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Teacher Education Preparation Program Director at Hinds Community College Selected as Emerging Leader

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Sophia S.L. Marshall, a teacher education preparation program director at Hinds Community College–Utica in Utica, Miss., has been selected as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leaders program recognizes top educators under age 40 from across the globe for their leadership and vision in the field of education. A review committee composed of past PDK Emerging Leaders selected this year's 18 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at the 2012 PDK International Conference, honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

“Recognizing the achievements and commitment of these young leaders is vital to PDK’s vision of cultivating tomorrow’s great educators,” said William J. Bushaw, PDK International’s executive director. “These inspiring individuals will provide a very bright future for the field of education.”

Marshall directs teacher education preparation at Hinds Community College–Utica and is also an adjunct professor at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. She serves as board treasurer for the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Program, vice president for membership and FEA officer for her local PDK chapter, and the chief financial officer for the Metro Area Community Empowerment Foundation.

“I am passionate about teaching, transformational servant leadership, civic engagement, and implementing innovative teacher preparation,” Marshall said. “We should have the audacity to teach with tenacity while envisioning education’s future more exceptionally.”

In an education career spanning more than 15 years, Marshall has received numerous accolades for teaching, service, leadership, and research, including being accepted to attend three consecutive annual meetings of the highly selective Faculty Institute for NASA Earth and Space Science Education.

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Founded in 1906, PDK International is a global association for professional educators. The organization’s mission is to support education, particularly public education, as the cornerstone of democracy. More information is online at www.pdkintl.org.

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