

LEARNING FORWARD BOARD TRANSITIONS

Denise Augustine is the newest member of Learning Forward's board of trustees. Augustine, whose Indigenous name is Swee'alt, serves as superintendent of Indigenous education and learner engagement at School District 79 Cowichan Valley, Duncan, British Columbia, Canada.

Augustine has been a keynote and presenter at the Learning Forward Annual Conference and is a member of the Learning Forward BC board. She officially joins the board on Jan. 1, 2022.

At the end of the 2021 Annual Conference, Segun Eubanks became the board president. Eubanks is the professor of practice and director of the Center for Education Innovation and Improvement at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Wendy Robinson, former superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools in Indiana, remains on the board as past president. Ash Vasudeva, vice president of strategic initiatives at Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, becomes president-elect. Leaving the board is Steve Cardwell, past president. Cardwell is vice president, students, at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.



New online learning courses

Learning Forward's new online learning platform has proven to be a big hit for high-quality adult learning in a virtual environment. Participants have met virtually for live, facilitated sessions; asynchronous learning experiences; and group collaboration. The feedback has been positive, so we have several new courses planned for 2022.

Now accepting registrations for

Powerful communication skills for coaches

Led by expert coaches Sharron Helmke and Jennifer Miller, participants will engage in a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning and coaching practices to enhance their critical coaching skills of self-awareness, listening, questioning, and supporting the critical thinking of others. Both new and experienced coaches will practice critical coaching interactions with support from their colleagues and expert coaches. Course begins Jan. 7.

New courses and cohorts coming soon

For instructional coaches:

- **Coaching for Equity**
- **Virtual Coaches Academy**

For principals:

- **Leveraging Feedback & Coaching**
- **Building a Trusting and Positive Culture**

For more information and registration, visit learningforward.org/online-courses.

LEARNING FORWARD ACADEMY UPDATES

Earlier this year, Learning Forward extended the Academy Program, its flagship professional learning experience, for an additional year so the program's current participants could return to an in-person experience in July 2022.

Since then, Academy attendees in the Classes of 2021 and 2022 have engaged in several learning experiences, including book studies and webinars. Participants will return to in-person learning in July in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We are recruiting members for the Class of 2024. For more information, email kristin.buehrig@learningforward.org.

