



Members of the Redesign PD Community, along with Learning Forward staff and consultants, meet in April in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Learning Forward hosts Redesign PD Community

Teams from 11 districts gathered at a convening of the Redesign PD Community in April in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The network, which began in fall 2018, aims to increase the effectiveness of teams responsible for the planning and delivery of effective professional learning in their districts.

Each participating district creates a team aim specific to its local context, and teams also learn from one another. Using improvement science principles, Learning Forward serves as the network's hub, facilitating the learning

and sharing practical resources.

Learning opportunities at the April convening included roundtable discussions and targeted networking; a microlab protocol for learning from peers using reflection and active listening skills; learning about principles of improvement science and measures of improvement; discussing successes and challenges; and planning next steps and the next convening in fall 2019.

Participant survey feedback was positive: 88% of respondents expected the roundtable and networking sessions

to greatly influence their progress, and 60% said the same about the microlabs and a session focused on equity. Furthermore, 65% of community members agree or strongly agree that the work of this community will result in less work over time, and nearly half said it is already doing so.

For more information about the Redesign PD Community, visit learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/redesign-pd-community-of-practice.

Foundation names 2019 scholarship and grant winners

The Learning Forward Foundation has announced its 2019 scholarship and grant award winners, including two winners of the inaugural Stephanie Hirsh Academy Scholarship, which honors Learning Forward's outgoing executive director.

This year's winners are:

- **Learning Forward Foundation Academy Scholarship:** Mandy Alexander, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, Grapevine, Texas; Nancy Routson, Arlington Public Schools, Arlington, Virginia;
- **Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship:** Ashley White, Colleyville Heritage High School, Colleyville, Texas;
- **Stephanie Hirsh Academy Scholarship:** S. Ayesha Farag, Newton Public Schools, Auburndale, Massachusetts; Tiffany Hall, Salt Lake City School District, Salt Lake City, Utah; and
- **Learning Forward Foundation Dale Hair Affiliate Grant:** Learning Forward Michigan.

For more information about scholarships and grants, visit foundation.learningforward.org/scholarships-and-grants.

MEET US IN ST. LOUIS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Learning Forward is gearing up for the 2019 Annual Conference, to be held Dec. 7-11 in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference theme is "Gateway to Success: Our Learning. Their Future."

This year marks Learning Forward's 50th anniversary, and conference attendees are invited to celebrate during the welcome reception.

Education leaders who will facilitate learning include Zaretta Hammond, Joellen Killion, Thomas Guskey, Douglas Reeves, Courtlandt Butts, Jim Knight, Crystal Gonzales, Jill Harrison Berg, Fernando Reimers, EdReports, Sarah Nadiv, Andy Hargreaves, and Dennis Shirley.

Take advantage of early bird pricing now. Learn more about the conference and register at conference.learningforward.org.