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## The KASCD Update

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### KASCD Award Winners Announced, by Dr. Mike Neal, Executive Director

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#### KASCD OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM LEADER AWARD

**Sherry Reed** is currently a curriculum coordinator for the Auburn-Washburn school district in Topeka. She is responsible for curriculum alignment to standards. She has presented the Bullseye Curriculum Writing process to numerous school districts and at both the state and national level, and is an author of a book related to this subject. She previously worked as a professional development consultant for the Northeast Kansas Education Service Center. She has been active in KASCD as Secretary, Vice-President, President, Membership Chair, Influence Chair, and ASCD Leadership Council.



#### Outstanding Assessment Coordinator Award

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**Mary Matthews** is the recipient of the Assessment Coordinator of the Year Award. She presently is the Director of Assessment and School Improvement of Olathe. She helped the district develop a system where data is the driving force behind teaching and learning. She is assured that staff understand data, use the results, and staff is informed, involved and have the training to link curriculum, instruction and assessment. Mary is involved at the state level as a member of the Kansas Assessment Advisory Council.



#### Outstanding Service Center Educator Award

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**DeAnne Heershe** is the recipient of the Outstanding Educator within the Education Service Center Award. Presently she is the



[Chair](#)

## Reminder

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The next **Curriculum Conversation** will be April 16th, 5:00-7:00 pm at the Clubhouse Inn, Topeka - send suggested topics for discussion to [Dr. Teresa SanMartin](#)

**KASCD Board meeting** April 16th, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Clubhouse Inn, Topeka

**KSDE Pre-session**  
April 17th, 9:00.  
Topic: 21st Century Skills

**KSDE Curriculum Leaders** 10:00 April 17th, Topeka

School Improvement Director of the South Central Kansas Education Service Center at Clearwater. She is involved with professional development and provides intensive assistance to member districts. She is also extensively involved with the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory in Portland, Oregon. The executive director of SCKESC states that DeAnne is a caring individual who believes deeply in public education and always seeks the high road.

## KASCD Scholarships

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**Kelly Gillespie** (pictured with me) is a recipient of a \$500 scholarship from KASCD. She is presently the Executive Director of Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in Sublette, KS. She is currently working on a doctorate through Walden University. Kelly provides staff development at the state, national and international level. She is a trainer for Ruby Payne Framework of Poverty, Cooperative Learning, Curriculum Alignment, Professional Learning Communities, PDK Curriculum Management Audit and MTSS.



**Amy Roussel** (not pictured) is a recipient of a \$500 scholarship from KASCD. She presently is a graduate student under the supervision of Dr. Mike Neal at Kansas University. She supports the teaching of Introduction to Teaching where she has incorporated a service learning component. Her vision is for all teachers to understand the meaning and the value of service learning, and that they will take the practice into the community. This scholarship will be used as she finishes a masters degree in curriculum and instruction.

## Women in Leadership Conference April 27th

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Attention all women in positions of educational leadership: consider attending the **Women in Leadership Conference being hosted by Southwest Plains Regional Service Center on Monday, April 27, 2009, at the Wichita Airport Hilton.**

This conference is designed to help you "be the change" in your district and to embrace your passion for both education and leadership. **A Pre-Conference Champagne and Chocolate Social is planned for Sunday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** The conference will take place Monday, beginning at 8:00 am, with registration and a continental breakfast. Kelly Gillespie, Executive Director, SWPRSC, will open the conference at 8:30 am, followed by the morning keynote. Lunch will be provided. Presentations include: **Lynn Jenkins, Kansas Senator; Dr. Alexa Posny, Kansas Commissioner of Education; Jeri Powers, Kansas Teacher of the Year for 2008; Deb Haltom, Director of Special Education, Shawnee Mission; Marceta Reilly, Leadership Coach with Coaching For Results, Inc.; Dr. Teresa SanMartin, Director of Elementary Education/K-12 Assesment, USD 266, Maize; Dr. Jackie Glasgow, Assistant Superintendent, USD 353, Wellington; Cindy Couchman, Kansas Teacher of the Year for 2009; Peg Dunlap, Director of Instructional Advocacy for KNEA; Dr. Sharon Zoellner, Superintendent, USD 232, De Soto; Dr. Diane Debacker, Deputy Commissioner of KSDE; Janie Perkins, Supplemental Programs Coordinator, USD 457, Garden City; and Dr. Jill Shackelford, Superintendent, USD 500, Kansas City.** For additional information, [click here](#). Registrations can be submitted [online here](#).

## USA is Asking For KASCD Member Input- Please Respond! by Judy Welter, President

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USA/Kansas is trying to strategically plan for the future and is requesting input. KASCD is a member association to USA/Kansas. The following questions are being considered:

1. What is the relationship between USA/Kansas and its member associations?
2. What responsibility does USA/Kansas have to its member associations?
3. What responsibility do member association have to USA/Kansas?
4. What services should USA/Kansas provide to its individual members and to its member associations?

Please email responses to [Judy Welter](#) (just click here and the email and questions are pre-loaded for your response).

## The Kansas Learning First Alliance to 21st Century Community Conversation

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KLFA is planning to host a **community conversation in late April or early May 2009 on the topic of 21st century skills for educating the whole child**. KLFA has prior experience in hosting large community conversations with the one hosted regarding NCLB in 2003. This conversation will have a 21st century approach where, unlike the 800 people who gathered in Wichita in 2003, technology will connect the participants in conversation. KLFA has partnered with three PBS television stations at Topeka, Wichita, and Salina.

The conversation will be televised and will be broadcasted from all three stations. The moderators and recorders for the conversation will be KLFA members. From there, the conversation will continue in an innovative design of three nested circles, like orbits. The inner circle is made up of the three television stations which will model the conversation. In the next circle will be ten sites, to be determined soon, which will watch the telecast and then continue the conversation with KLFA members as moderators and recorders. The data captured from the televised conversation and the ten sites will provide the foundation for the work to follow. In the outer orbit will be "watch parties" conducted by school districts, schools, PTO groups, and anyone interested to watch the televised conversation and then host their own conversation. This session may be informal and unstructured—simply a watch party. However, there may be some who structure their conversation to capture data as well. It is up to the site. Please stay tuned, KLFA will be releasing even more information about the conversation soon!

Kansas ASCD has played an important role in the development of the "conversation." By winning the Influence Grant from ASCD International, KASCD is contributing support and dollars to the KLFA effort. **Serving on behalf of KASCD are Dayna Richardson, George Abel, Marceta Reilly, and Sherry Reed.**

## Plan Now for Fall KASCD/KSDC Fall Conference, by Dr. Diane Gross, Conference Co-Chair

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**Making a Difference: Creating Difference  
Makers! November 3rd & 4th, 2009  
Wichita Airport Hilton**

**Keynote Presenter: Karen Seashore**



## **Louis, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN**

Karen Seashore Louis is a professor in the Department of Educational Policy and Administration at the University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development and a recipient of NSDC's Contribution to Staff Development award. Her research interests include organizational theory, schools as workplaces, and leadership with a focus on school improvement and school reform. She has devoted over 30 years of research and consulting efforts to improvement of K-12 leadership and policy, primarily in urban secondary schools, and has published 13 books and over 100 articles.

### **Day One: Building School Cultures Through Expanded Leadership**

Lasting change involves building strong school cultures that engage educational professionals with their colleagues and communities. Learn how to intensify leadership through the development of professional community, organizational learning, and trust within a school by involving teachers, parents, and community in the important work of school improvement. Learn how to diagnose a school's culture and make changes that produce results.

### **Day Two: Breakout Sessions: Leadership Makes a Difference**

Choose from a menu of sessions offering practical experiences that build leadership capacity while making a positive difference for student learning.

## **Many Attend KASCD Pre-Conference at USA**

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Forty Kansas educators convened in Wichita a day early for the USA Convention to participate in the Kansas ASCD "Just in Time" session, **Using MTSS for School Improvement**. The session content was anchored in the alignment of MTSS the pre-NCLB Kansas Quality Performance Accreditation model and how MTSS is a more sophisticated approach to school improvement, and is the logical evolution of the great work Kansas has been doing in school improvement for almost three decades.



Participants were introduced to MTSS by a thorough overview from Terri Kimball, MTSS Trainer and KASCD Membership Chair. Then, the Emporia team presented the K-12 Emporia journey in MTSS to this point, including Dr. George Abel, Assistant Superintendent and KASCD Treasurer; Brian Jordan, Director of Assessment and Data; and Patricia Smiley, Director of Special Services. Participants learned of the ups and downs through the implementation process and also took comfort in that these are not new things—we are already on the path to MTSS in many districts. Participants then took the MTSS Structuring Task list and highlighted what are typically "school improvement" tasks or activities and then highlighted in a second color the "tasks we are already doing" right now. Kim Rasmussen, K-12 Curriculum Coordinator, USD 437 remarked, "This was a really good activity to make the uncertain more concrete and to help alleviate concern and angst."

Sherry Reed, Kansas ASCD Past President and Terri Kimball shared the connections between the Structuring Task List and the "sunshine" QPA document. Components discussed included Assessments, facilitated by Steve Splichal, KASCD President Elect and Judy Welter, KASCD President; the MTSS Innovation Configuration Matrix, facilitated by Terri Kimball; Building the best Tier 1, facilitated by Kim Rasmussen, KASCD member and Sherry Reed; problem solving, facilitated by Charyl Boggs, MTSS Trainer; and Data, facilitated by James Baker, MTSS Trainers Coordinator and Teresa San Martin, KASCD Communications Chair.

After the discussions, the group came back together and received a copy of the book, *Using RTI for School Improvement* by Shores and Chester. This

is the same book being used by MTSS trainers and co-author, Cara Shores will be providing training for the MTSS trainers in the near future. The group was treated to a visit by Kansas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Alexa Posny. She briefly visited with a few participants and commented on the importance of the topic.

Kansas ASCD is hoping to repeat the session so that more people can participate. Stay tuned! (George Abel from Emporia is shown presenting)

### **Summary of KASCD Pre-Session of KSDE Curriculum Leaders' Meeting January 23rd by Dr. Teresa SanMartin, KASCD Communications Chair**

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Dr. Robin Harris, KSDE Assistant Director of Career & Technical Education (CTE), and the Career and Technical Education Team provided valuable information to curriculum leaders across the state at the Pre-session of the state Curriculum Leader's Meeting on January 23, 2009. Robin gave an overview of Career and Technical Education, then curriculum leaders had the opportunity to gather information from various CTE topics. Topics included math-in-



CTE, Workready certificates, ACT Workkeys, using labor market information, Kansas Career Pipeline, CTE Accountability and core indicators, Perkins IV legislation basics, student personal career plans of study, 21st Century Skills connections to CTE, Career Clusters design and implementation timeline, and business and industry partnerships. KSDE Career and Technical Education team members who led the round table discussions were David Barnes, Kathy Hund, Marie Hall, Peggy Torrens, Sharon Ketter, Kent Reed, Kathy Boyer, Vernon Schweer, Melinda Stanley, and Robin Harris.

The KSDE Career and Technical Education team did an outstanding job sharing information and fielding questions from curriculum leaders. **Plan to come early to the next pre-session at 9:00 April 17th. The topic is: 21st Century Skills!** (Pictured are curriculum leaders participating in roundtable discussions with the KSDE Career and Technical Education team.)

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