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ONTARIO ASCD WINS AFFILIATE AWARD

ASCD Affiliates Build Community

By Katie Test

Did you know that ASCD has 58 affiliates? These separate education organizations, located in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and East Asia, collaborate as part of the ASCD community to foster common values and goals essential to the way educators learn, teach, and lead. Affiliates influence local education policy and provide a forum for the exchange of education practices.

On March 27, 2011 ASCD honored ASCD affiliates for their exemplary service to the education community with Affiliate Excellence Awards, which are given annually at conference. This year, Arkansas ASCD and Pennsylvania ASCD were recognized for their overall excellence.

Arkansas ASCD (AASCD) was the first affiliate to have a state Whole Child Resolution passed by the General Assembly in 2009. The resolution became a model for other affiliates and for ASCD. AASCD is the go-to organization for key legislative policies and collaborative initiatives within the state and is one of the hosts of a Shareholder Retreat to address state educational issues. AASCD partners with the Arkansas Department of Education to introduce and facilitate new department curricular programs and is represented on many advisory committees focused on curriculum issues and issues associated with the whole child.

Pennsylvania ASCD (PASCD) is a professional development provider for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, offering academies for administrator state certification. PASCD is also an influential policy player in the state. The affiliate's policy specialist meets with the governor or a liaison every month and regularly testifies at state Senate hearings. To

increase its visibility on college campuses, PASCD offers a preservice symposium in conjunction with its annual conference and opportunities for preservice students and young professionals to become part of the affiliate.

ASCD affiliates are a great way to meet and learn with local educators in your region. Through affiliate membership, you have the opportunity to explore state and local education issues, hone your leadership skills, and participate in professional development opportunities. The Joint Dues Program allows you to pay for your ASCD membership and affiliate membership in one easy online process. For more information about joining your regional affiliate, visit the affiliate table in the North Lobby or check out the [affiliates web page](#).

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Communications and Publications

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KEN O'CONNOR

GRADING FOR LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

**Monday, September 19, 2011 at the Mississauga Convention Centre
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

HOW TO GRADE FOR LEARNING—GUIDELINES FOR FIXING BROKEN GRADES

In this session standards-based grading practices will be discussed, and approaches that encourage effective learning and support student success will be presented. Teachers are effectively linking an increasingly broad range of assessment and evaluation approaches with their teaching to improve learning. The next stage is linking this standards-based classroom assessment to grading practices in order to make grades accurate, meaningful, consistent, and supportive of learning. Sometimes grades are "broken" and do not meet these standards. This session will provide a "repair kit" of strategies that can be used to fix broken grades. Participants will analyze eight guidelines and fifteen fixes for grades, which really make a difference when they are applied in classrooms. Participants will also have opportunities to discuss the implications of the ideas presented for their school/district.

GRADING AND REPORTING FOR LEARNING

How confident are you that the grades students get in your classroom, school or district are consistent, accurate, meaningful, and supportive of learning, and that your report cards give quality information about each student as a learner? This session will include discussion of 15 'fixes' for grades and 11 guidelines for reporting that ensure quality grading and reporting that supports learning.



Ken O'Connor, a.k.a. The Grade Doctor, is an independent consultant who specializes in issues related to the communication of student achievement, especially grading and reporting. Through books and articles, presentations and working with small groups, Ken helps individuals, schools and school districts to improve communication about student achievement.

REGISTRATION FORM

Monday, September 19, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Registration desk opens at 8:00 a.m.)

Mississauga Convention Centre 75 Derry Road West, Mississauga, Ontario (Easy access by Hwys, 401, 407, and 410)

SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!

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REGISTRATION FEE: \$195/person if an Ontario ASCD or partnership Board member, \$235/person if not. \$50 discount for Northern Ontario registrants, and 10% discount for teams of 3 or more. (includes GST, breakfast buffet, refreshment breaks, hot full course lunch, resource binder, and parking)

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ASCD Canadian Education Network

San Francisco Annual Conference Update

We had an outstanding Annual Conference in San Francisco this year! Canadians attended in record numbers and all of the ASCD-CEN events were well attended and highly successful.

Thanks to volunteers from every constituency there was

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always someone at our Professional Interest Community table at the Welcome Reception on Friday night to greet delegates. Visitors were delighted to receive Canadian flag pins, Saskatchewan provincial pins, BC ASCD

pins, Toronto pins, candy from Newfoundland, journals from Ontario ASCD, ASCD-CEN bookmarks and brochures and a list of all of the Canadian presenters and events at the conference.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday after the keynote speaker, Chip Heath. Attendees reviewed our accomplishments to date and discussed the results of our recent survey.



The results of the survey, completed by 138 members from across Canada are posted on our web site (<http://ca.ascd.ca/professionallearning>) under **Professional Learning**. These results will be extremely helpful in planning our future events. There was strong support for inviting Canadian educators to share unique or exemplary practices in either a webinar or TED Talks format. Sessions of this kind would provide distinctive content for the web site and stimulate online discussions as well as provide professional development opportunities for online participants. Thanks to Pearson Canada and the hard work of

Rosemary Sutton (ON) we were able to schedule our AGM as a working lunch to avoid conflicting with conference sessions.

On Saturday evening, we

had our first annual **Wine and Cheese Social** thanks to Craig White (Atlantic Canada Connected Community) and his hard work in organizing the event. We are grateful to our sponsor Nelson Education Ltd. who made this event possible. Michael Hughes, Director, Business Development brought greetings from the company and was a honoured guest for the evening.

Our Network Forum *Using Powerful Online Conversations to Change High School Assessment* was presented by Pepi Kotsalis (BC), Jackie Hagel (SK) and Shelley Hasinoff (MB). Attendees learned about our community of practice which met online regularly with mentor Damian Cooper and how these meetings helped us move from shared concerns to shared purpose to shared knowledge in our various constituencies.

Our peer-reviewed online journal *Canadian Perspectives: Education Coast to Coast to Coast* has started to receive submissions and these are being reviewed for publication in the near future. Authors are encouraged to submit articles on research, grounded theory, opinion pieces, program descriptions (school, district, or province), stories, and illustrations that illuminate a compelling and timely topic in an engaging, informative, and well-supported manner. Guidelines for submission can be accessed from the journal website: <http://canadianperspectivesjournal.ca>. 🍁

**ASCD-CEN is a free-value-added benefit of membership in an ASCD constituent group, including all provincial affiliates and connected communities.*



Announcing the 15th Annual Northeast ASCD Affiliate Conference

LEARNING AND LEADING: WHAT'S NEXT?

Speakers

Rick and Becky DuFour // Heidi Hayes Jacobs
Will Richardson // Kim Marshall // John D'Auria *and others*
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DECEMBER 2-3, 2011 with Pre-Conference Workshops on December 1
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>> Information on the web www.neascd.org >>> REGISTER EARLY! <<<

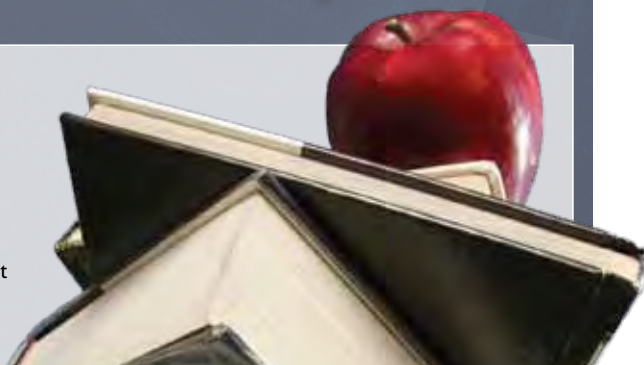


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