

News and Notes from PL&L

A digest from Professional Learning and Licensure

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The Ohio Department of Education encourages teachers to pursue becoming a Master Teacher. A Master Teacher demonstrates excellence inside and outside of the classroom through consistent leadership and focused collaboration to maximize student learning. Master Teachers strive for distinguished teaching and continued professional growth as specified by The Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession. Teachers wishing to become a Master Teacher must submit evidence and narratives based on several criteria such as leadership, collaboration, and professional growth.

Congratulations to the district's newest Master Teachers:

- Ammar Al-Sharafi - West High School
- Rachel Dreher - Westgate Elementary School
- Ashley Thomas - Office of Transformation and Leadership
- Kari Yates - Dominion Middle School

Congratulations on this achievement!

Fee Waiver Window Closing Soon

The university fee waiver application window for Autumn 2022 will close May 10 at 11:59 p.m. For application instructions, please refer to our [Fee Waiver](#) webpage.



Good Luck to our National Board Certified Teacher candidates!



Good luck to National Board Certified Teacher candidates who are preparing to submit their components this spring! National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential and is viewed as the most respected professional certification available in education. As part of this process, teachers must analyze their teaching context and students' needs, submit videos of their teaching, and provide student work samples that demonstrate growth and achievement. Candidates must demonstrate their expertise in content knowledge, differentiation, teaching practice and learning environment, and being an effective practitioner.

Best of luck to our current candidates:

- Robert Branch - Northland High School
 - Hannah Elhard - Eastgate Elementary School
 - Briana Francis - Duxberry Park Elementary School
 - Coralie Hafner - Olde Orchard Elementary School
 - Rashaun James - Mifflin Middle School
 - Dorothy Spencer - Keane - Columbus City Preparatory School For Boys
 - Suzanne Rauch-Wittman - Columbus Alternative High School
 - Rebecca Vasilakis - Columbus North International 7-12
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New CCS Teacher Spotlight

Mallory Robinett, a kindergarten teacher at Easthaven Elementary, is new to Columbus City Schools, but she is not new to teaching. Mrs. Robinett, who has been teaching since 2015, comes to us by way of Missouri and Kansas. Mrs. Robinett, her husband, and baby daughter relocated to Columbus last summer when her husband accepted a post-doctoral position at The Ohio State University.

Mrs. Robinett has an enthusiasm for student success, which is rooted in her background in curriculum development and instruction. She works hard to meet individual needs of her students by having a student-centered mindset. She uses multiple forms of assessment and partners with families to provide culturally relevant instruction. At the beginning of the school year, she established routines and procedures with the assistance of the students. In October, she was reassigned from 1st grade to kindergarten and was able to quickly transition into her new role. Mrs. Robinett worked diligently to help students adjust to their new class.



Mrs. Robinett teaches her students to be independent thinkers and problem solvers, and she prepares students for the future by assisting them with taking responsibility for their behaviors. She also instills a sense of school spirit and pride by using the school name and mascot as a way to regain students' attention. When Mrs. Robinett says, "Easthaven!" her students respond, "Eagles!"

Mrs. Robinett will be teaching second grade at Maize Elementary next year. Her personal philosophy for teaching: Each day is a new day. Start fresh with a positive mindset.

Get Your New IPDP Submitted!

If you renewed your 5-Year Professional License this year, or if you were a Resident Educator who just obtained your first 5-Year Professional License, your next step is to get an approved Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) on file. An approved IPDP is required in order to begin earning credits toward your next renewal.

The Columbus City Schools Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) reviews and approves IPDPs during their monthly meetings. **There is only one more meeting remaining this school year: June 1.** Get your IPDP approved, so you don't miss out on earning credits during the summer months!

Directions for creating your new IPDP are below.



Creating an IPDP

[Download](#)

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May PD Session

The following PD session will be hosted by PAR and can be found in [PDS](#):
Tuesday, 5/10/22, 4:30-6:30: *End the Year on a High Note #24031*



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