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WASA Recognizes Exemplary Educational Leaders at the 2014 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference

Washington State educators gathered to celebrate successes and explore recipes for success.

SPOKANE, Washington (July 1, 2014) – Hundreds of school superintendents, central office administrators, and principals from across Washington State were gathered in Spokane to attend the 34th annual Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) and the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) Summer Conference. The theme of this year’s conference was *Recipe for Success* and focused on the necessary ingredients to make schools successful through plans, resources, and technology tools for the upcoming 2014–15 school year.

In addition to topics on Common Core, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), College/Career Readiness, and Formative Assessments, the event also played host to WASA’s 2014 Honorary Awards Luncheon and announcement of this year’s recipient of the Dr. Doyle E Winter Scholarship for Administrative Leadership in Education. Those receiving special recognition this year included:

WASA State-Level Awards

- **WASA Leadership Award:** Steve Myers, Superintendent, Educational Service District 105.
- **Service to WASA Award:** Mack Armstrong, Assistant Executive Director, WASA.
- **Barbara Mertens Legacy Award:** Dave Alfred, Executive Director, Employee Relations and Negotiations Network (ERNN).
- **Golden Gavel Award:** Alan Burke, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- **Region Awards:** Several regional awards and milestones also were acknowledged. For a complete list of WASA awards, visit the WASA website at www.wasa-oly.org.

Dr. Doyle E. Winter Scholarship for Administrative Leadership in Education

The 2014 Dr. Doyle E. Winter Scholarship for Administrative Leadership in Education was presented to Andrew Schwebke, Executive Director of Student Learning from the Tumwater School District. This year's scholar was presented a \$1,000 scholarship from WASA President Mike Nelson, Piper Jaffray & Co., Seattle-Northwest Division's Managing Director Trevor Carlson, and Senior Vice President, Annette Sommer. Schwebke was selected for his commitment to educational leadership around closing the achievement and opportunity gap for every student, his passion for teaching and learning, and a strong desire to help build capacity of others to do their jobs more effectively.

The Doyle E. Winter Scholarship is designed to assist talented and committed educational administrators as they enhance those skills needed to serve as educational leaders in the field of public education. The scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Doyle Winter, who retired in 2002 after completing 44 years of service for Washington public schools. Dr. Winter is a former executive director of WASA and has been recognized repeatedly for exhibiting exemplary leadership ability and enhancing school administration throughout his career.

About the Washington Association of School Administrators

The Washington Association of School Administrators (<http://www.wasa-oly.org>) is committed to the development of quality education through professional leadership. Members benefit from a supportive community of professional leaders working to provide insightful and valuable training, support, and resources to education leaders, and to sustain a positive impact on legislative and community leaders. With more than 1,500 members, membership is open to all education administrators in central office, building management, and educational agency positions. A not-for-profit organization, WASA is funded by membership dues and association events.

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