

## PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



### 2015-2016 APPLICATION FORM

#### EPFP Fellows:

- develop a broadened understanding of the public policy process and the various aspects of education policy;
- enhance their communication and decision making skills;
- strengthen their capacity 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 50 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.

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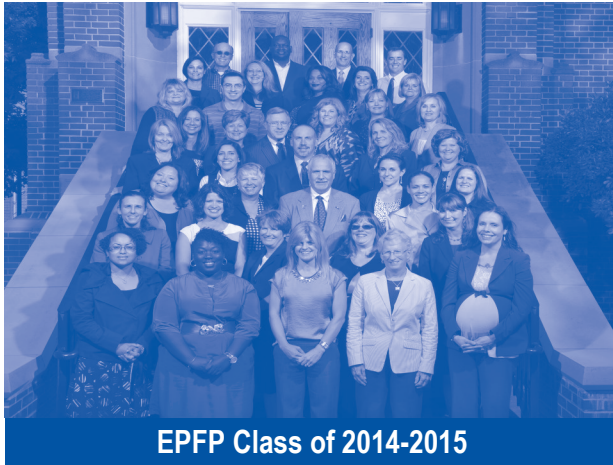
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For more information and to request additional applications, please call (717) 260-9900 or e-mail Mattie Robinson at [robinson@eplc.org](mailto:robinson@eplc.org).

Enrollment is limited. Please apply early.



**EPFP Class of 2014-2015**

This program has been invaluable in my growth as an educational leader. It has pushed me beyond my comfort zone, helped me hone skills for successful advocacy, and enabled me to strengthen my network. The EPFP has energized me and provided insight to ignite change.

Dr. Michelle Saylor (EPFP 2014-2015)  
Assistant Superintendent, Bellefonte Area School District

The Fellowship Program has provided a thorough study of education policy and the dynamics of policymaking at the state and federal levels. The group policy project was a powerful way to apply what I've learned from my colleagues in the program as well as the state and national experts who present during the monthly sessions. This experience has invigorated me to advocate for all students to have access to a high-quality, well-rounded, and well-funded public education.

Ronald Sofo, Ph.D. (EPFP 2014-2015)  
CEO/Principal, City Charter Public High School

As a school board member, it was very enlightening to participate in the program. Hearing and sharing experiences with education professionals gave me a deeper understanding of the education system. The Fellowship Program is a very worthwhile experience.

Chad M. Salsman (EPFP 2014-2015)  
School Board President, Wyalusing Area School District

The Fellowship Program has provided me a deep understanding about how policy affects and influences education. The EPFP content, presenters, and opportunities to network have served as valuable learning experiences and I would encourage others who are interested in the education and policy world connection to participate in this program.

Christine Anne Royce, Ed.D. (EPFP 2014-2015)  
Professor and Chairperson, Department of Teacher Education  
Shippensburg University

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 (October) and a national policy seminar (April).
- 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.

*(If the applicant's schedule or budget will not enable participation in the April 2016 national policy seminar, a slightly discounted tuition rate may be available for the program without the national elements. Contact Ron Cowell at EPLC for details.)*

**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, and will apply to be a credit provider for sessions held in winter and spring 2016.

## Pennsylvania EPFP 2015-2016 Seminar Calendar

	<b>SESSION LOCATIONS</b>
Opening Retreat:	Radisson Hotel 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 State Capitol:	PA Department of Education/State Capitol
Graduation:	Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SEMINAR TOPICS</b>
<b>Opening Retreat Part 1</b> Thursday, September 17 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Setting the Stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to the EPFP</li> <li>Changes in Society, Demography, and Education</li> <li>Politics, Elections, and Public Policy in Pennsylvania</li> <li>Intersection of Local-State-Federal Policymaking</li> <li>Overview of Key Education Policy Issues</li> </ul>
<b>Opening Retreat Part 2</b> Friday, September 18 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	<b>Making Public Policy in Pennsylvania</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamentals of Education Policymaking</li> <li>Policy Players and the Process</li> <li>Roles of the State Board of Education and IRRC</li> <li>Role of Research in Education Policy</li> <li>Roles of School Districts and School Boards</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Leadership Forum, Part 1</b> Thursday, October 8 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	<b>Lessons in Leadership on the Gettysburg Battlefield</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., MA, MI, NY, and OH</li> <li>Guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield with Focus on Strategic Decisions that Directed the Actions of Union and Confederate Armies</li> <li>Visit to Gettysburg Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum</li> <li>Travel to Carlisle, Multi-State Networking Reception, and Pennsylvania EPFP Dinner</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Leadership Forum, Part 2</b> Friday, October 9 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	<b>Lessons in Strategic Leadership from U.S. Army War College Faculty</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Joint Activity with Fellows from D.C., MA, MI, NY, and OH</li> <li>Leadership Lessons Learned from Gettysburg</li> <li>Leadership and Managing Change</li> <li>Strategic Thinking for Leaders</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1</b> Friday, October 23 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Leadership and Ethics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definitions and Characteristics of Ethical Leadership</li> <li>Ethical Leadership Challenges in Varied Organizations</li> <li>Leaders as Change Agents in Public Education</li> </ul>
<b>Session 2</b> Friday, November 13 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Ready for Success in College, Career, and Citizenship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nurturing an Educated Citizenry and Educated Workforce</li> <li>Early Education</li> <li>Ready for Success—21st Century Skills</li> <li>The Arts, Museums, Libraries, and Lifelong Learning</li> </ul>
<b>Session 3</b> Friday, December 4 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>A Changing Education Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pennsylvania's Changing Demographics</li> <li>Adapting to the Needs of Our Diverse Student Population</li> <li>Preparing, Supporting, and Evaluating Educators</li> <li>Student Achievement: Standards, Assessment, and Accountability</li> </ul>
<b>Session 4</b> Friday, January 15 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>School Choices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices</li> <li>Technology and New Opportunities</li> <li>Career and Technical Education</li> </ul>
<b>Session 5</b> Friday, February 5 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>P-12 Education Funding Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in Pennsylvania</li> <li>Governor's Proposed 2016-2017 Education Budget</li> <li>Budget Challenges for School District Officials</li> <li>State Budget and Revenues: Priorities and Options</li> </ul>
<b>Session 6</b> Friday, March 4 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Postsecondary Education Policy Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance and Funding of Higher Education</li> <li>Postsecondary Education Access, Affordability, and Quality</li> <li>Linking Education and Workforce Development Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Session 7</b> Thursday, March 31 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family, School, and Community Partnerships</li> <li>Collaboration and Building Coalitions</li> <li>Effective Advocacy: Making an Impact with Elected Officials</li> </ul>
<b>National Meeting</b> April 13-16	<b>IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar</b> Washington, DC
<b>Session 8</b> Friday, May 6 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Group Project Reports: Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington Policy Seminar Debrief</li> <li>Groups Present Project Reports</li> </ul>
<b>Session 9</b> Tuesday, May 17 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Day at the State Capitol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefings by Key Education Policy Staff</li> <li>Visit Legislative Offices and Present Policy Project Briefings</li> </ul>
<b>Graduation</b> Wednesday, June 8	<b>Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors, and Alumni</b> Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

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 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 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

From the Gettysburg Battlefield to meeting with legislative staff on Capitol Hill, each Fellowship Program experience provided a new window into some aspect of education policy. The culminating group policy project brought it all together in a powerful way. I will be revisiting the learning from this experience time and time again in the future!

Rachel Holler, Ed.D.  
(EPFP 2014-2015)  
Director of Secondary Education, 9-12  
Quakertown Community School District

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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Experience (Please list current position first)

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Employed \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(If the applicant's schedule or budget will not enable participation in the April 2016 national policy seminar, a slightly discounted tuition rate may be available for the program without the national elements. Contact Ron Cowell at EPLC for details.)*

**ENDORSEMENT:**

**TO THE SUPERVISOR/EMPLOYING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:**

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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@epc.org.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program  
The Education Policy and Leadership Center  
800 North Third Street, Suite 408  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

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## Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Past Seminar Speakers

*Participants in the EPPF 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 EPPF 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

**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

**Erika Brunelle**, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Pennsylvania State Education Association

**Jim Buckheit**, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators

**Lee Burket**, Chief, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, 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. Mark D. DiRocco**, Superintendent, Lewisburg Area School District

**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

**Robert Fayfich**, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Coalition for Public Charter Schools

**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 Director, Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units

**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

**Robert 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

**Jeff Miller**, Budget Analyst, House Republican Appropriations Committee

**Karen Molchanow**, Executive Director, Pennsylvania State Board of Education

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

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

**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

**Pedro A. Rivera**, Acting Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

**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

**Laurie Zierer**, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Humanities Council

## Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program Alumni

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**Dr. Betsy Adams** (2014-2015)  
Retired High School Principal  
Conrad Weiser Area School District

**Laura Abbott** (2013-2014)  
Manager of Policy Projects  
EPLC

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

**Donna Archer** (2014-2015)  
Business Manager  
Avon Grove School District

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

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

**Michele Balliet, Ed.D.** (2014-2015)  
Superintendent  
Elizabethtown Area School District

**David E. Baugh, Ed.D.** (2013-2014)  
Superintendent  
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  
EPLC

**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  
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

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

**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

**Tiffany Cresswell-Yeager** (2014-2015)  
Director of Student and Enrollment Services  
Penn State Lehigh Valley

**Jordan Crosby** (2010-2011)  
Director, Arts and Education Initiative  
EPLC

**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  
Pennsylvania 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

**Tracy Ficca** (2014-2015)  
Educational Consultant  
PA Training & Technical Assistance  
Network

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

**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



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**Anne Marie FitzGerald, Ed.D.** (2014-2015)

Assistant Professor, Educational Foundations and Leadership  
Duquesne University

**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

**Andrew Godfrey, Ed.D.** (2014-2015)

Assistant Superintendent  
Lampeter-Strasburg School District

**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

**Captain James Heffernan** (2009-2010)

United States Army  
U.S. Army War College

**Dr. April Hershey** (2014-2015)

Superintendent  
Warwick School District

**Rachel Holler, Ed.D.** (2014-2015)

Director of Secondary Education (9-12)  
Quakertown Community School District

**Phyllis Heverly Flesher** (2010-2011)

Assistant Director of Business Affairs  
Cornwall-Lebanon School District

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Business Administrator  
Tuscarora School District

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Elementary Principal  
Fort Cherry School District

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Dean, Workforce Development  
Westmoreland County Community College

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Assistant to the Executive Director  
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Librarian for Education/Team Leader  
Lehigh University

**Howard Jones, Jr.** (2009-2010)

Community Service Coordinator  
Millersville University

**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  
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**Jean Kelleher** (2013-2014)

Manager - Program Standards & Quality Assurance  
Bureau of Career & Technical Education  
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**Antonia F. Keg** (2011-2012)

Elementary Co-Chair, Parent Teacher Organization Council  
West Chester Area School District

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Lecturer, Education Department  
Delaware Valley College

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Superintendent  
Norwin School District

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Business Manager/Board Secretary  
Central York School District

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Department of Academic Affairs  
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Center for Schools and Communities  
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President-Elect  
Pennsylvania PTA

**Elizabeth Levitan** (2013-2014)

School Transitions & Volunteer Coordinator  
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**Dr. Blake Mackesy** (2014-2015)  
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership  
Wilkes University

**Nathan Mains** (2009-2010)  
President & State Director  
Communities In Schools of Pennsylvania

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Director of Business Affairs  
School District of Cheltenham Township

**Richard Marchini, Ed.D.** (2013-2014)  
High School Principal  
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**Bernice Martin** (2014-2015)  
Director of Development and Marketing  
ACL D, Inc. and the ACL D Tillotson School

**Pamela McCartney** (2014-2015)  
Director of Instructional Services  
Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit

**Ray McFall** (2014-2015)  
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Middle School Principal  
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Pennsylvania State University

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Program Specialist  
Division of Public Programming  
Carnegie Museum of Natural History

**Gary Means** (2010-2011)  
Director/Financial Aid  
Westmoreland County Community College

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

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Business Manager/Board Secretary  
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Chair, Education Department  
Saint Francis University

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Superintendent  
York Suburban School District

**Dawn Merris** (2011-2012)  
School Board President  
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School Board President  
Woodland Hills School District

**Michelle Minotti** (2014-2015)  
Principal, Springhouse Middle School  
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Assistant Superintendent  
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Associate Professor and Chairperson  
Physical Education Department  
Slippery Rock University

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Director of Education  
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Executive Director  
Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley

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Superintendent  
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**Dr. Leticia Oseguera** (2012-2013)  
Assistant Professor and Research Associate  
College of Education  
Penn State University

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Associate Director of System Research and Reporting  
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

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Academic Support Coach  
Carson Valley Children's Aid

**Dr. Cheryl Potteiger** (2013-2014)  
Superintendent  
Bellefonte Area School District

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Principal/Administrator  
Maritime Academy Charter School

**Dr. Darius D. Prier** (2012-2013)  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership  
Duquesne University

**Dr. Kathleen Provinzano** (2011-2012)  
Academic Coordinator for Leadership Programs  
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**Kristine Pruett** (2014-2015)  
Assistant to the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives  
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**Karen M. Quinn, Ed.D.** (2012-2013)  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Carlisle Area School District

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Director of IT  
New Hope-Solebury School District

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Elementary Principal  
Mechanicsburg Area School District

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Education Administration Supervisor  
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**Mattie Robinson** (2010-2011)  
Manager of Operations and  
Communications  
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Executive Director  
Hatboro Horsham Education  
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**Christine Anne Royce, Ed.D.**  
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Professor and Chairperson, Department  
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**John Rupp** (2010-2011)  
Vice-President, Board of Education  
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Superintendent  
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President  
Reading Musical Foundation

**Marta Sierra** (2013-2014)  
Chief Programs Officer  
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Executive Director  
Pennsylvania School Public Relations  
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Director/Attorney  
Office for Dispute Resolution  
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CEO/Principal  
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**Dr. Aimee LaPointe Terosky**  
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**Ronald Uroda** (2012-2013)  
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**Larissa Verta** (2009-2010)  
Associate Academic Dean  
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Director of Legislative Services and Grants  
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**Michael J. Vuckovich** (2012-2013)  
Principal/Vocational Director  
Greater Johnstown High School

**Mark A. Stutz** (2012-2013)  
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Business Manager/Board Secretary  
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**Deborah Westover** (2009-2010)  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Shippensburg Area School District

**Ashley Lenker White** (2014-2015)  
Government Affairs Director  
Pennsylvania School Boards  
Association

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Director of Arts Engagement &  
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Lehigh University

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Assistant to Head of School  
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Special Assistant to the Secretary  
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Superintendent  
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Education Manager, K-12 Services  
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## Schedule at a Glance

### Opening Retreat

Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

September 17, 2015 (12:00 pm - 8:30 pm)  
September 18, 2015 (8:30 am - 3:00 pm)

### Regional Leadership Forum

Gettysburg Battlefield, PA  
U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA

October 8, 2015  
October 9, 2015

### Washington Policy Seminar

April 13-16, 2016

### Day at the State Capitol

May 17, 2016 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

### Monthly Seminars

Fridays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Pennsylvania Association of School  
Administrators' Headquarters,  
Harrisburg

October 23, 2015  
November 13, 2015  
December 4, 2015  
January 15, 2016  
February 5, 2016  
March 4, 2016  
March 31, 2016  
May 6, 2016

### Graduation Luncheon

Noon - 3:00 pm  
Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

June 8, 2016

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