

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.

The Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program is sponsored by:

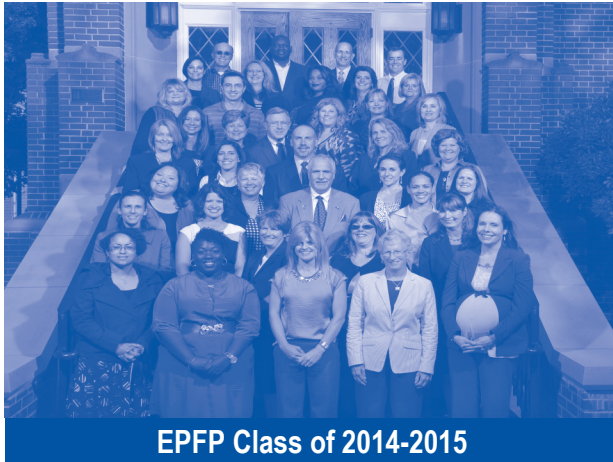
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Mattie Robinson, Fellowship Program
Coordinator
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For more information and to request additional applications, please call (717) 260-9900 or e-mail Mattie Robinson at robinson@eplc.org.

Enrollment is limited. Please apply early.



EPFP Class of 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

DATE	SESSION LOCATIONS	SEMINAR TOPICS
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	
Opening Retreat Part 1	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
Thursday, September 17 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm		
Opening Retreat Part 2	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
Friday, September 18 8:30 am - 3:00 pm		
Regional Leadership Forum, Part 1	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
Thursday, October 8 9:00 am - 8:00 pm		
Regional Leadership Forum, Part 2	Lessons in Strategic Leadership from U.S. Army War College Faculty	<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
Friday, October 9 8:30 am - 3:00 pm		
Session 1	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
Friday, October 23 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 2	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
Friday, November 13 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 3	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: Standards, Assessment, and Accountability
Friday, December 4 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 4	School Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vouchers, Charters, Home School, and Public School Choices Technology and New Opportunities Career and Technical Education
Friday, January 15 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 5	P-12 Education Funding Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and Fundamentals of P-12 Finance in Pennsylvania Governor's Proposed 2016-2017 Education Budget Budget Challenges for School District Officials State Budget and Revenues: Priorities and Options
Friday, February 5 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 6	Postsecondary Education Policy Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and Funding of Higher Education Postsecondary Education Access, Affordability, and Quality Linking Education and Workforce Development Policy
Friday, March 4 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 7	Leadership for Partnerships and Public Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family, School, and Community Partnerships Collaboration and Building Coalitions Effective Advocacy: Making an Impact with Elected Officials
Thursday, March 31 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
National Meeting	IEL/EPLC Washington Policy Seminar	Washington, DC
April 13-16		
Session 8	Group Project Reports: Contributing to the Education Policy Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Policy Seminar Debrief Groups Present Project Reports
Friday, May 6 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Session 9	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
Tuesday, May 17 10:00 am - 4:30 pm		
Graduation	Graduation and Recognition of Fellows, Sponsors, and Alumni	Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
Wednesday, June 8		

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 _____

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 _____

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@epfc.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 _____

Office Phone _____

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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

Titles and organizations listed are the positions held by the Fellows in Classes 2009-2010 through 2014-2015 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.

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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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

Eric R. Holtzman (2012-2013)

Business Administrator
Tuscarora 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

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
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
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

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
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Christine Liberaski (2014-2015)

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North Penn School District

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Dr. Susan Lloyd (2014-2015)
Elementary Principal
Owen J. Roberts School District

Amie Lumadue (2014-2015)
Director of Special Education
Greater Johnstown School District

Dr. Blake Mackesy (2014-2015)
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership
Wilkes 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

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)
Assistant Executive Director
Delaware County Intermediate Unit

Dr. Mark McGalla (2010-2011)
Middle School Principal
Lehigh Area School District

Dr. Kathleen McKinnon (2009-2010)
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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

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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