

## January 2023 Update

- Secretary of Education Designee
- Executive Directors' Scholarship--Deadline Extended, *but hurry*
- PAC-TE's Spring Conference
- Teacher Education Day (TED)
- PA Higher Education Summit
- ATE Annual Conference



### *Lower Merion Superintendent Khalid Mumin Selected as New Secretary of Education*

Governor Josh Shapiro has named Khalid Mumin, superintendent of the Lower Merion School District, as Pennsylvania's newest education secretary.

Mumin, a Philadelphia native, has led the Montgomery County district for a little over a year. He came to Lower Merion from Reading, where he was named Pennsylvania's Superintendent of the Year in 2021.

Mumin also said in a statement, "I look forward to working to fully fund our schools, make our students' mental health a priority, and empower parents and guardians to ensure their children receive a quality education."

No stranger to PAC-TE, Dr. Mumin has presented at our conferences. He was one of a pair of keynoters at the Spring 2017 conference. PAC-TE congratulates Dr. Mumin, while also noting our appreciation for the efforts made by the Acting Secretary Eric Hagarty.



### *Scholarship Money Available if You Act Soon*

There is only a month left to nominate a teacher education candidate for the Executive Directors' Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving Undergraduate or Graduate Student pursuing teacher certification at a college or university in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The monetary amount of

the scholarship is \$1,000.00. For details and application, [click here](#).  
Deadline is February 15, 2023.



## *Spring Conference Update*

Please attend our "no travel required" Spring Conference, on March 22

### [Finding the North Star of New Chapter 49 Competencies](#)

The north star has been guiding navigators and others seeking direction for centuries. With new competencies and requirements, educator preparation programs are looking for a way forward, as well. The Spring Conference will provide clarity on the three new competency areas as a "no travel" opportunity for attendees to engage in meaningful discussion.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Troy Hutchings. Troy Hutchings researches, writes, and speaks in the areas of professional ethics, educator misconduct, and frameworks for an ethical and legal teaching practice. Hutchings also provides expert witness testimony in judicial hearings; collaborates on policy initiatives with state, federal and provincial agencies; and has been the subject matter expert on a variety of national projects dealing with educator ethics including the Model Code of Ethics for Educators and the National Council for the Advancement of Educator Ethics.

Our Keynote Presentation includes a Panel of Experts to provide additional information on the new competency areas: Shane Crosby, Exec Dir/Legal Counsel, PDE Office of Gen Council; Dr. Juliet Curci, Assistant Dean of College Access/Persistence, Temple University; and Dr. Diane Santori, Chair of the West Chester University Department of Literacy.

Following the opening session are breakout sessions on each of the competency areas:

1. Professional Ethics
2. Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Pedagogy
3. Structured Literacy

The breakout sessions will repeat one time, and the day will end with remarks from PDE.

As always, the end of the day includes an opportunity to win prizes including gift cards and/or free registration to upcoming conferences. This year we will offer a grand prize of free admission for a team of up to four (4) faculty to attend the Fall Conference in October. Prize does not include hotel reservations.

The day will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will be streamed via [Whova](#), which offers a desktop or laptop experience and a mobile app experience. Conference events will be livestreamed through the app, and attendees can gather on their campuses or elsewhere or participate from home. No need to pay for lodging or travel.

If your special interest group needs to gather right after the conference (same day) and you would like to utilize Whova for your session, let our Executive Director, Joel Geary, know at [pacte.exec@gmail.com](mailto:pacte.exec@gmail.com)

Even if you must come and go due to scheduling conflicts, Whova makes it easy to stay involved. Whova pulls together streaming, messaging and attendee communication through various ice breakers, messaging boards, themed chats, note-taking, and even job-posting pages.

Paid registrants will have access to whatever is saved on the Whova app for 3 months following the conference.

**Registration for the conference is online at [this link](#).**



### *Teacher Education Day on the Hill*

The Government Relations Committee (GRC), chaired by President-elect Tom Conway, is developing a plan for our annual "Day on the Hill" (known as Teacher Education Day or TED), at the Capitol in Harrisburg. The GRC is working to acquire a variety of speakers. Information will be shared in the next edition of PAC-TE's *Update* and on our website. The tentative date is Wednesday, April 12 (subject to change based on the legislative session calendar).

The Teacher Education Day event is open with no charge for those who attend; however, registration will be required.

**Additional information on TED registration will be forthcoming in the February Update.**



**PA Branch of the International Dyslexia Association  
Announces Upcoming Professional Development on  
Structured Literacy**

# Pennsylvania Higher Education Summit

## Building Capacity for Structured Literacy Teacher Preparation

Gain practical knowledge that can be directly applied toward aligning programs to the new requirements in Structured Literacy teacher preparation.

SAVE THE DATE

**TUESDAY**

**MAY 16, 2023**

Event space graciously provided by  
PaTTAN Central  
6340 Flank Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Louise  
Spear-Swerling



Dr. Altheria  
Caldera



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*ATE 2023 Annual Meeting*  
March 25-29, 2023



*Jacksonville, FL*

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators will be

held in Jacksonville, Florida at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville hotel from

March 25 - 29, 2023.

The theme is:

*Our Professional Journeys: Navigating Roles, Research,  
Relationships, and Responsibilities.*

[Register Here](#)

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

March 22, 2023 -- Annual Spring Conference (Virtual)

April 12, 2023 -- Teacher Education Day at the Capitol (tentative date)

October 25-27, 2023 -- Fall Conference (in person)

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