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Los Angeles High School of the Arts Teacher Selected as PDK Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Isabel Morales, a teacher at Los Angeles High School of the Arts in Los Angeles, Calif., has been named a PDK Emerging Leader for her work inspiring minority students to seek higher education degrees.

“Opportunities to learn and thrive should exist in all communities, regardless of socioeconomic status,” Morales said. “I strive to inspire young people to define their purpose in life and pursue academic and professional pathways that allow them to serve their communities.”

In addition to her work in the classroom, Morales also serves on the Council of Youth Researchers, a group of educators and graduate students that engages high school students in participatory action research. She is also working towards a doctorate degree in educational leadership at the University of Southern California.

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Morales as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Morales 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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