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**North Oldham High School Teacher Selected as PDK Emerging Leader**

ARLINGTON, Va.—Natalie S. Immings, a teacher at North Oldham High School in Goshen, Ky., has been named a PDK Emerging Leader for her work as an education thought leader and advocate.

Immings earned this distinction because of her commitment to making U.S. government come alive in her classroom through creative lesson planning. She has spent the last two years teaching high school government and other social studies courses at North Oldham High School as well as co-advising the Young Republicans, Debate Team and Y Club.

“I love exposing students to real world situations in my government classes,” Immings said. “My greatest joy is helping students learn about their own educational processes. I’m not in the classroom simply to take a snapshot that puts a grade label on a student. I’m in the classroom to help students develop critical thinking skills.”

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Immings as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Immings and 25 other education change agents at a weekend networking event this December. The PDK Emerging Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., meet with federal education policymakers, and share best practices with each other.

“The Emerging Leaders program is our way of paying it forward in public education,” said William J. Bushaw, PDK International’s executive director. “We find people under 40 who are standouts in the profession and we bring them together for a weekend of networking and expertise-sharing in the nation’s capital. By investing in these young leaders, we are investing in the future.”

PDK International is an association that represents nearly 30,000 professionals in K-12 education across the country. Every year, it recognizes a new class of PDK Emerging Leaders. For more information on PDK’s 2013-2014 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to [www.pdkemergingleaders.org](http://www.pdkemergingleaders.org). Information about PDK International is at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).

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