

NARSA Update

by Kay Gordon, President, Nebraska Association of Retired School Administrators

It has been my pleasure to serve as one of three retired NASES affiliate members on the NARSA Executive Board. Upon retirement from ESU 3, I joined NARSA as a way to keep current on educational activities in Nebraska, and to keep in contact with fellow retirees. When asking questions of a NARSA Executive Board Member as to what NARSA was all about, she invited me to attend a Board Meeting with her. I did, had my questions answered and later was asked to fill a vacancy on the Board. Since that time I have enjoyed meeting with other educators from across the state which has given me a better understanding of our schools with their similar as well as unique accomplishments, and an appreciation of the individuals who strive to provide the best educational opportunities for the students whom they serve.

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The mission of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA) is to be an effective leader for quality education and to enhance the professionalism of its members.

Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Announces 2008 Distinguished Principals of the Year



Wortman



Kluth

The Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals is proud to recognize Mike Wortman, Principal at Lincoln High School, and Doug Kluth, Principal at Columbus Middle School, as their Distinguished Principals of the Year.

Dr. Michael Wortman was selected to represent Nebraska as the High School Principal of the Year. Mike received his education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees). Dr. Wortman has served as a practicing school administrator for the past 35 years, including Principal at Lincoln High School since 1995.

Mike is active in many professional

organizations and community leadership positions such as the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, and the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals. He is also a member of the Lincoln Rotary Club #14, the Nebraska Human Resources Institute Board of Directors, the

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Shelton School Administrator Named Outstanding New Principal



Little

Tony Little, Principal of Shelton Elementary School in Shelton, has been named the Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals Outstanding New Principal for 2007-2008.

Little, in his third year as an elementary principal, is described as a leader who finds new ways to develop his skills

and knowledge as an effective leader in his school. He possesses great knowledge and shows great enthusiasm in his job, and a leader who creates a positive environment in Shelton Elementary by working closely with students and staff. In addition, he is known as an advocate for teachers and students.

Shanna Bombeck, an instructor at Shelton Elementary, states: "Good communication is his strength, and he has

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NARSA Update...

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NARSA is happy to report 521 current members including a number who reside in other states. With the anticipation of a number of Administrators retiring each year, membership will continue to increase. With the current increase in membership, the NCSA Board has provided NARSA with a larger budget. The time has come for the Executive Board to plan for additional ways in which we may better serve our members.

The NARSA Board currently has individuals involved in Legislative and EHA committees: both of which are of concern to the general membership. One member from each affiliate serves as a liaison and reports to the NARSA Board on the activities of their affiliate. The Chairperson serves as a voting member of the NCSA Executive Board. General membership events are planned for the

Spring and Fall. In addition, NARSA hosts a reception on Wednesday during Administrators' Days.

A discussion of future goals prompted the question of whether or not NARSA had a Constitution and/or Bylaws. A search of individual "archives" did produce a Constitution and Bylaws which were last amended in 1994, and certainly were not in keeping with current Board practices. Past Chairperson Dolores Rader graciously volunteered to take on the challenging task of revising the documents. Because of the great similarity between the Constitution and the Bylaws the documents were combined. The revised Bylaws were approved at the February 20, 2008 Board Meeting and will take effect on September 1, 2008. Thanks to Dolores for her work.

With the new Bylaws established the NARSA Board has continued discussion on a first goal: to increase the aware-

ness of and participation in NARSA activities, which will allow members to feel connected and to take a more active part in the organization.

COMMUNICATION

1. Communication is always the "glue" that binds members of an organization together. We will be working on establishing better lines of communication through such activities as: a column in the *NCSA Today*, or a separate Newsletter. Conversations with fellow NARSA members and retirees are always a good way to promote interest in being a part of educational activities. Members serving as Liaisons to the affiliates have an opportunity to promote NARSA to future members. The NARSA reception during Administrators' Days provides an opportunity for interaction and conversation with NARSA members and potential members. Members are also encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to attend additional meetings and workshops - a good way to become aware of emerging educational issues.

INCREASE PARTICIPATION

2. Increase NARSA member participation in educational activities throughout the state. Activities could include volunteering to work at various school activities, programs, and workshops in their community, serving as support mentors to current administrators, even if just as a good listener; becoming better informed on educational legislative issues and discussing them with legislators, maintaining contact with NCSA affiliates.

NARSA welcomes suggestions and ideas from members and future members in helping us meet our goal. NARSA desires to continue as an important part of the Nebraska Educational Community.



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NSASSP Middle School/High School Principals of the Year

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University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council and the UNL College of Education and Human Sciences Alumni Board.

Dr. Wortman has earned honors, including the Nebraska Human Resources Institute William Hall Alumni of the Year, Beta Theta Pi Alumni Advisor of the Year and the NSASSP Region I Principal of the Year. He has also published several articles in state and national education periodicals.

Dr. Marilyn Moore, Associate Superintendent for Instruction of the Lincoln Public Schools, states: "Dr. Wortman has demonstrated skill in collaborative leadership in his role of principal at Lincoln High. He works closely with his administrative team, department chairs, teachers and students in implementing significant change at Lincoln High. Dr. Wortman is a very effective principal, and he works with and through others."

Judy Strand, the English Department Chair at Lincoln High, says: "I have found him to be a collaborative leader with the highest ethical standards. He leads by doing and by being highly visible. He is totally committed to the success of the Lincoln High community - our students, our support staffs and teachers, as well as our alumni."

Dr. Kent Mann, Principal at Grand Island Senior High states: "Of his many qualities and skills, I believe Mike's greatest gift is his ability to connect and interact with people. While test scores, assessments and student performance

scores are all important, these issues are next in line behind the priority items of students and staff. Mike knows his students and staff and knows how to address their needs. He is a caring, personal, and sincere leader who holds the people of his school as the highest priority."

Dr. Wortman will receive his award at the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals conference in Kearney in December.

Mr. Doug Kluth was selected to represent Nebraska as the Middle School Principal of the Year for the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals. Doug received his education from South Dakota State University (Bachelors), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Masters) and the University of Nebraska-Kearney (Ed. Specialist).

Doug has been the principal at Columbus Middle School since 2003 and has served the Columbus Public Schools for a total of 20 years. He was an Assistant Principal at Columbus High School for two of those years and a teacher at Columbus High prior to his appointment to Assistant Principal.

Mr. Kluth is active in many professional organizations such as the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals. He is a member of the Columbus City Civil

Service Commission, served as Chairman at Peace Lutheran Church and is a member of the Columbus Noon Rotary Club. Doug has also been a presenter for several state conferences.

Mr. Kluth has been honored as the Region III Middle School Principal of the Year in 2006 and 2007.

Dr. Paul Hillyer, Superintendent of the Columbus Public Schools, states: "Mr. Kluth shows tremendous leadership in his modeling of a clear system of ethics that includes a strong emphasis on honesty, respect, fairness and kindness. He holds himself accountable to these qualities and, in the process, helps staff and students develop these values."

Danielle Reinhardt, CMS teacher says: "I believe Mr. Kluth's greatest strength is his ability to stay connected with his students and staff. Columbus Middle School is fortunate to have Mr. Doug Kluth as its instructional leader. He is a creative problem solver who has brought positive, energized change to our building."

Kim Wilson, Assistant Principal at CMS, states: "During the time I have worked with Doug, I have found him to be a progressive leader whose personality and professional abilities have created a positive, student-centered environment for learning. He values continuing education and collaboration and encourages his staff to take active leadership roles at the building level and beyond."

Mr. Kluth will also receive his award at the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals conference in Kearney in December.

NAESP New Principal of the Year

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excellent rapport with students and faculty. He listens to concerns and helps to solve problems by scheduling monthly staff meetings and weekly news letters to communicate with teachers."

A fellow administrator in a neighboring district said, "What impresses me most about Tony is his ability to think through the critical issues and the direction he positions his school. He constantly evaluates his decisions and pro-

grams he implements at his school, always looking for improvements as he progresses."

During his tenure at Shelton Elementary, Mr. Little has, among other things, implemented a Morning Meeting time, re-started the local PTO, lead the charge to re-align curricular areas, contributed to the start-up of the Response to Intervention Model in the school and became a contributing member of

NAESP.

Tony is an active member of the Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals (Region IV Secretary/Treasurer 2007), the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. He was recognized at the Awards Ceremony during the NAESP Legislative Conference in Lincoln on February 12, 2008.



Setting the Stage for Parent-Professional Collaboration

Contributed by Dr. Cathy Pratt, Director, Indiana Resource Center for Autism
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Supporting an individual with an autism spectrum disorder can present special challenges for both parents and professionals. When problem situations occur, it may be difficult for family members and professionals to work together in a positive manner on behalf of the individual. Clearly, effective communication is essential to ensure that all involved in the individual's life have accurate and important information to guide programming decisions. The following list presents helpful hints for maintaining effective, consistent, and honest communication.

- Reach an agreement about how often and in what format communication can best take place. Determine methods for maintaining ongoing communication, such as telephone calls, written journals, or other systems. Remember that the professional's primary responsibility during the school or work day is his or her students or employees.
- Frustration will naturally occur when two parties attempt to negotiate impor-

tant issues. Keep communications as positive and free of blame as possible. Parents need to hear about successes, not just failures from teachers. Teachers need support and information from parents rather than angry phone calls. If tempers flare, postponing calls or meetings to allow a little cooling off time can be an effective beginning to problem resolution. It is always important for parents and professionals to thank each other when they do something positive, even if it does not work out perfectly.

- Honesty is vital. However, honesty does not preclude tact. Know when to be blunt and when to be diplomatic. Reserve judgement. There is always more to the story than one knows.
- Present information in a clear fashion and do not use jargon. Professional jargon can be both intimidating and confusing for family members.
- At the beginning of each partnership, it is important for parents and professionals to convey to each other what they realistically expect. When expecta-

tions change, the other party should be informed. Parents should be consistent in their expectations of professionals and the services desired. Professionals should never expect a parent to accept the argument that your service delivery system cannot afford what their child needs.

- Discuss problems as soon as they arise, rather than waiting for them to get out of control. If teachers do not have the answer to a problem, admit it and involve the parent in problem solving. Parents should not be afraid to ask questions about any aspect of their child's treatment or programming.

Working together takes commitment, time, and consideration by all involved. When parents and professionals cannot work together constructively, the child is the one who loses! But when good communication, mutual respect and sensitivity, and good faith efforts on everyone's part to resolve problems is the foundation of parent-professionals collaboration...all three are winners!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

For more information on any of these conferences or to register online please visit ncsa.org

March 18

Leadership for School Athletic & Activity Programs Within the Law Sandhills Convention Center - North Platte

March 19

Leadership for School Athletic & Activity Programs Within the Law Cornhusker Hotel - Lincoln

March 25

The Nebraska Leadership Initiative Holiday Inn - Kearney

March 27-28

NASES/NDE Joint Meeting Downtown Holiday Inn - Lincoln

April 8-9

Managing Change - Balanced Leadership Holiday Inn - Kearney

April 16-18

NASBO State Convention Cornhusker Hotel - Lincoln

April 24-25

NASES Spring Conference Mahoney State Park - Ashland

April 28

NE State Data Conference Holiday Inn - Kearney

May 1-2

Grants Management/NCLB: The Basics Holiday Inn - Kearney

The Year as President

by Barry Stark, Principal, Norris Middle School; President, National Association of Secondary School Principals

Serving as the National Association of Secondary School Principals has been an unbelievable professional opportunity. After serving on the NASSP Board from 2002-2006, I decided to run for the president-elect in 2006. With a tremendous amount of assistance from NCSA and the Nebraska Middle and High School Principals, the undertaking was successful and I was elected. The president-elect year is primarily a learning experience with limited travel to state conventions. There is usually one international conference that the president-elect attends. I went to New Zealand for their National Secondary School Principals' conference. I delivered an address there identifying the programs available and the services or value-added of the NASSP.

The responsibilities of the president include visitations and speaking to the state principals' conventions and attendance at the International conferences in Australia, Spain, China and Newfoundland. The term runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. During this time, in addition to the International travel I listed, I will attend between 28-30 state conferences, making full-conference presentations ranging from the issues facing the secondary principal today, to the state of the NASSP, to motivational speeches. Many times there are also opportunities for involvement in

breakout sessions. Other involvement includes attendance at other types of conferences, including the Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program, a week-long learning experience for each state's top 2 students; participation at the NAESP convention; Learning First Alliance; and presenting the national Principal of the Year Awards and the Assistant Principal of the Year Awards.

The four Board of Directors meetings are also chaired by the president. Two major functions include receiving/reviewing the audit of the Association and the evaluation of the Executive Director, Gerry Tirozzi. The president receives each member's six-page evaluation and then has to summarize each comment and tabulate the evaluation of each of the goals. After those are tabulated and all 24 members have had their individual comments listed, a copy is sent to Dr. Tirozzi for his review. At the convention Board meeting, the Board reviews the entire evaluation with Dr. T. and recommends his renewal (or termination if that was warranted).

What I have found is that regardless of the state, most of the issues facing principals today are similar: Meeting AYP; funding; safe schools; parent



Mike Dulaney and Barry Stark

involvement; assessment/high stakes testing; athletic/co-curricular issues. Some states have some unique issues that are state-specific, but most of the issues are fairly common among all the states. What is so rewarding is that in spite of these issues, almost EVERY state has plans to deal with their issues and there is a real "problem-solving" mentality in resolving the concerns.

The national convention is always a highlight, with the outstanding keynoters and the excellent break-out sessions. This year's San Antonio convention was a special one because there were so many Nebraska colleagues in attendance and specifically, the Norris team and my family.

It is a busy responsibility and I have so very much appreciated the approval of Dr. Baker and the Norris School Board.

One thing the Nebraska colleagues taught me to remember was to keep my feet firmly planted and to always remember my professional roots. I would like to think that that was done. To each of you, I sincerely appreciate all that you have meant to me in this endeavor and in my career. It is a part of the profession that I genuinely love!!

There will still be travel yet this spring until the term is completed June 30.



Dan Ernst, Kelly Coash-Johnson, Mike Dulaney and Gerry Tirozzi





Dulaney

Support

Dr. Mike Dulaney, Executive Director, NCSA
 Dr. Dan Ernst, Associate Executive Director, NCSA



Ernst

In the March edition of *NCSA Today*, we will discuss the fourth segment of the strategic plan as approved by the NCSA Executive Board. The final component is defined as follows: IV. Support (e.g., intervention on behalf of individual members in protection of due process rights in contractual matters, intervention on behalf of individual members in specialized casework, define the organization, etc.).

A dictionary definition defines support as to give active help and encouragement. NCSA provides active help and encouragement to members in various manners. Targeted activities under this component of the strategic plan include a revision and update of NCSA Bylaws and Constitution; the development of an online comprehensive document and information repository/clearinghouse; a review of each affiliates contri-

bution to NCSA and its respective membership; and to examine the NCSA Legal Support Program. Discussion in this article will primarily address legal support.

Established in 1981, the NCSA Legal Support Program provides funds for legal assistance to active members on matters relating to their employment contract. The primary purpose is to support active NCSA members and assure

“due process” is provided by the local board of education relating to their contract, statutory and regulating guarantees. Under this program, all active NCSA members in good standing are qualified to request funds for legal assistance. Any active member who has been notified that his/her contract will not be

renewed, that it is to be terminated or substantially altered, or that there is substantial evidence that suggests a change in status, may access the benefits of this program. The funds may only be used to assist a member with legal fees incurred on matters involving employment contractual disputes. In addition, a member may also request the advice from a retired or active NCSA

member who may be able to offer non-legal assistance and support. The executive director or associate executive director will contact a retired or active NCSA member on behalf of the member when assistance is requested. The Legal Support Program has provided many members with necessary and

timely support and can be viewed in its entirety on the NCSA web page; go to the menu and click on Legal Support under NCSA Programs.

NCSA members may contact the associate director and discuss district- or school-related issues. With 25 years of principal and superintendent experience, the associate director provides members the opportunity for support and assistance at the local level on wide array of subjects. Our NCSA staff works to provide individual members with support and assistance as needed on a personal and professional level. We certainly understand our role in providing and promoting support for NCSA members and believe that it is of paramount importance to sustain and grow our organization. 

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WEBINARS

NCSA is proud to provide webinars to its members on important school-related topics. NCSA has developed the NCSA Webinar Program to help administrators receive quality training and development without having to leave the comfort of the office or home. Webinars are topic specific and last 20 to 30 minutes with a question-and-answer time. You will be able to view a presentation, listen to a presenter and interactively ask questions. System Requirements for PC-based attendees are: Windows® 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista. System Requirements for Macintosh®-based attendees are: Mac OS® X 10.3.9 (Panther®) or newer. You will be prompted to download free software the first time you attend a webinar. You will also need a phone line available for your use during the webinar in order to listen to the presenter.

Many webinars are free of charge, except for your cost of the phone call. For those webinars which do have a cost, you will receive an invoice following the webinar. If you are interested in attending any of these NCSA webinars, please be sure to look for the electronic invitation three weeks prior to the event. You will register online and receive communication and instructions. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please e-mail kelly@ncsa.org.

STEP ONE: When you get an invitation via e-mail, click on the register now button

STEP TWO: You will receive a confirmation e-mail one day and one hour before the webinar. Click on the web address given in one of these e-mails

STEP THREE: Call into the phone number given in both the above e-mail and the control panel (which will appear when you log on)

STEP FOUR: Enjoy your webinar!

If you have questions about attending a webinar or would like further information, please feel free to contact kelly@ncsa.org.

For a list of current webinars, please visit <http://ncsa.org>.

RETIREMENTS...

Retiring this year? NCSA wants to know about you. Go to <http://ncsa.org/retired.htm> to complete the retirement profile. All retirees will be honored in the May edition of the NCSA Today.

- ☛ **Elizabeth Wearin**, Principal, Hyannis Public Schools
- ☛ **Judy Kabourek**, Administrator, Schuyler Community Schools
- ☛ **Vikki Deuel**, Principal at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island
- ☛ **Larry Ferguson**, Superintendent, Medicine Valley Public Schools
- ☛ **Roy Ingram**, Superintendent, Morrill Public Schools
- ☛ **Terry Miller**, Administrator, ESU #13
- ☛ **Dennis O'Connor**, Superintendent, Creek Valley Public Schools
- ☛ **Dennis McIntyre**, Technology Coordinator, Westside Community Schools
- ☛ **Sissy Ruley**, Principal East High School in Lincoln
- ☛ **Gary Williams**, Associate Principal, East High School
- ☛ **Larry Parker**, Athletic Director, Lincoln High School
- ☛ **Dick Spearman**, Administrative Assistant in Instruction, Lincoln Public Schools
- ☛ **Karen Stanley**, Social Studies Curriculum Specialist, Lincoln Public Schools
- ☛ **Dan Tesar**, Assistant Principal, Tri County Jr-Sr High School
- ☛ **Marge Spencer**, Principal, Eisenhower Elementary School, North Platte
- ☛ **Deb Ady**, Coordinator of Special Projects, Millard Public Schools
- ☛ **Don Pieper**, Superintendent, Dorchester Public Schools
- ☛ **Dave Hawkins**, Assistant Superintendent, South Sioux City Community Schools
- ☛ **Gary Bolton**, Assistant Superintendent, Fremont Public Schools
- ☛ **Ross Ridenour**, Principal, Broken Bow Public Schools
- ☛ **Pat Rhodes**, Principal, Bryan Elementary School, Millard
- ☛ **Rick Kolowski**, Principal, Millard West High School
- ☛ **Larry Seger**, Principal, Wallace Public School District
- ☛ **Peggy Brendel**, Principal, Millard Public Schools

LEAVING THE DISTRICT...

- ☛ **Ted Classen**, Superintendent, Amherst Public Schools
- ☛ **Roger Nyffeler**, Principal, Central Elementary School, Kearney
- ☛ **Brent Gaswick**, Gordon Elementary School
- ☛ **Joe Sherwood**, Superintendent Pender Public Schools
- ☛ **Paul Sheffield**, Superintendent Shickley Public Schools
- ☛ **Tucker Lillis**, Superintendent, Ogallala Public Schools

WELLNESS FOR ADMINISTRATORS!



The March *NCSA Today* includes an informational article related to healthful tips and moving towards a healthy lifestyle with respect to eating habits. You will find that when you combine the nutritional advice with increased physical activity, you are on your way to healthful living. You may find this article for your review on the NCSA website at ncsa.org under Administrator Wellness on the menu.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

👉 **Elmwood-Murdock** on passing their bond issue

👉 **Madison Public Schools** on passing their bond issue

👉 **Edward Rastovski**, Superintendent at Wahoo Public Schools, who has been awarded the Leadership in School Nutrition Education Award from the American Dairy Association & Dairy Council of Nebraska

👉 **Brenda Tracy**, Interim Middle School Assistant Principal and SpEd Administrator at Norris, who has been named Assistant Principal at Norris Middle School

👉 **Mary Jo Rupert**, Assistant Principal at Norris Middle School, who has been named Principal

👉 **Rod Foley**, Assistant Principal at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island, who has been named Principal

👉 **Terry Hazard**, Superintendent of Woodbine, IA, who has been named Superintendent at Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools.

👉 **Paula Lawrence**, Interim Principal at West Park Elementary in Columbus, who has been named Principal

👉 **Charles Isom**, Superintendent at Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools, who has been named Superintendent at South Central NE USD #5-6

👉 **Mark Johnson**, Principal, Glenwood Elementary School, who has been named Principal, Bryant Elementary School in Kearney

👉 **Evan Wieseman**, Principal, Cross County Community Schools, who has been named Superintendent at Shickley Public Schools

👉 **Bob Hastings**, Principal, Washington Elementary in Norfolk, who has been named Director of Teaching & Learning

👉 **Tom Moore**, Principal, Wood River High School, who has been named Superintendent at Amherst Public Schools

👉 **Ted Classen**, Superintendent, Amherst Public Schools, who has been named Superintendent at Creek Valley Public Schools

👉 **David Engle**, Principal, Squalicum High School, Bellingham, WA, who has been named Superintendent at North Platte Public Schools

👉 **Alan Garey**, Principal, Medicine Valley Public Schools, who has been named Superintendent

👉 **Steve Osborn**, Principal, Chadron Public Schools, who has been named Superintendent

👉 **Anne Harley**, G. Stanley Hall Elementary School, who has been named Assistant Principal at Ackerman Elementary in Millard

👉 **Corey Dahl**, Principal, Plainview Elementary School, who has been named Instructional Technology Facilitator at ESU #8

👉 **Josh McDowell**, Teacher, Barr Middle School in Grand Island, who has been named, Assistant Principal at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island

👉 **Pat Nauroth**, Principal, South Sioux City Senior High, who has been named Assistant Superintendent

👉 **Heidi Penke**, Assistant Principal, Ackerman Elementary School, who has been named Principal at Sandoz Elementary in Millard

👉 **Lee Sayer**, who has been named Superintendent at Clay Center and Greeley-Wolbach Public Schools

👉 **Polly Bowhay**, Assistant Principal, Hawthorne Elementary School in Lincoln, who has been named Assistant Principal at Adams Elementary in Lincoln

👉 **Mary Scarborough**, Instructional Facilitator, Papillion-LaVista Public Schools, who has been named Principal at Patriot Elementary School

👉 **Katherine Meink**, Superintendent, Keya Paha County School, who has been named Superintendent at Allen and Ewing School Districts

👉 **Susan Anglemeyer**, Principal, Sandoz Elementary School, who has been named Principal at Upchurch Elementary in Millard

👉 **Brad Sullivan**, Principal at Rohwer Elementary School, who has been named Principal at Bryan Elementary School in Millard

👉 **Kevin Chick**, Principal, Black Elk Elementary School, who has been named Principal at Norris Elementary School in Millard

👉 **Keith Leckron**, Principal, Weeping Water Public Schools, who has been named Principal at Elkhorn Valley

👉 **Joshua Fields**, Assistant Principal, Wheeler Elementary in Millard, who has been named Principal at Black Elk Elementary in Millard

👉 **Tracy Logan**, Millard Public Schools, who has been named Assistant Principal at Wheeler Elementary in Millard

👉 **Bard Waller**, Millard Public Schools, who has been named Coordinator of Career & Technical Education at Millard Public Schools

👉 **Kara Hutton**, Montessori Coordinator, Millard Public Schools, who has been named Coordinator of Special Programs, Millard Public Schools

👉 **Todd Porter**, Superintendent/Principal, McPherson County High School, who has been named Superintendent/Principal at Wallace Public School District

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Calendar of Events

MARCH

13	NASES Region V	9:00 a.m.	Prairie Winds Com. Cent.	Bridgeport
14	NASES Region II	9:00 a.m.	Fremont Public Schools	Fremont
18	School Athletic Programs	8:30 a.m.	Sandhills Convention Cent	North Platte
19	School Athletic Programs	8:30 a.m.	Cornhusker Hotel	Lincoln
25	The NE Leadership Initiative	8:30 a.m.	Holiday Inn	Kearney
27	NASES Region IV	12:00 p.m.	ESU #10	Kearney
27-28	NASES/NDE Joint Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Holiday Inn	Lincoln
28	NASES Region III	12:00 p.m.	Sports Denn	Norfolk

APRIL

1	NSASSP Region V	10:00 a.m.	WNCC	Sidney
1	NAESP Region V	10:00 a.m.	WNCC	Sidney
2	NCSA Executive Board	8:30 a.m.	NCSA	Lincoln
8-9	Managing Change Workshop	6:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn	Kearney
9	NASA Region I	4:00 p.m.	York Country Club	York
9	NAESP Region I	2:00 p.m.	Waverly Elementary	Waverly
9	NASES Region I	9:30 a.m.	Norris Board Room	Firth
16	NAESP Region III	5:00 p.m.	Fairplay Golf Course	Norfolk
16	NSASSP Region III	5:00 p.m.	Fairplay Golf Course	Norfolk
16	NASBO Golf Tournament	12:30 p.m.	Wilderness Ridge	Lincoln
17-18	NASBO State Convention	7:30 a.m.	Cornhusker Hotel	Lincoln
18	NASES Region II	9:00 a.m.	Plattsmouth Schools	Plattsmouth
22	NARSA Spring Event	10:00 a.m.	Lincoln	Lincoln
23	NAESP Region II	5:30 p.m.	Lo Sole Mia	Omaha
23	NSASSP Region I	5:30 p.m.	Evening with Friends	Milligan
23	NSASSP Region IV	3:00 p.m.	ESU #10	Kearney
23	NSASSP Region II	5:30 p.m.	Fox and Hound	Omaha
24-25	NASES Spring Conference	12:00 p.m.	Mahoney State Park	Ashland
28	NE State Data Conference	8:30 a.m.	Holiday Inn	Kearney

MAY

1-2	Grants Management/NCLB	7:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn	Kearney
9	NASES Region III	12:00 p.m.	Sports Denn	Norfolk
29	NCSA Executive Board	8:30 a.m.	NCSA	Lincoln
30	NSASSP Executive Board	10:00 a.m.	NCSA	Lincoln

NATIONAL CONVENTION DATES

NAESP - April 4-8, 2008 - Nashville, TN



NAESP LINK
March, 2008

Principals Gathered for State Conference in Lincoln
February 12 and 13, 2008

NAESP held its State Conference in Lincoln at the Champions Club on February 12 and 13. Members enjoyed speakers, an awards presentation, a legislative update, and networking with principals from across the state.

NAESP Longevity Awards:

- 30 Years – Joined in 1978 (None)
- 25 Years – Joined in 1983 (None)
- 20 Years – Joined in 1988
 - Kristine Reckewey, Eastridge Elementary School
 - Harold Jochum, Kearney Public Schools
 - Elizabeth Replogle, Paddock Lane School
 - Wesley Reed, Springfield Elementary School
 - Kellen Czaplewski, Trumble Park Elementary School
 - Scott Dodson, Woodland Park Elementary School
- 15 Years – Joined in 1993
 - Sarah Williams, Ainsworth Elementary School
 - Beata Rudloff, Creighton Public Schools
 - Mary Yilk, Doniphan Elementary School
 - Jeffery Bartels, Emerson Elementary School
 - Jacquelyn Kelsay, Johnson-Brock Public Schools
 - Gary Ohm, Westgate Elementary School

Friend of Education Awards:

- Region I: Lincoln East Rotary Club
- Region II: None
- Region III: Community Character Development Coalition (CCDC)
- Region IV: NTV-Good Morning Nebraska
- Region V: Michael S. Davis

NAESP New Principal of the Year:

- Tony Little, Shelton Elementary School

Region Distinguished Principals:

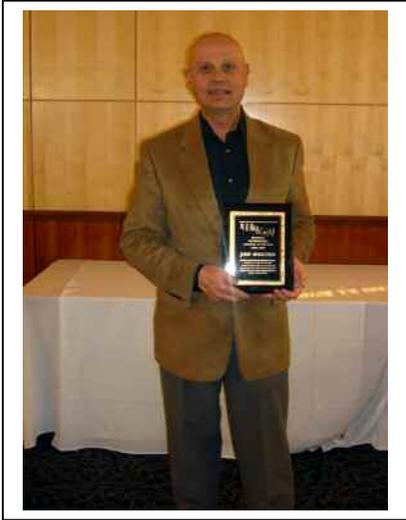
- Susan Anglemeyer, Millard Public Schools
- Kurk Wiedel, Thayer Central Community Schools
- Jennifer Drahota, Norfolk Public Schools

- Mary Derby, North Platte Public Schools

Nebraska's Distinguished Principal:

- Jerry Bergstrom, Lexington Public Schools

Photos from NAESP State Conference



More Photos from NAESP State Conference



Look What Region IV Has Been Doing!

Region IV from Barry McFarland

This month Region IV awarded 19 "Mini-Grants" to Elementary and Middle Schools to promote projects that increase leadership development in each school. Each school was awarded \$100 to use as seed money to develop their projects. Grant awardees:

Alcott Elementary - Hastings
Bryan Elementary - Lexington
Central Elementary - Kearney
Centura Elementary - Cario
Cozad Elementary - Cozad
Doniphan-Trumbell Elementary -
Doniphan
Franklin Elementary - Franklin
Hawthorne Elementary - Hastings
Jefferson Elementary - Grand Island

Kenwood Elementary - Kenwood, NE
Knickrehm Elementary - Grand Island
Longfellow Elementary - Hastings
Morton Elementary - Lexington
Park Elementary - Kearney
Pershing Elementary - Lexington
Shelton Elementary - Shelton
Shoemaker Elementary - Grand Island
Sunrise Middle School - Kearney
Windy Hills Elementary - Kearney

Region IV's final meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in Hastings.