



Academy Class of 2016

# The Learning Forward Academy



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Class is forming now!

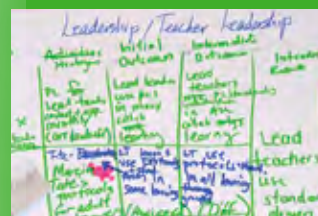
Application deadline  
March 15



Bring your **biggest challenge**, related to adult or student learning, to the Academy coaches and other participants.



In collaboration, **clarify the authentic problems** of practice.



Study the problem, build knowledge and skills, and **work together** to develop solutions.



**Transform** your practice and your organization.



**Measure and evaluate** your results.

## *The Learning Forward Academy includes:*

- ✓ **2 ½ years** of learning with educators from around the world
- ✓ **12 face-to-face**, team-based learning days
- ✓ **2 Learning Forward conferences** included (complimentary registration – valued at more than \$1,748!)
- ✓ **Phone and virtual learning** for continuous process improvement
- ✓ **Ongoing support** from an experienced coach who is also an Academy graduate
- ✓ **Access to resources**, relationships, and real results with a complimentary Learning Forward membership for three years (a \$477 value!)
- ✓ **A formal graduation** at Learning Forward's Annual Conference

# What graduates say.

## Kathryn Meyers – Teacher

“ I have greatly enjoyed my experience with the Academy. The learning sessions and the annual conference have been a highlight for me as a professional over the past two years. I had an opportunity to meet like-minded and eager educators who believe in innovation and the simple statement that all students can learn. Most importantly, the Academy guided me in completing meaningful work for my educational community. For all the Learning Forward educators, facilitators, supporting crew; it truly has been a highlight of my career. I am looking forward to continuing the professional practices that will support our kids and my colleagues in a life of educational fulfillment.”

## Andrew Maoury – Assistant Principal

“ Due to my Academy teammates, other academy members, and conference attendees, I have made connections and communicated with folks with whom I would have otherwise never made association. I have had phone calls, emails, and Skype sessions with others who have made an immediate impact on my day-to-day operations. Being able to work with a curriculum director from New York, professional developers from Arizona and Illinois, as well as an Assistant Superintendent from Oregon has provided me both a depth and breadth of perspective that has been unparalleled. We have been able to idea share, be critical listeners, and work off of each other's successes and failures. It has been this networking that has been the most valuable and has increased my proverbial toolbox of resources in my job and overall growth and development.

While giving up time during the school year is always a challenge, and working on Saturdays and Sundays at a conference while missing college and professional football games has been a bit of a chore, it has been a sacrifice to benefit the greater good. The personal reflections, learned skills, strategies, and experiences have been transferred to benefit the learning and growth of our students. The experience with the Learning Forward Academy is one that I will cherish.”

Thanks to our partners



Amplify.



Standards-based  
professional learning

Improvements in  
educator knowledge, skills,  
and dispositions

Improvements in  
educator practice

Improvements in  
student results



For an online application or to learn more about the Academy and scholarship opportunities, visit [www.learningforward.org/academy](http://www.learningforward.org/academy).

Join the Learning Forward Academy!

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