

# The Learning Forward Academy

Academy Class of 2017



# The Learning Forward Academy experience



**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:

- \* **Multiyear** 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

*Class is forming now!*

Application deadline  
March 15

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# What graduates say.

“ Some of the impact we have seen on our school and our practices include moving away from traditional professional development to job-embedded professional learning, with all the conceptual implications of that paradigm shift. We have now a comprehensive professional learning system in place, with agreed-upon yearly professional learning plans.

I am extremely satisfied with my Learning Forward Academy experience and with what it has brought to our community where the first signs of a change in culture are evident. More teachers in our school see themselves as the learners they want their students to be. The scope of influence is going beyond our campus as I participate in an advisory council that plans conferences and other professional learning opportunities in the Latin American region. It's all very exciting! ”

**David Fayad** – Director of learning at Colegio Bolivar

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

“ My participation in the academy has shaped me as a leader in my district. The understanding I have built regarding organizational change and professional learning standards, design, and advocacy has allowed me to be a knowledgeable contributor to district planning teams, whether they were focused on professional learning, curriculum implementation, or moving to standards-based grading. ”

**Jennifer Dalrymple** – Professional Learning Coordinator

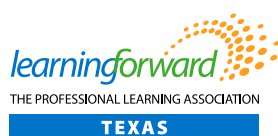


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Learning Forward's mission is to build the capacity of leaders to establish and sustain highly effective professional learning. We are the only association devoted exclusively to advancing excellent teaching and learning every day through professional learning.

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