

PDK-Sponsored Activities to Consider



Cultivate and support the next generation of educators.

Support a Future Educator Association (FEA) chapter:

Bring FEA to your high school and community college campuses by providing start-up fees, materials, and other support. If a FEA chapter already exists on these campuses, offer to help the advisors and students take it to the next level. (www.futureeducators.org)

Sponsor Prospective Educator Scholarships:

Get the word out—make sure that high school seniors and undergraduate students who plan to become educators have scholarship information and applications. Forward your top two applications to PDK International by March 1 for further consideration. (www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros_ed.s.htm)

Participate in Read for the Record:

Support literacy and early childhood education, while having fun. Pick a site where you, a teacher, or others can read to children and provide the books for the event. The third annual Read for the Record will be October 2, and this year's book is Don Freeman's *Corduroy*. (www.pdkintl.org/fea/read.htm)

Organize a local Walk for Education:

Bring fresh air, good company, exercise, and a chance to support high-quality



education to PDK members, FEA chapters, and other community partners. Select a date and route, promote your walk, raise some money, and get steppin'. (www.pdkintl.org/walk/walkhome.htm)

Recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions of PDK members and chapters.

Sponsor a candidate for the Emerging Leaders program:

Know an outstanding young educator aged 40 or younger? Then encourage him or her to apply for this prestigious award and offer to write a recommendation. National recognition and opportunities to publish are just a few of the benefits. (www.pdkintl.org/leaders/emerging.htm)

Replicate the Emerging Leaders program locally:

Tap education superstars (40 years or younger) in your district or on your campus for local recognition. It's easy—just model your local program after the international award. Evaluate the applicants, pick your winners, alert the media, and steer your local emerging leaders toward the international competition. (www.pdkintl.org/leaders/emerging.htm)

Advance the Graduate Fellowship and Doctoral Dissertation Award:

Promote these monetary awards and encourage education graduate students to apply. An article based on the winning dissertation will be published in the *Phi Delta*

Kappan. Deadline for fellowship applications is June 1; doctoral dissertation applications, September 1. (www.pdkintl.org/awards/gradfell.htm)

Share and distribute accurate knowledge and research with the local community and state-level policy makers.

Make a PDK/Gallup Poll presentation:

Present the findings from the PDK/Gallup Poll to state and regional legislative bodies, at state and regional education conferences, at local school board meetings, and to community groups. The PDK/Gallup Poll is the number one source for current and trend data on the public's views of the public schools, and your chapter can be the number one source of information on the poll. The latest poll is available in print, DVD, and PowerPoint formats. (www.pdkintl.org/kappan/kpollpdf.htm)

Send members to the annual PDK Summit:

The summit not only provides a great opportunity to learn and network but also to present and get published. The 2008 Summit on High-Performing Educators will be held November 13-15, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas. Provide financial assistance for chapter members to attend and encourage new educators to apply for the Henkin Scholarship to cover registration, hotel, and travel expenses by August 1. (www.pdkintl.org/summit/welcome.htm)

Encourage members to take a professional development trip with PDK and to present what they learned about education in other countries:

The Gerald Howard Read International Travel program provides scholarships for educators to travel to other nations and learn about different approaches to education. Applications are online and accepted for each scheduled trip. (www.pdkintl.org/travel/thome.htm)