



FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Cassidi Wing, Kindergarten student, Edison Elementary School
 Kyan Wing, 2nd grade student, Edison Elementary School
SECOND ROW: Justyce Schultz, 5th grade student, Edison Elementary School
 Barbara Wing, grandmother of Justyce, Cassidi and Kyan
THIRD ROW: Monica Rico, associate professor of history and Pieper Professor of Servant Leadership, Lawrence University
 Kristi Hill, director of volunteer and community service programs, Lawrence University
 Karen Bruno, director of the Academy of Music, Lawrence University
 Jim Donnellan, Edison Elementary School principal
 Lisa Sprangers, Grade 5/6 teacher at Edison Elementary School
TOP ROW: Sharon Fenlon, AASD board president
 Stewart Purkey, associate professor of education and Bee Connell Mielke professor of education, Lawrence University
 Brian Bartel, '97 chemistry teacher, West High School, and Lawrence University graduate
 Jon Meyer, director of the Young Band Project, Lawrence University
 Lee Allinger, AASD superintendent of schools
 Adam Tenasaputra '15, Lawrence student and LARY Buddy

2011–12 Collaboration in Action Award Winner: Appleton Area School District

Lawrence University and the Appleton Area School District (AASD) have been in the business of educating our young people for well over 150 years. Both founded in the mid-1800s, these distinguished educational institutions have discovered strength in partnership and opportunity in collaboration—bolstering their common missions of providing the highest quality instruction and rich learning environments for their students.

“Appleton Area School District is an essential partner to Lawrence University, as it provides unmatched opportunities for our students interested in serving our community and working with youth,” said President Jill Beck.

LARY Buddies mentoring program and VITAL Tutoring are two longstanding programs that connect Lawrence students with area elementary students, both offering free mentoring and tutoring services to local elementary students for decades.

The Lawrence Academy of Music has worked closely with AASD, school administrators and music teachers to develop the Young Band Project and Strings Project. These programs enhance the music offerings of local schools and provide music instruction to students who otherwise might

not have this opportunity. “Lawrence students receive teaching experience and are mentored by seasoned music teachers,” said Jerry Koleske, band teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. “The elementary students receive regular music instruction and consistent teaching that is greatly enhancing their level of competence.”

The Appleton Area School District has warmly opened its doors to Lawrence student teachers (students pursuing certification to teach in Wisconsin) by offering student teaching opportunities for these budding educators.

“Although we are confident Lawrence students make a positive contribution to the Appleton school community while engaged in these activities, the fact remains that we could not certify Lawrence students for licensure as public school teachers without the cooperation and good will of AASD teachers and administrators,” said Stewart Purkey, Bee Connell Mielke Professor of Education.

Many students who graduate from the education program go on to work in the district—and often these teachers (along with many others from the area) come back to Lawrence for valuable professional development. The Mielke Summer Institute in the Liberal Arts

at Lawrence, for example, annually takes 25 K–12 educators from AASD (and the Shawano School District) for a weeklong immersion in the liberal arts. Educators explore new ideas and examine timely issues of social and cultural importance from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Lawrence is honored to present AASD with the 2011–12 Lawrence University Collaboration in Action Award.

“The Appleton Area School District is proud to be recognized with this award,” said Superintendent Lee Allinger. “The partnership between the AASD and Lawrence has a rich history and continues to evolve. We are appreciative that Lawrence University leadership continues to provide opportunities for both their faculty and student body to engage in meaningful initiatives in AASD schools.”

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Lawrence University Collaboration in Action Award recognizes an individual or organization who, in collaboration with Lawrence University, has provided exemplary service to the Fox Cities community through strategic vision, leadership influence, long-standing commitment and enthusiasm, financial contributions, and/or volunteerism.



2011-12 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Please join
President Jill Beck
in honoring the 2011-12
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Award Recipient,
Appleton Area School District

