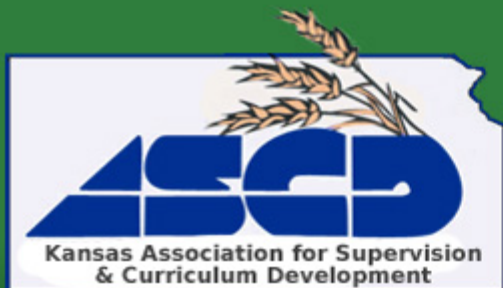


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Reminder:

KASCD Names Outstanding Leaders at Annual Luncheon

On January 24, 2008, Kansas ASCD and Kansas NCA collaborated for the annual luncheon at the United School Administrators Convention. About 60 people were in attendance for the luncheon. The keynote speaker for the USA Convention, Tony Wagner from the Harvard School of Education, shared his insights with the group and ended with an innovative question and answer session where he took questions in groups of threes and connected those questions to his work in research on school reform. Dr. Wagner complimented the group's questions and thinking processes.



Tom Hinrichs Named Outstanding Curriculum Leader 2008

The KASCD Outstanding Curriculum Leader Award is the annual award given by the organization that epitomizes the very essence of what KASCD is all about. This year's award was given to Tom Hinrichs, Curriculum Director for USD 377 Atchison County. Tom has served in different capacities in education for 30 years, and has been an instructional leader in his district for a very long time. He has helped his district to achieve in many areas by writing grants, aligning curriculum, and being a help and support to the administrators and the teachers in the district. Sherry Reed, President of KASCD, read Tom's accolades and shared "stories" of Tom's work through the years. Congratulations Tom!



Sue Amos Named Outstanding Assessment Leader 2008

KASCD Board Members coming soon!

As we are surviving testing season, we all know how important the coordination of assessment has become to our districts and schools. This year's Outstanding Assessment Leader Award went to a very deserving recipient! Sue Amos, Assessment Coordinator for USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton has coordinated testing and assessment for ten years for her district and has provided the leadership and the professional development to help the district to achieve at high levels. Congratulations Sue!



Carol Panzer Named Outstanding Service Center Leader 2008

SWPRSC's Carol Panzer was awarded the Outstanding Education Service Center Leader Award for 2008. Carol has provided high quality technical assistance to the districts in the service center's region. The letters that accompanied her nomination spoke of her support and knowledge base to help schools make curriculum, instruction, and assessment changes as they work through establishing instructional systems. Her efforts in staff development have provided the districts she serves with the best information available, helping geographically isolated districts to flourish in this time of heightened accountability. Congratulations Carol!



Kathy Gates and Kelly Gillespie Win KASCD Scholarship Awards

This year, KASCD gave out two \$500 Scholarships to assist members with their tuition expenses as they continue their education in curriculum leadership. Congrats to Kathy and Kelly!



George Abel First Winner of Distinguished Service Award

George Abel, Assistant Superintendent, USD 253 Emporia, was the recipient of a new award, the Executive Director's Distinguished Service Award. This award will be presented only when there is a particularly deserving recipient. George is a mentor to so many of us in KASCD and in the field in general, and he can take much of the credit for the rejuvenation of KASCD as an organization in the state. His common sense approach to problems and situations is a model for us all. His sense of service and humility provide a model for servant leadership for the rest of us in the field. Congratulations George!



KASCD Curriculum Academy I and II a Big Success

Gina Marx of Friends University, and Barb Engler of Burlingame, co-chaired this year's academy on January 23rd. KASCD provided two curriculum leadership academies for 50 participants. The academies ran simultaneously and were scheduled as a pre-conference for the USA Convention for the first time ever.



For Academy I, participants received training in the areas of vision, resources, adult learning, coaching language, curriculum leadership processes and implementation and monitoring. The presenters were veteran curriculum leaders who shared experience and expertise. Superintendents, curriculum leaders, principals, and teachers attended and took away new information and skills to help them in their daily work. Participants were awarded a certificate of completion at the end of the day and are now eligible for Academy II in 2009!

In Academy II, Dr. Dennis King, a trainer for Solution Tree, spent half the day with the group to train the nuts and bolts of Professional Learning Communities. The PLC, which is really a high level professional development structure, requires that adult learning be at the core of the purpose. The afternoon was spent with veteran curriculum leaders who shared information regarding leadership, coaching, data driven decision making, and assessment for learning. Participants were also presented with certificates and are now eligible for the brand new Academy III in 2009.

Judy Welter to be KASCD President in 08-09

Sherry Reed, President and Judy Welter, President-Elect traveled to Chicago recently for the ASCD Regional Affiliate Meeting. At this meeting Judy learned about what ASCD expects of the affiliate and the opportunities for the affiliate to tap into the vast resources of ASCD. Shown are Judy Welter of Paola, and Molly McCloskey, ASCD Constituent Director for Kansas.



Curriculum Conversation to be held April 10th in Topeka

We have made it our mission to help curriculum leaders in Kansas, and no questions are 'dumb' questions –it is a complex role that we have in education today, and it's crazy to think that any of us can 'go it alone' –we need to lean on our network of colleagues, and we just wanted you to know that KASCD is here to listen and provide support.

Our next Curriculum Conversation is going to be from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at the Clubhouse Inn, 924 SW Henderson (10th and Wanamaker) in Topeka. This is the night prior to the KSDE Curriculum

Leader's Meeting at the Kansas State Historical Society on April 11. The hotel is in close proximity to KSHS and will be very convenient for you!

Come on into town early, and join your colleagues for conversation or just for some down time with people who have similar hectic days. You deserve a break after testing season! To make reservations at the Clubhouse Inn at the state rate, call 785-273-8888. [Get directions](#)

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