



NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

AWARDS CEREMONY

AGENDA 2014



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AGENDA

November 10–11, 2014
Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION ♦ *West Registration Desk*

SCHOOL SUPPORTER SIGN IN ♦ *West Registration Desk*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION ♦ *West Registration Desk*

SCHOOL SUPPORTER SIGN IN ♦ *West Registration Desk*

8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

THE NEW MODEL CLASSROOM ♦ *Executive Room*

PRESENTED BY DISCOVERY EDUCATION

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PAY IT FORWARD: An Opportunity for National Blue Ribbon Schools to Share Teaching and Learning Practices That Work ♦ *Empire Ballroom*

- Dennis Bega
Director, Regional Operations &
Regional Director for the South and Midwest
- Helen Littlejohn
Regional Director
Communications and Outreach for the West
- Elizabeth Williamson
Regional Director
Communications and Outreach for the Northwest
U.S. Department of Education

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

HARVESTING SUCCESS: Engaging Private School Leaders on Promising Practices ♦ *Palladian Ballroom*

SESSION FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- Maureen Dowling, Director, Office of Non-Public Education
- Pamela Allen, Education Program Specialist
- Isadora Binder, Management and Program Analyst
- Ashley Gardner, Management and Program Analyst
- Jenay Morrissey, Management and Program Analyst
U.S. Department of Education
- Joe McTighe, Executive Director, Council for American Private Education (CAPE)

♦ *Indicates Room*

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION ♦ *Regency Ballroom*

OPENING PLENARY

School Without Walls Stage Band
School Without Walls, Washington, DC
2010 National Blue Ribbon School

WELCOME

Aba Kumi, Director
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Eastern High School Color Guard
Eastern High School, Washington, DC

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jasmine Bailey, 11th Grade Student
School Without Walls, Washington, DC

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Nareg Stepan Balian, 9th Grade Student
St. Albans School, Washington, DC

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS: Messengers of Excellence, Equity, and Empowerment

Deborah S. Delisle, Assistant Secretary
Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aba Kumi

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ADDING YOUR VOICES TO THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

LEADING THE TRANSITION TO MORE RIGOROUS STANDARDS AND NEW ASSESSMENT ♦ *Empire Ballroom*

- Gillian Cohen-Boyer, Director, Principal and Teaching Ambassador Fellowships, Office of Communications and Outreach
- Tami Fitzgerald, Teaching Ambassador Fellow

WHY WE VALUE TEACHER LEADERSHIP ♦ *Blue Room*

- Laurie Calvert, 2010 Washington Teacher Ambassador and Teacher Liaison, Office of Communications and Outreach
- Emily Davis, Teaching Ambassador Fellow

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE GOING ♦ *Diplomat Room*

- James Liou, Teaching Ambassador Fellow

THE PRINCIPALSHIP: THE SUCCESSES AND THE CHALLENGES ♦ *Palladian Room*

- Jill Levine, Principal Ambassador Fellow
- Rachel Skerritt, Campus Principal Ambassador Fellow

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION ♦ *Regency Ballroom*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Adam Honeysett, Managing Director
State and Local Engagement
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

BE THE LIGHT!

Marcus P. Johnson, Co-Director
Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute
Fresno State University
2011 National Superintendent of the Year
Sanger, California

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SPONSORED RECEPTION ♦ *Ambassador Ballroom*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

SPONSORED WORKING BREAKFAST ♦ *Regency Ballroom*

INVESTING IN LEADERSHIP

WELCOME

Massie Ritsch, Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

SHARING THE WEALTH

- Diane E. Campbell Hathaway, State Turnaround Coach
New Jersey Department of Education
Former Principal, Hill Freedman World Academy
Philadelphia, PA
2006 and 2014 National Blue Ribbon School
- Pamela Taylor, International Baccalaureate Coordinator
Hill Freedman World Academy
Philadelphia, PA
2006 and 2014 National Blue Ribbon School
- Aliya Catanch-Bradley, Vice President of Literacy and Humanities for Universal Family of Charter Schools
Former Staff, Hill Freedman World Academy
Philadelphia, PA
2006 and 2014 National Blue Ribbon School

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

- Mark White, President
National Association of Elementary School Principals
- Will Waidelich, Executive Director
Association for Middle Level Education
- Josephine Franklin, Associate Director
Research and Information Resources and Professional Development
National Association of Secondary School Principals

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 TERREL H. BELL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Jill Levine, Principal Ambassador Fellow
U.S. Department of Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aba Kumi

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION ♦ *Blue Room*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Tami Fitzgerald, Teaching Ambassador Fellow
U.S. Department of Education

SPARKING HOPE: TEACHING AS A CATALYST TO LAUNCHING GREAT LEARNING

Sean McComb, English Teacher
2014 National Teacher of the Year
Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts
Baltimore, MD

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10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL YEAR ♦ *Blue Room*

Dennis Bega
Director, Regional Operations &
Regional Director for the South and Midwest

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2014 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON ♦ *Regency Ballroom*

OPENING PERFORMANCE

The Arlington Traditional School Honors Chorus
Arlington Traditional School, Arlington, VA
2012 National Blue Ribbon School

WELCOME

Aba Kumi

SPONSOR REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY

Morgan Taylor , 6th Grade Student
Roberto Clemente Middle School
Germantown, MD

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

The Honorable Arne Duncan
U.S. Secretary of Education

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF 2014 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDS ♦ *Regency Ballroom*

CLOSING REMARKS

Aba Kumi

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

STATE LIAISON BUSINESS MEETING ♦ *Forum Room*