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## **Local Educator Selected as Emerging Leader**

SEATTLE, WA— Eric Hougan, a business education teacher at Renton High School, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a leading association of education professionals.

Hougan worked in business before becoming a business education teacher. He recently published a book, *The Road to Teaching: A Guide to Teacher Training, Student Teaching, and Finding a Job*, and is on the path to obtaining National Board Certification. He is also a board member of the Future of the Law Institute, which encourages minority and economically disadvantaged students to pursue higher education in law through various programs. One of Hougan's goals is to become a university professor.

“Ultimately, as an education professor, I will be able to reach thousands of future teachers – inspiring, encouraging, and providing the necessary support for them to reach their teaching potential,” he said.

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](http://www.pdkemergingleaders.org). Information about PDK International is at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).