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Palmer High School Tutoring Center Director Selected as PDK Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Jeremy Koselak, director of the Palmer High School tutoring center, has been named a PDK Emerging Leader. Koselak has earned this distinction because of his work managing a tutoring center at Palmer High School that is helping thousands of struggling students move forward in school and in life.

“I have dedicated my career to helping at-risk high school students earn high school credits and find direction for life after high school. My students know that when they enter our tutoring center they will be respected, heard, then helped, and they trust that we will support them as they achieve their goals,” Koselak said. “At our center, we have shifted from simply helping students survive high school to helping them become self-confident advocates for their own education.”

Koselak has written a book about the tutoring center and is actively promoting the model to other school districts through conferences and other outreach efforts.

“Our center shows that you can deliver personalized learning in a large urban high school without exhausting teacher resources. If the general public could see what I see everyday, they would demand something similar in every high school.”

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Koselak as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Koselak 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. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.

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