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Local Educator Selected as Emerging Leader

HOUSTON, TX—David Stroupe, principal investigator and graduate assistant for the Supporting Urban Science and Math Educators grant at the University of Houston, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a leading association of education professionals.

Before working on the grant at the University of Houston, where he earned a master's degree in science education, Stroupe was a middle school science teacher. He is planning to attend the University of Washington to pursue a doctorate. He has presented at national conferences and published in professional journals. His goal is to improve science education in urban schools.

“Science education must embrace all students, not just the fortunate few,” Stroupe said. “All students must have access to current educational practices, science knowledge, and technological training.”

A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 20 honorees from a competitive field of applicants.

“The 20 members of the 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders embody the PDK tenets of leadership, research, and service,” said William Bushaw, PDK's executive director. “They represent the best of the profession.”

For more information on PDK's 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders, including podcast interviews with the honorees, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.