily invest themselves in those policy, budget, and legislative issues that have such a great impact on our children and families. Hats off to the Pennsylvania EPFP staff who pull this off flawlessly every year!

Chaplain C. David Reese
(EPFP 2010-2011)
Colonel, U.S. Army
Director of Ethical Development
Department of Command, Leadership
and Management
U.S. Army War College

The EPFP has been an invaluable opportunity to gain a first hand look into policymaking and policy practice in all areas of education, and it has provided me the tools and know-how necessary to advocate for the policy changes I wish to see.

Michael F. Gehringer
(EPFP 2013-2014)
Principal, Kernsville Elementary
School

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Name of Applicant _____

Professional Title _____

Organization/Institution _____

Work Address _____

Office Phone _____ **Home County** _____

Home Address _____

Home / Mobile Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

SBA Credits

The EPFP is certified to provide State Board of Accountancy (SBA) credits to certified public accountants for all the EPFP sessions. Please check here if you are interested in receiving SBA credits.

SBA Credit _____

Education (Please cite most recent experience first)

University/College	Degree	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work Experience (Please list current position first)

Title _____

Dates Employed _____

Employer's Name & Address _____

Title _____

Dates Employed _____

Employer's Name & Address _____

Other Significant Experience _____

The Employer/Sponsor Endorsement on reverse side must be completed for the application to be considered.

ENDORSEMENT:

TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

2014-2015 Pennsylvania EPFP Fellows are expected to participate in a two-day opening retreat and nine full-day seminars in Harrisburg, one regional leadership forum, and one national policy seminar that brings together Fellows from all EPFP sites. The leadership forum is scheduled for October 9-10, 2014, in Gettysburg, PA and at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. The national policy seminar is scheduled for April 19-22, 2015, in Washington, DC. The program tuition, plus travel-related costs to the leadership forum and the national policy seminar, are paid by the employing agency and/or the Fellow.

Your signature affirms (1) your employee's release time for full participation in the Fellowship Program and (2) payment of program-related costs, including program fee of \$2,975. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Cowell at EPLC, 717-260-9900 or cowell@epfc.org.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR/SPONSOR

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor's Title _____

Supervisor's Organization/Institution _____

Office Address _____

Office Phone _____ Office Fax _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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The Education Policy and Leadership Center
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Harrisburg, PA 17102

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Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Past Seminar Speakers

Participants in the EPFP will have the opportunity to interact with many of Pennsylvania's leaders and education practitioners, who represent a variety of perspectives on education policy issues. Although this is not an all-inclusive list, the following people have been speakers in past EPFP seminars. Titles and organizations listed are the positions the speakers held at the time of their presentations.

Stacey A. Aldrich, Deputy Secretary for the Office of Commonwealth Libraries/ State Librarian, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Colonel Charles D. Allen, Professor, Department of Command, Leadership and Management, U.S. Army War College

Carolyn Angelo, Executive Director, Professional Standards and Practices Commission

Brian Armstead, Director of Policy and Partnerships, Philadelphia Education Fund

Jodi Askins, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children

Rusty Baker, Executive Director, PA Museums

Dr. Joseph Bard, Executive Director, PA Association of Rural and Small Schools

Gene Barr, President and CEO, PA Chamber of Business and Industry

Dr. Brenda J. Becker, Superintendent, Hempfield School District

Joan Benso, President and CEO, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children

Diane Bosak, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges

Jim Buckheit, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators

Lee Burket, Chief, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Diane Castelbuono, Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Donna Cooper, Secretary of Policy and Planning, Office of the Governor

Maureen Cronin, Executive Director, The Arc of Pennsylvania

Peter DeCoursey, Bureau Chief, Capitolwire

Dr. John A. DeFlaminis, Executive Director, Penn Center for Educational Leadership, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Carolyn C. Dumaresq, Acting Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Debbie Dunstone, President, Pennsylvania PTA

Dr. Joan Duvall-Flynn, Chair, Education Committee, NAACP

Arnold Fege, President, Public Advocacy for Kids

Michelle Figlar, Executive Director, Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children

Dr. Gene Freeman, Superintendent, Manheim Township School District

Dr. Edward Fuller, Director, Penn State Center for Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis

Dr. Peter H. Garland, Executive Vice Chancellor, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Dr. Robert Garraty, Executive Director, PA Workforce Investment Board

Thomas Gentzel, Executive Director, National School Boards Association

Karl R. Girton, Chair, Pennsylvania State Board of Education

Thomas Gluck, Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Jenny L. Hershour, Managing Director, Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania

Dr. Paula Hess, Former Senior Advisor to the Pennsylvania House Speaker and Majority Leader

Jay Himes, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials

Holly Jobe, President, International Society for Technology in Education

Larry Jones, President, Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools

Mark Lafer, Senior Policy Research Analyst, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

Marcus S. Lingenfelter, Director of State Relations, National Science + Math Initiative

Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Director, Center for Politics & Public Affairs, Franklin & Marshall College

Roberta M. Marcus, Master School Board President, Parkland School District

John Maurer, State Capital Office Coordinator, Pennsylvania State Data Center

Clyde McGeary, Former Chief, Division of Arts and Sciences, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. C. Kent McGuire, Dean, College of Education, Temple University

Karen Molchanow, Executive Director, Pennsylvania State Board of Education

Amy C. Morton, Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dr. Richard D. Nilsen, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

Dr. Edward J. Nolan, Executive Director, House Appropriations Committee

Dr. Hector R. Ortiz, Director of Health Equity, Pennsylvania Department of Health

Dr. Vicki Phillips, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Senator Jeffrey Piccola, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee

Jeremy Plant, Professor, Public Policy Administration, Penn State Harrisburg

Pamela Price, Director of Board Development Services, Pennsylvania School Boards Association

John T. Pulver, Special Project Consultant, Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators

Tim Reeves, Press Secretary to Governor Ridge

Dr. Kathleen Shaw, Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Rev. Sandra L. Strauss, Director of Public Advocacy, Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Representative P. Michael Sturla, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dr. John J. "Ski" Sygielski, President, Harrisburg Area Community College

Christopher Wakeley, Executive Director, House Education Committee

Thomas Wolf, Chair and CEO, The Wolf Organization

Rob Wonderling, President and CEO, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and former PA Senator

Michael Wood, Research Director, The Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center

Shelly Yanoff, Executive Director, Public Citizens for Children and Youth

Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Beth Zampogna, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Pennsylvania State Education Association

Laurie Zierer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Humanities Council

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Alumni

Titles and organizations listed are the positions held by the Fellows in Classes 2008-2009 through 2013-2014 at the time of their participation in the EPPF. Please visit the EPLC web site, www.eplc.org, for the full list of EPPF Fellows since 1999.

Laura Abbott (2013-2014)
Manager of Policy Projects
The Education Policy and Leadership
Center

Elizabeth Anzalone (2013-2014)
Executive Assistant to the Executive
Deputy Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Raymond Arcurio (2013-2014)
Federal Programs Coordinator
Greater Johnstown School District

Judy Ball (2011-2012)
Educational Consultant
PA Training & Technical Assistance
Network

Dr. Andrew Barnette (2008-2009)
Dean, Public Service, Humanities, and
Social Sciences
Westmoreland County Community College

David E. Baugh, Ed.D. (2013-2014)
Superintendent of Schools
Bensalem Township School District

Jason Billups (2011-2012)
Executive Director of Data & Systems
Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School

Andrew Bitz (2010-2011)
Assistant Principal
Mechanicsburg Area Senior High

Paul Bigham (2009-2010)
Acting Director of Student Services
Mechanicsburg Area School District

Amy Boyd (2009-2010)
Title 1 Coordinator
Commonwealth Connections Academy

Rep. Kevin J. Boyle (2011-2012)
State Representative
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Corinne Brandt (2011-2012)
Manager of Policy Information and
Programs
The Education Policy and Leadership
Center

Tamalee Brassington (2012-2013)
Division Manager
Bureau of Career & Technical Education
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dawn Brookhart (2011-2012)
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and
Technology
Danville Area School District

Rhonda A. Brunner, Ed.D. (2011-2012)
Superintendent of Schools
West Perry School District

Christopher Budano (2011-2012)
Assistant Director of Education Services
PA State Education Association

Emily Byrne (2009-2010)
Program Manager
OMG Center for Collaborative Learning

Diana Campbell (2010-2011)
Director, Philadelphia Teacher
Residency
Philadelphia Education Fund

Roger Carl, CPA (2013-2014)
Director of Financial Affairs
Susquenita School District

Dr. Erin Carlin (2012-2013)
Campus President
YTI Career Institute

Bobbie Cartus (2008-2009)
Pennsylvania Distinguished Educator
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Jonathan Cetel (2011-2012)
Director of Strategic Initiatives
KIPP Philadelphia Schools

Dawn Chavous (2008-2009)
Chief of Staff
Senator Anthony Williams' Office

Dr. Joseph Clapper (2008-2009)
Superintendent
Quaker Valley School District

Phyllis Charmaine Comer (2008-2009)
Educational Consultant
Comer Educational Consulting Services

Kathleen (Kacy) S. Conley (2012-2013)
Director of the Pennsylvania Afterschool/
Youth Development Network
Center for Schools and Communities

David Corvi (2009-2010)
English Department Chair
Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter
School

Dr. Trisha Craig (2009-2010)
Director of Curriculum
Fort Cherry School District

Dr. Kim Creasy (2008-2009)
ELEC Department
Slippery Rock University

Jordan Crosby (2010-2011)
Director, Arts and Education Initiative
The Education Policy and Leadership
Center

Dr. Robert Culp (2010-2011)
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum &
Instruction
Allentown School District

Mary Curley (2012-2013)
Director of Communications
Chester County Intermediate Unit

Dr. Kelly Davenport (2009-2010)
Head of School
Freire Charter School

Sally DeFinnis (2013-2014)
Principal, Salem Elementary School
Berwick Area School District

Colonel Joseph Dill (2011-2012)
Professor
U.S. Army War College

Dr. Robert Dinnen (2009-2010)
Superintendent
Fort Cherry School District

Wesley Doll, Ed.D. (2013-2014)
Superintendent
Upper Adams School District

Dana D'Orazio (2012-2013)
Coordinator of Leadership and Learning
Philadelphia Youth Network

Michael Dotts (2010-2011)
Higher Education Associate
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Deborah Dunstone (2011-2012)
President-Elect
Pennsylvania PTA

Dr. John Durnin (2011-2012)
Professor, Department of Education and
Human Services
Villanova University

Dr. Ronald Dyer (2009-2010)
Assistant Superintendent
Dallastown Area School District

Robin Eckert (2010-2011)
Associate Professor Early Childhood
Education
Reading Area Community College

Dr. Stephanie Edel-Malizia (2012-2013)
Director of Education Programs for
Academic Outreach
Penn State University

Kristle Evans (2010-2011)
Director of Human Resources/Community
Relations
Lampeter-Strasburg School District

Nicole Fairchild (2010-2011)
Principal
Berwick Area Middle School

Dr. Edward Garcia Fierros (2012-2013)
Chairperson and Associate Professor
Department of Education and Counseling
Villanova University

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George Fike (2008-2009)
Business Manager
West York Area School District

Daniel Fink (2010-2011)
Communications Director
YorkCounts

Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman (2012-2013)
Associate Professor/Department Chair
Department of Education
Elizabethtown College

Jennifer Fisler, Ed.D. (2011-2012)
Director of Teacher Education and
Associate Professor
Messiah College

Rebecca Fogle (2012-2013)
Educational Consultant
Pennsylvania Training & Technical
Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

Dr. Erica Frankenberg (2010-2011)
Assistant Professor
Department of Education Policy Studies
Pennsylvania State University

Gene Freeman, Ed.D. (2011-2012)
Superintendent
Manheim Township School District

Jesse Fry (2011-2012)
Regional Coordinator/Basic Education
Associate
PA Department of Education

Heather Frye (2010-2011)
Vice-President
Communities In Schools of Pennsylvania

Dr. Edward Fuller (2011-2012)
Associate Professor, College of Education
Penn State University

Diane Funsten (2012-2013)
Educational Consultant
Pennsylvania Training and Technical
Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

Dr. Darrell Garber (2009-2010)
Dean, College of Education
Kutztown University

Luis Garcia (2010-2011)
Director, Student Access and Support
The Pennsylvania State System of Higher
Education

Michael Gehringer (2013-2014)
Principal, Kernsville Elementary School
Parkland School District

Dr. Michael Gibbs (2008-2009)
Central Region Coordinator
PA Distinguished Educator Program

Susan Gobreski (2008-2009)
Executive Director
Education Voters PA

Daniel Green (2011-2012)
Research Associate, Democratic Caucus
PA House of Representatives

Susan M. Green (2011-2012)
Business Manager
Southern York County School District

Dr. John Groves (2011-2012)
Dean, College of Education and Human
Services
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Harry Gutelius (2009-2010)
Associate Dean, School of Education
Eastern University

Shannan Guthrie (2013-2014)
Public Relations, Media Relations, and
Communications Specialist
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Diane Halstead (2008-2009)
Director - Business Partnerships
Pennsylvania Key, Berks County
Intermediate Unit

David Harris (2008-2009)
High School Principal
Mechanicsburg Area School District

Captain James Heffernan (2009-2010)
United States Army
U.S. Army War College

Phyllis Heverly Flesher (2010-2011)
Assistant Director of Business Affairs
Cornwall-Lebanon School District

Sarah Hollister (2008-2009)
Policy Analyst
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Eric R. Holtzman (2012-2013)
Business Administrator
Tuscarora School District

Dr. Marilyn Hoyson (2008-2009)
Chief Operating Officer
The Watson Institute

Julia Huff (2008-2009)
Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum
Mechanicsburg Area School District

Dr. Jill Jacoby (2009-2010)
Elementary Principal
Fort Cherry School District

Douglas Jensen (2011-2012)
Dean, Workforce Development
Westmoreland County Community
College

Barbara Walvort Jewett (2012-2013)
Assistant to the Executive Director
Pennsylvania Association of School
Administrators (PASA)

Jean M. Johnson (2011-2012)
Librarian for Education/Team Leader
Lehigh University

Dr. Tracey Johnson (2008-2009)
Director of Education Programs
Chatham University

Howard Jones, Jr. (2009-2010)
Community Service Coordinator
Millersville University

Ron Jumper, Jr., Esq. (2008-2009)
Counsel, Office of Democratic Caucus
Chairman
Senate of Pennsylvania

Eden Kainer, Ph.D. (2013-2014)
Vista Project Coordinator
Philadelphia Higher Education Network
for Neighborhood Development

Camilla Kasales (2009-2010)
Administrative Support and Curriculum
Manager
Commonwealth Connections Academy

Commander Traci Keegan (2010-2011)
United States Navy
U.S. Army War College

Jean Kelleher (2013-2014)
Manager - Program Standards & Quality
Assurance
Bureau of Career & Technical Education
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Antonia F. Keg (2011-2012)
Elementary Co-Chair, Parent Teacher
Organization Council
West Chester Area School District

Kathleen Kennedy-Reilly (2011-2012)
Lecturer, Education Department
Delaware Valley College

William H. Kerr, Ed.D. (2012-2013)
Superintendent of Schools
Norwin School District

Brent A. Kessler (2012-2013)
Business Manager/Board Secretary
Central York School District

Colonel Scott D. King (2011-2012)
Professor
Department of Academic Affairs
U.S. Army War College

Cynthia Klenk (2013-2014)
Senior Policy Advisor
Pennsylvania State Senator John Blake

Dr. John Kurelja (2009-2010)
Curriculum Coordinator
Central Columbia School District

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Melissa Landrau (2012-2013)

Director, College Assistance Migrant Program
Penn State University

Grace Lani (2012-2013)

Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Canon-McMillan School District

Dr. David B. Lapinsky (2011-2012)

Director of Career & Technical Programs
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Tina Lawson, Ed.D. (2013-2014)

Educational Consultant
Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network

Peggy Lee-Clark (2010-2011)

Assistant to the President
Montgomery County Community College

Karen Lehman (2013-2014)

Youth Development Project Manager
Center for Schools and Communities
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

Julie Lesitsky (2009-2010)

President-Elect
Pennsylvania PTA

Elizabeth Levitan (2013-2014)

School Transitions & Volunteer Coordinator
Congreso de Latinos Unidos

Dr. Mark Lewis (2009-2010)

Director
PA Parent Information & Resource Center

Dr. Patricia Louison (2008-2009)

Director of Undergraduate Studies
Temple University

Nathan Mains (2009-2010)

President & State Director
Communities In Schools of Pennsylvania

Matthew Malinowski (2009-2010)

Director of Business Affairs
School District of Cheltenham Township

Richard Marchini, Ed.D. (2013-2014)

High School Principal
Owen J. Roberts School District

Dr. Mark McGalla (2010-2011)

Middle School Principal
Lehigh Area School District

Bill McGill (2008-2009)

Director of Technical Assistance
Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials

Dr. Kathleen McKinnon (2009-2010)

Coordinator of Teacher Education for Special Education
Pennsylvania State University

Susan Moore McJunkin (2010-2011)

Program Specialist
Division of Public Programming
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Gary Means (2010-2011)

Director/Financial Aid
Westmoreland County Community College

Carmen Medina (2009-2010)

Chief, Division of Student Services and Migrant Education
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Danielle Mehalick, CPA (2013-2014)

Business Manager/Board Secretary
Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center

Dr. Joseph Melusky (2009-2010)

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Opening Retreat

Dixon University Center, Harrisburg
September 18, 2014 (12:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
September 19, 2014 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)

Regional Leadership Forum

Gettysburg Battlefield, PA
U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA
October 9, 2014
October 10, 2014

Washington Policy Seminar

April 19-22, 2015

Day at the State Capitol

May 27, 2015 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Monthly Seminars

Fridays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Pennsylvania Association of School
Administrators' Headquarters,
Harrisburg
November 7, 2014
December 5, 2014
January 9, 2015
February 6, 2015
March 6, 2015
March 27, 2015
April 10, 2015
May 8, 2015

Graduation Luncheon

Noon - 3:00 pm
Radisson Harrisburg Hotel
June 18, 2015

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