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HUNDREDS ATTEND THE NCASCD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PINEHURST

It was standing room only at the NCASCD annual conference in February, 2009. The keynote speakers were highly engaging, the small group presentations were cutting-edge and the weather brought forth temperatures in the 70's. Best of all was the camaraderie shared by the hundreds of North Carolina educators who attended. Plans are already being made for next year's conference so watch the NCASCD website for details.

NCASCD HONORS MEMBERSHIP HEROES

In a special recognition ceremony those leaders who funded NCASCD memberships for educators in their district were honored with an engraved gift. Each of these leaders funded multiple memberships for their district. Maurice Green, Superintendent of Guilford County Schools, funded 119 memberships, an all time high! Each is to be applauded for their dedication.

Randy Bridges

Allen Johnson

Craig Witherspoon

Randy Bledsoe

Patrick Miller

Maurice Green

Ric Vandett

Donna Peters

Darrin Hartness

Rick McMahon

Patrick Rhodes

Larry Cartner

Donald Andrews

Rodney Shotwell

Judy Grissom

Stewart Hobbs

Ray Spain

Alamance/Burlington Schools

Asheville City Schools

Edgecombe County Schools

Elkin City Schools

Greene County Schools

Guilford County Schools

Hickory City Schools

Montgomery County Schools

Mount Airy City Schools

Nash-Rocky Mount Schools

Orange County Schools

Person County Schools

Randolph County Schools

Rockingham County Schools

Rowan/Salisbury Schools

Stokes County Schools

Warren County Schools



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR NCASCD OFFICERS

It is time to elect officers for 2009-2010. Take time to read and study the information on each candidate in order to make an informed decision. The positions open for election this year are president-elect and two board seats. For your convenience a self-addressed ballot is enclosed. Remember to get your completed ballot to the NCASCD office by April 9, 2009.

NCASCD PRESTIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED FOR 2009

Dr. Don Martin Honored as 2009 Distinguished Educator



Don Martin, Superintendent of the Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools was recognized as the 2009 Distinguished Educator in the presence of nearly 500 educators from North Carolina.

Don Martin is a leader who searches for opportunities to change the status quo to improve conditions for students. Amid the clamor and chaos that accompanies change he has been the calming influence by reassuring and reaching out to support others. Without fanfare or self acknowledgement he has led his school district to create a Corporate Volunteer Program that includes more than 625 volunteers from 125 businesses who are in schools each week working with kindergarten students in Equity + schools. He engaged more than 70 businesses in an operational audit for the purpose of identifying operational cost savings in the school district that could be redirected toward instruction. Don spearheaded a “Touched by Technology” campaign which netted 8 million dollars from the community to place cutting-edge instructional technology throughout his school district.

Don is truly an exemplary leader and well deserving of this prestigious award.

Dr. Darrin Hartness Receives the 2009 Young Educator of the Year Award

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent of the Mount Airy City Schools, received the Outstanding Young Educator Award. This award goes annually to an under 40 educator who has made exemplary impact in his field.

He is accessible and a good listener. When middle school students approached him about their concerns regarding the environment and the use of styrofoam trays in the cafeteria he listened thoughtfully and carefully. Because of his proactive response to the students, Mount Airy City Schools now uses biodegradable trays and is examining other ways to go green. The impact of this decision has spread into other surrounding school systems as a model program for environmental reform.



Dr. Hartness and the school system were recently recognized by DPI for being 8th in the state regarding dropout statistics. Even though this is an honor, Dr. Hartness will never settle for 8th. He wants all students to graduate from high school prepared for the workplace or higher education.

In a short period of time as superintendent, Dr. Hartness has quickly earned the respect of the students, the staff, the parents, the school board and the community. As one parent said, “He’s the real thing”.

NCASCD Lighthouse School Awards

The prestigious Lighthouse School Award is given annually to one or more schools leading the way in North Carolina for excellence in student achievement and innovative programs. Each year NCASCD receives hundreds of nominations and a panel of distinguished educators is responsible for making the final selections. The award winners are invited to the NCASCD Annual Conference in Pinehurst where they receive this coveted award along with a check for \$500. The 2009 Lighthouse School Award winners are pictured on pages 3 and 4.



Hill Magnet School
Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools
Laura Hodges, Principal



Leaksville-Spray Elementary School
Rockingham County Schools
Cindy Corcoran, Principal



NCASCD Lighthouse School Awards



North Brunswick High School
Brunswick County Schools
Robert Grimes, Principal



Stanly Early College High School
Stanly County Schools
John Balls, Principal



Wingate Elementary School
Union County Schools
Kristy Thomas, Principal



NCASCD ANNUAL CONFERENCE CANDID PHOTOS



Left: Rick McMahon, Nash Rocky Mount Schools, listens in a small group presentation.



Right: Keynote speaker Bill McBride engages the crowd.



Judy Grissom, Rowan/Salisbury Schools and John Swajkoski, Alamance/Burlington Schools, share conversation during a break.



Left: Elease Frederick, Halifax County Schools, listens attentively during a general session.



Below: Allen Johnson, Asheville City Schools and Denise Morton, Orange County Schools, share conversation during a break.

Candidates for Election **President-Elect Candidates**

Dr. Lillie Cox

Current Position

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Alamance-Burlington Schools



NCASCD Activities

Current NCASCD Board Member;
Presented at national ASCD conferences;
Active ASCD and NCASCD member since 1994;
Participant in annual NCASCD activities and conferences

Special Career Accomplishments

Served as an elementary, middle and high school principal; each school met all AYP goals and showed high growth with ABC's; served as Instructional Improvement Officer for high schools and Executive Director for Organizational Development which included K-12 curriculum and professional development in Guilford County; implemented formative assessments in Guilford County Schools and Alamance-Burlington Schools; designed and implemented the Academic All-Star Camp in Guilford County; Davidson County's First Year Teacher of the Year; Graduate of Future Superintendent's Program; Implemented Guilford County's first middle school magnet program; while principal the school received the Signature School Award; NC Principal Fellow; National Board Certified Teacher

Vision for NCASCD

In this rapidly changing environment, I would like to see NCASCD strengthen its advocacy for our schools with elected officials at the state level; provide leadership for districts as they attempt to do more with less and still make important decisions about curriculum and professional development; and provide vital connections through events that foster collegiality and professionalism. NCASCD is a resource for all educators: new to veteran, classroom to administrator, and front office to bus driver. We are all working as a team for the same outcome of student success.

Dr. Darrin Hartness

Current Position

Superintendent, Mount Airy City Schools



NCASCD Activities

Serve on the NCASCD Board of Directors
Attended NCASCD State Conference
Attended National ASCD Conference 2007

Special Career Accomplishments

I have had the pleasure of serving in North Carolina Schools for 18 years as a High School Teacher, Director of Instructional Technology, Chief Technology Officer, Elementary Principal, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Superintendent

2009 NCASCD Outstanding Young Educator
Champion for Children Award- Cleveland County Partnership for Children- 2007
Appointed to former Lt. Governor Perdue's Business and Education Technology Alliance (BETA) 2003-present, Funding and Accountability Committee Chair
Appointed to the E-Learning/Virtual School Commission by State Board of Education and Lt. Governor 2005
Using Electronic Media To Communicate Within A Rural School District, Doctoral Dissertation, 2002
North Carolina Technology Educator of the Year – 1997
Apple Distinguished Educator – 1997
North Carolina Teaching Fellows– 1987

Vision for NCASCD

I want to help NCASCD to plan, organize, and implement programs and services that will enhance the teaching and learning process in our great state. We are blessed to live and work in America, where a free public education is available to every child. NCASCD must be the service and support organization North Carolina teachers and administrators depend on as they provide a quality education to our 1.5 million students.

Candidates for Election **Board of Directors Candidates**

Dr. Randy Bledsoe

Current Position

Superintendent, Elkin City Schools



NCASCD Activities

Member ASCD 14 years
Region 2 President 2004-2008
NCASCD Board Member 2004-2008

Special Career Accomplishments

- Elected to Charles B. Aycock High School Alumni and Friends Association “*HALL OF FAME*”, March 25, 2007.
- *Special Person of the Year in Region 2-North Carolina High School Athletic Association-2006*
- *Wayne County Principal of the Year-NCAEOP-1996*
- *Lenoir County’s Outstanding Young Educator - Kinston/Lenoir County Jaycees-1991*
- *Outstanding Young Educator - Banks Elementary School - 1991*
- *Teacher of the Year - Charles B. Aycock High School – 1987*

Vision for NCASCD

For many years ASCD has provided educational leaders with up-to-date research, educational literature, and a window to many of the experts in our profession through conferences, and timely articles. As North Carolina continues to be the nation’s leader in education reform and student achievement, it is imperative that educators remain at the forefront of innovation research and discussion.

The NCASCD is a team that brings together the best and the brightest in our field. This team informs all educational audiences by providing opportunities for educational professionals to be part of an organization that focuses on disseminating the best educational practices. North Carolina ASCD continues to be recognized as a leader in our nation for its focus on involving educators from across the state to provide the impetus for educational reform. Under the direction of visionary leaders, NCASCD can further accelerate quality curriculum and instruction by providing opportunities for regional workshops, use of distance technology, research and literature, and statewide conferences.

Dr. Denise Morton

Current Position

Chief Academic Officer, Orange County Schools



NCASCD Activities

Member for over 10 years
Currently the NCASCD Region 5 President
Also a member of NCACTE and NCASA

Special Career Accomplishments

My educational preparation includes undergraduate (East Carolina University) and graduate (UNC-Greensboro) degrees in Special Education. I also earned an additional master’s degree (UNC-Greensboro) in school administration and a doctorate (UNC-Greensboro) in educational leadership.

My career in education spans the last thirty years. During that time period, I have served as a special education teacher, Director of Exceptional Children and Director of Secondary and Career-Technical Education for the Alamance-Burlington School System. For the last two and one-half years, I have been employed as the Chief Academic Officer for the Orange County Schools. Along with my public school experiences, I have also taught at the university level at both Elon University and I am currently teaching at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a clinical assistant professor in the area of special education. In the last ten years, I have presented at the Principals Executive Program, NCASCD Annual Conference, the High School Network Conference, the North Carolina School Board’s Association Conference and at the National Tech Prep Conference.

Vision for NCASCD

My vision for NCASCD is that the organization would continue to provide sound leadership in curriculum and instruction in North Carolina. And, through NCASCD’s continued efforts that strong educational networks would continue to thrive throughout the state. I hope to be a part of the leadership that will continue to make NCASCD the premier curriculum and instruction organization in North Carolina.

Candidates for Election **Board of Directors Candidates**

Dr. Rodney Shotwell

Current Position

Superintendent, Rockingham County Schools



NCASCD Activities

- Active in regional events and annual drive-in conferences
- Presenter at annual NCASCD Conference 2008 “Three Clicks to Success”
- Currently serving as the chairman of the Influence Committee for the NCASCD Board of Directors

Special Career Accomplishments

- Principal Fellows Program Class 1
- Principal of the Year 2001
- Member of the Business and Education Technology Alliance (BETA)
- NCHSAA Board of Directors
- NCASA Board of Directors
- State Superintendents’ Ethics Committee

Vision for NCASCD

I believe that NCASCD offers teachers and administrators the opportunity to work together to provide top quality curriculum delivery for the children of North Carolina. We, as a board, need to continue to nurture and encourage teacher leaders in our schools. As technology becomes more available for our classrooms, we must promote and encourage the integration of technology in our curriculum. Recruiting our new teachers and other young education professionals to join and participate in NCASCD is a top priority. Cultivating the young professionals will ensure a strong organization now and well into the future.

Membership in NCASCD reached near the 2000 mark in January, 2009. Join today and be part of a community of educators who focus on quality teaching and learning for all students.

Dr. Brock Womble

Current Position

Superintendent, Mitchell County Schools



NCASCD Activities

Attendance at NCASCD conferences

Special Career Accomplishments

Worked as Superintendent in Mitchell County from July 1, 2006 to present. Worked as superintendent of the Hyde County Schools from April 2002 to July 1, 2006. Have worked in multiple counties across the state as a teacher and school based administrator.

Vision for NCASCD

I believe curriculum must be the driving force of instruction. As such, NCASCD should work to continually provide the most comprehensive, pedagogically based information and materials so as to assist educators in providing the maximum educational opportunity for all students.

