

Foundation selects 2014 award winners

The Learning Forward Foundation has selected its 2014 winners of grants and scholarships. These awards provide recipients opportunities to develop their expertise in leading professional learning within their schools and districts and engage them in the broader Learning Forward community for ongoing professional collaboration and support.

Learning Forward Foundation is dedicated to impacting

the future of leadership in schools that act on the belief that continuous learning by educators is essential to improving the achievement of all students. Funds raised by the foundation provide grants and scholarships for individuals, schools or teams, principals, and superintendents to further Learning Forward's purpose. For more information, visit www.learningforward.org/foundation.

Chidley Fund Academy Scholarships:

Molly Cassidy, principal at A.J. Mitchell Elementary School in Nogales, Arizona, and **John Willis**, district instructional coach for staff development for Gwinnett County Public Schools in Sugar Hill, Georgia.

Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship:

Suzanne Newell, director of humanities in Grapevine-Colleyville ISD in Grapevine, Texas.

The Principal as a Leader of Professional Learning Scholarship:

Vanessa Stuart, principal of Degan Elementary in Lewisville, Texas.

Learning Forward Foundation Team Grant:

Worcester Arts Magnet School, Massachusetts, under the leadership of Principal **Susan O'Neil**.

Learning Forward Foundation Affiliate Grant:

Learning Forward Louisiana, under the direction of **Holly Howat** and **Gypsye Bryan**, and Learning Forward Michigan, under the direction of **Amy Colton**, **Cindy Carver**, and **Lauren Childs**.

book club

GOOD TO GREAT TO INNOVATE:

Recalculating the Route to Career Readiness, K-12+

By **Lynn Sharratt and Gale Harild**

How can schools best prepare students for the highly competitive job market and global economy? This book presents a transformative approach to college and career readiness within the public education system, based on data and best practices contributed by outstanding schools on five continents.

Written for education leaders at all levels, this resource shows how to:

- Design an innovative pathways approach to career readiness that empowers students as informed decision makers;
- Integrate career training into curriculum through a network of local community partners; and

- Develop an inclusive approach to life skills preparation.

Learn how educators — and entire school systems — can consistently support career development, helping students find rewarding paths forward.

Through a partnership with Corwin Press, Learning Forward members can add the Book Club to their membership at any time and receive four books a year for \$69 (for U.S. mailing addresses). To receive this book, add the Book Club to your membership before Sept. 15. For more information about this or any membership package, call 800-727-7288 or email office@learningforward.org.

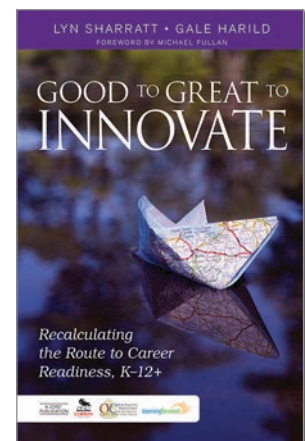




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The Academy Class of 2016's Daredevils team poses in Chicago. From left, Staci Sohn, Rynna Kidd, Barbara Patterson, Carlton Mable, TJ Franey, Michael Stoudt, and Gina Yonts.

ACADEMY CLASS OF 2016 MEETS

The Learning Forward Academy Class of 2016 convened for the first time in July in Chicago.

The latest cohort has 77 members whose learning is facilitated by three coaches. During their first meetings, Academy members clarify the problem of practice they'll address during their 2½ years in the Academy. They also learn about Learning Forward fundamentals, including the Standards for Professional Learning.

One important task during the first session is for participants to get to know the other members of their Academy learning team (see photo). While all participants will focus on their own problems of practice, they gain new knowledge and skills in collaboration with other learners in groups of six to seven. At other times during their Academy experience, participants also engage in large-group learning or discussions in role-alike or other team configurations.

While the latest Academy cohort was meeting for the first time, the Academy Class of 2015 met for its third session in Chicago. The Academy Class of 2014 will conclude its learning time together when class members graduate in Nashville at the 2014 Annual Conference.

Learn more about the Learning Forward Academy at www.learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/academy. The application process for the 2017 class will open later in the fall.

LEARNING FORWARD CALENDAR

- Sept. 4:** Becoming a Learning System webinar. Free for all Learning Forward members. See the full fall schedule at www.learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/webinars.
- Oct. 15:** Last day to save \$50 on registration for the 2014 Annual Conference Dec. 6-10 in Nashville, Tennessee.
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