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Phi Delta Kappa International news and upcoming events

ARE YOU AN EMERGING LEADER OF EDUCATION?

Nominate yourself or a colleague to be recognized as an Emerging Leader by Phi Delta Kappa.

This unique program recognizes young educators from around the world for their leadership, particularly relative to PDK's tenets: service, research, and leadership. The award winners are selected from a competitive class of applicants based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

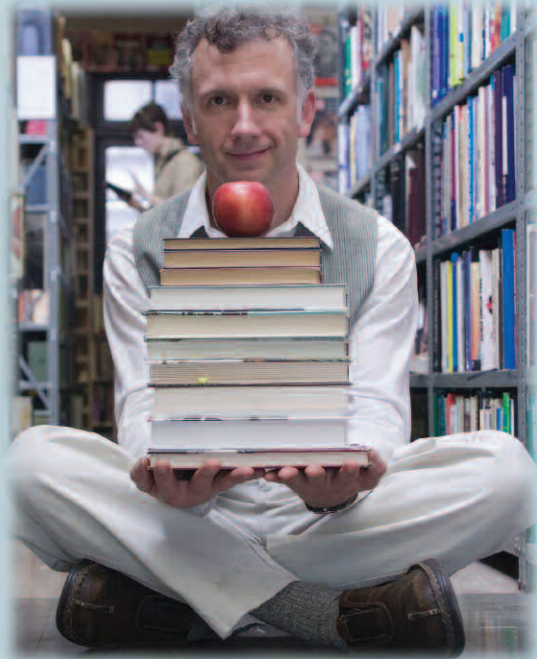
Any PDK member in good standing who is age 40 or younger at the time of application is eligible to apply. Applications include responses to a general information form and short-answer questions. Applicants must also submit a curriculum vita and three letters of recommendation that support the responses to the short-answer questions. A panel of past Emerging Leaders reviews the applications.

>>The deadline for applications for the Class of 2009-10 Emerging Leaders is March 6, 2009.

"Beyond the recognition they receive for their career successes, we've learned that the Emerging Leaders most value the opportunity to meet and network with other educators who share their passion for this work. That may be the most significant feature of bringing together this group of dynamic young educators," said Amy Kemp, director for leadership development and chapter services.

The 2009-10 Emerging Leaders will be announced in May 2009. The new Emerging Leaders will be recognized in *Kappan* magazine and honored at the 2009 PDK Summit in Indianapolis, Ind., in October 2009. Emerging Leaders will receive a travel stipend to attend the summit and also will be invited to join other PDK initiatives.

>> For more information on the Emerging Leaders and to download an application, please visit www.pdkemergingleaders.org.



PDK Introduces Book Club

Kappans are invited to join a new PDK Book Club created in partnership with Solution Tree Press.

The new book club will enable Kappans to receive three high-quality education books published by Solution Tree Press each year. Selections for the book club will be made with PDK members in mind.

Kappans can join the PDK Book Club for only \$39 a year and receive three books a year. Books will arrive in March, July, and November each year. Those three books will have a retail value of about \$90 each year. (Members in Canada and Mexico with no APO/AFP address can sign up for the book club for just \$49 a year. A book club membership for Kappans with no APO/AFP address in all other countries is \$69 a year.)

Members who join the Book Club before June 30 will receive a copy of *Change Wars*, edited by Andy Hargreaves and Michael Fullan (Solution Tree Press, 2008), at no additional charge.

Add the Book Club option to your current membership by calling 800-766-1156 today or look online for this membership add-on option.

The first PDK Book Club selection goes in the mail in early July. Sign up now to ensure that you're on the mailing list.

Learn more about the book club at www.pdkintl.org/joinpdk/bookclub.htm

Emerging Leader: Brian Myers

Brian Myers believes in the “ripple effect.” As an assistant professor of agricultural education at the University of Florida, he prepares middle school and high school agriscience teachers, as well as working with the Florida Cooperative Extension service’s faculty to improve their educational programs. In addition, he works with agriscience teachers in Florida to help them stay up-to-date with new ideas in pedagogy and changes in funding and legislation.



Myers is part of the 2008-09 PDK Class of Emerging Leaders.

“I help folks go out and be teachers, but ultimately I’m helping the students that they teach every day,” said Myers, who began his career as an agriscience teacher in Illinois. He describes the decision to move to higher education as his toughest professional decision.

“I really loved teaching high school,” he said. While he was teaching, he conducted some workshops for teachers during the summers and discovered he also loved working with other teachers and helping them integrate new ideas and implement new practices into their teaching.

“As a university faculty member, I train people to do what I love, and I also work with teachers to improve practice,” he said.

Myers expects to become tenured and promoted next year, and he plans to stay in higher education.

“I love working with the students, getting them excited about going out and being teachers themselves,” he said.

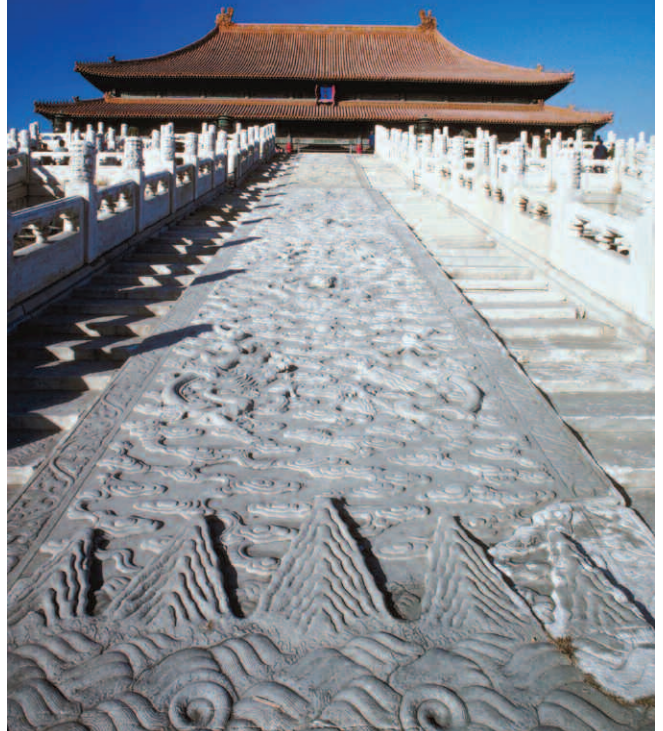
Travel to China

PDK members are invited to join a study trip to China in fall 2009.

The 10-day trip will tentatively include stops in Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai. Travelers will make school visits as well as see well-known tourist attractions.

The cost of the trip (which had not yet been finalized by press time) will include travel in China, hotel accommodations, food, and fees to all planned tourist sites.

Space is limited. Interested Kappans should contact Holly Thrasher, Assistant Director for Chapter Resource Development, 800-766-1156, ext. 2230 by March 1.



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