

LASALLE SCHOOL

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Recognizing Lasallian excellence on the national stage



Our local Lasallian community at LaSalle joined in congratulating D. Troy Kennedy on his receipt of a 2014 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award from the De La Salle Christian Brother's District of Eastern North America.

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the associate executive director for staff training and development, and will receive the award in November at the Huether Lasallian Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

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LaSalle teachers Martha Juenger, Kelly Hayes, Ken Getsch, William Murray and John Schoonbeck as well as LaSalle administrator Rich Medved are participating in a series of trainings being conducted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, the Center for Initiatives in Pre-College Education (CIPCE), and the Capital Region BOCES.

In Spring 2015, students from RPI will be working directly with LaSalle's teachers and students on Clean Energy projects. Additionally, several of our students will be selected to participate in institutes to be conducted by RPI at their campus this year, during the summer, and during the 2015-2016 school year. During the next two years, fifty LaSalle students will be targeted in both the Junior and Senior High School programs to participate in this grant.

Initially, students will conduct an energy audit of LaSalle School using already developed protocols to make recommendations for increased energy efficiency of our own facility. This will be followed by their active participation in experiments, activities and projects to be carried out in various classes conducted by the participating teachers in the grant.

Recognizing Lasallian excellence on the national stage

Yesterday afternoon, to a packed house of staff, students, and LaSalle School board members, Maryann Donohue-Lynch, associate executive director for mission and ministry for the District of Eastern North America, announced that Troy Kennedy had been selected one of three individuals to receive a national 2014-15 Distinguished Lasallian Educator of the Year Award. In her remarks, Donohue-Lynch quoted from his nomination saying "The selection of Troy Kennedy for this award would serve as the recognition of an individual who in the face of many serious challenges, has persevered not only to simply survive but to grow professionally and spiritually and contribute in direct and meaningful ways to creating hope and opportunity in the lives of young people who are at great risk. His context for these contributions is Lasallian through and through."

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In May, Kennedy was named LaSalle School's own 2014 Lasallian Educator of the Year in recognition of his growth professionally and spiritually in his efforts to teach and lead others. Yesterday's announcement strengthens his local achievements, and will ensure that his story of adversity, setbacks, and ultimately, success reaches and influences countless others on the national level.

In November, Kennedy will receive the formal award at the district's annual Huether Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

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Students representing all LaSalle's programs are represented in the Student Senate, and are from the high school's junior and senior classes. In a few weeks, after a special celebratory dinner hosted by LaSalle, the officers of the 2014-2015 Student Senate will be formally inducted.