

Learning Forward and NCTAF announce merger

Learning Forward and the National Commission on Teaching & America's Future (NCTAF) announced last month that they are joining forces to address the critical need to rethink and improve professional learning systems to support teaching and learning for all educators and students. The nonprofits will operate under the Learning Forward banner.

In recent years, the two organizations have collaborated to release reports, sponsor challenges,

conduct webinars, and co-host conferences and forums. This transition leverages the organizations' complementary strengths and shared vision for moving the work forward.

"Learning Forward and NCTAF have long been strong partners. We have an aligned mission and goals, and today's announcement marks a natural progression in our work together to combine staff, resources, and experience to advance our shared agenda," said Melinda George, former president of

NCTAF and now director of policy, advocacy, and partnerships at Learning Forward. "We are ready to advocate for systems that put great teaching and learning at the center of an exciting, forward-thinking education agenda."



Melinda George

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DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR LEARNING FORWARD ACADEMY

The deadline to apply for a spot in the Learning Forward Academy Class of 2019 is March 15. (The Class of 2018 is pictured.)

Led by experts in the field, Learning Forward Academy is an extended and profound learning experience for individuals and teams that immerses members in a model of inquiry- and problem-based learning. Academy members work collaboratively to gain knowledge to solve significant student learning problems in their schools, districts, or organizations.

Tuition for the Learning Forward Academy is \$3,850 for the 2½-year program, which includes 12 learning days, telephone and web-based discussions, access to experienced coaches, registration for two Annual Conferences, a formal graduation upon completion, and a three-year membership in Learning Forward.

For more information or to apply, visit www.learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/academy/application.