

UPDATES

NEW LEARNING FORWARD ACADEMY CLASS ANNOUNCED

Learning Forward welcomes the Academy Class of 2022, under the coaching direction of Joe McFarland and Barbara Patterson Oden.

The Academy is Learning Forward's flagship deep learning experience. Members spend 2½ years working with expert coaches and practitioners from around the world to construct knowledge, improve practice, create better learning conditions for colleagues, and improve results for students.

Thanks to the Academy's generous sponsors, the Learning Forward Foundation, and the Learning Forward Texas Affiliate, this year's class has six scholarship recipients. Constance Easton from SD 38 Richmond in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, and Sheri Milkowski from Burncoat Public Schools in Worcester, Massachusetts, received the Learning Forward Foundation Academy Scholarship. Noline Martin from Richardson ISD in Dallas, Texas, received the Patsy Hochman Academy Scholarship. Natasha Gray from Ardsley UFSD in Ardsley, New York, and Laura McDuffie from Houston ISD in Texas received the Stephanie Hirsh Academy Scholarship.



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DALE HAIR AFFILIATE GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Learning Forward South Carolina Affiliate and the Learning Forward Arizona Affiliate are recipients of the Learning Forward Foundation's 2020 Dale Hair Affiliate Grant. The grant supports affiliates to rebuild, reorganize, or generate a stronger organization to advance Learning Forward's mission and vision of professional learning.

Terry Pruitt, director of the South Carolina Affiliate, says the group will use the award to build strength in the recently reorganized Affiliate through its diverse board of 18 K-12 and higher education state leaders. Goals include developing its mission statement and a long-range strategic plan that will increase South Carolina educators' knowledge of Learning Forward's Standards for Professional Learning and promote systemic change in educational leadership.

Mary Bouley, director of the Arizona Affiliate, says the group will use the award to reactivate Learning Forward Arizona to build a statewide community of leaders dedicated to the mission and vision of Learning Forward. The group's focus is on establishing a new board, developing affiliate infrastructure and membership, and building financial stability.

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The Dale Hair Affiliate Grant honors educator Dale Hair, who has had a major impact on the success of Learning Forward Affiliates. For decades, Hair has devoted her time and passion to providing personalized support for each affiliate to grow strong organizations that build capacity for thousands of educators to lead professional learning.