



## January 2007 Newsletter Update

### Highlights of Upcoming Events!

Feb 13, 20, 27	National Board Pre-Candidacy Classes and Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
March 2-3	Leadership III: Leadership and English Language Acquisition
March 5	Induction/Mentoring Symposium
June 17-21	Second Annual Teacher Leadership Institute: The Data Driven Dialogue

### Greetings from the Arizona K-12 Center!

We are your resource for professional development and leadership training. This monthly newsletter will keep you up to date on the many programs available to you through the Center to advance your skills and your practice. It is a complement to our website, [www.azk12.org](http://www.azk12.org), where you will find links to broader descriptions, as well as contact and registration information.

As educators, you are in a position of great opportunity and responsibility. We strive to give you the tools and training to excel. We understand that your time and financial resources are at a premium. For this reason, we design every program to provide maximum value.

### Upcoming Event Spotlight: Induction/Mentoring Symposium in March

Advance your mentoring skills. Gain insights on how to effectively support incoming teachers. This symposium will feature keynotes from two recognized scholars in the field, as well as breakout sessions targeting specific areas of interest.

#### The School as Workplace.

To kick off our symposium, we are featuring a keynote by Dr. Richard Ingersoll, Professor of Education and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Ingersoll's research centers on the character of elementary and secondary schools as workplaces, teachers as employees and teaching as a job. His nationally recognized research was cited by President Clinton, influenced the No Child Left Behind Act, and has been featured in numerous major education reports.

#### Beginner Teacher Development.

Our lunch keynote features Ellen Moir, a passionate advocate for investing in teacher quality and equitable learning opportunities for all students. Moir is Executive Director of the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) New Teacher Center. The New Teacher Center is a national resource for high-quality new teacher and new administrator induction programs. Moir is recognized throughout the nation for her work in beginning teacher development.

#### Breakouts Sessions

In the morning and afternoon, you will have the chance to participate in a selection of breakout sessions tailored to your needs including:

- The Governor's Master Teacher Program
- ASU's BEST Program
- NAU's Teacher Induction Program
- The New Teacher Center at UC Santa Cruz
- Pima County's STEP Program
- Arizona's Induction Program Standards

#### Registration Details

March 5, 2007

Location: Embassy Suites Phoenix Biltmore  
2630 East Camelback Road

Time: 8:00am-3:30pm

Fee: \$75 per participant; registration deadline is February 23rd, 2007  
Lunch provided

### Did you know?



Arizona is home to 27 Master Teacher Mentors who are currently working with the newest members of our profession in some of Arizona's neediest schools. These Master Teacher Mentors have received training and on-going support from the Arizona K-12 Center.

Consider applying to become a Master Teacher Applications are available online at [azk12.org](http://azk12.org) and are due February 26th.

For more information contact Taryl Hargens at [taryl.hargens@nau.edu](mailto:taryl.hargens@nau.edu)



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Here's a heads-up on some of the upcoming events and programs offered by the Center.

### Leadership III: Leadership and English Language Acquisition

The acquisition of English skills for English language learners affects educators in all disciplines. Learn how other teacher leaders are differentiating instruction and applying research-based strategies. Dr. Lattie Coor, one of the authors of the recently released report, *Beating the Odds*, will share those findings. Dr. Sarah Hudelson, Interim Dean of the College of Education at Arizona State University, will provide her insights in her Saturday keynote address. Arizona K-12 Center trainers will also provide breakout sessions focusing on the concepts presented *Beating the Odds*.

#### Registration Details

March 2–3, 2007

Location: Embassy Suites – Phoenix Biltmore, 2630 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Time: 8:00am–4:00pm

Fee: \$150 pp.

Price includes: all training and materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks.

### Second Annual Teacher Leadership Institute: The Data Driven Dialogue

School and district teams of teacher leaders and principals are encouraged to attend our Second Annual Teacher Leadership Institute. This year we will focus on the role of data in improving learning and instruction. Bruce Wellman will lead us in the Data Driven Dialogue, a set of strategies that encourage the use of data to guide instruction.

#### Registration Details

June 17–21, 2007

Location: Marriott Starr Pass, 3800 W. Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson

Time: 8:00am–4:00pm

Fee: \$200 pp. or \$800 per team of five if registered by February 23rd; afterwards, \$300 pp or \$1200 per team of five.

Price includes: all training and materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks; private room accommodations at the Starr Pass Marriott for 4 nights (check-in will be on June 17th; check-out on June 21st)



### National Board Pre-Candidacy Classes

National Board Certification is an advanced form of certification for practicing classroom teachers. This Pre-Candidacy class introduces participants to the National Board Standards and the process of National Board Certification. This class is a prerequisite for teachers receiving fee assistance from the Governor's Master Teacher Program through the Arizona K-12 Center. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Taryl Hargens at [taryl.hargens@nau.edu](mailto:taryl.hargens@nau.edu).

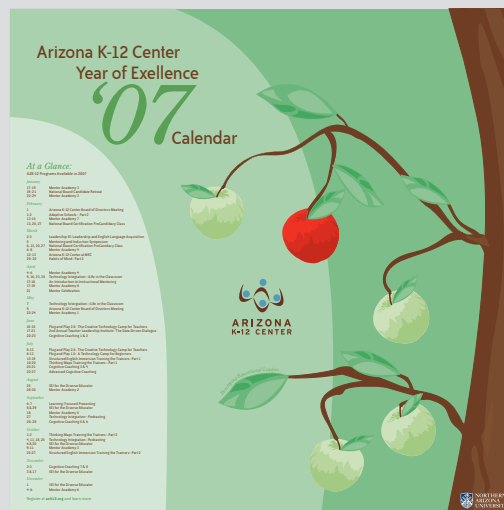
## Did you know?

As a part of the Governor's Master Teacher Programs there are 75 scholarships for people interested in pursuing National Board Certification. The targeted group includes teachers teaching math, science, technology, and special education in Arizona's middle and high schools. We are also targeting teachers working in schools where the poverty rate is 60% or higher, a 25% or higher new teacher turnover (those with 0–2 years of teaching experience), a 30% or higher teacher turnover, any middle or high school, and underperforming. To take advantage of these scholarships, this targeted group of educators must meet two of the above criterion. Finally, we have a limited number of scholarships for those teachers who teach in state-funded, all-day kindergarten schools that were identified as such in 2005–2006.

To be eligible for one of these scholarships a teacher must complete a Pre-Candidacy Class. For more information, contact Taryl Hargens at [taryl.hargens@nau.edu](mailto:taryl.hargens@nau.edu)

**You can also register at**  
[www.azk12.org](http://www.azk12.org)

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Our 2007 Calendar will keep you up-to-date with the latest Az K-12 events.

## Who Are We?

*A staff of experienced educators.*

The Arizona K-12 Center staff consists primarily of former educators. From kindergarten through high school, we have worked in some of the most culturally diverse and educationally challenging environments in Arizona. This gives us an intimate understanding of the difficulties today's educators face. We've been there ourselves, and are committed to helping make the teaching experience as successful and satisfying as possible.

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