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Seattle Pacific University Assistant Professor Selected as Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—David Denton, assistant professor of teacher education at Seattle Pacific University, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leader program recognizes top educators under age 40 from around the world for their leadership. A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 22 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments. In addition to being honored at an event in Washington, D.C., honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Honoring these young leaders is one of PDK's most important initiatives," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "We know the future of education is in good hands with leaders like these making a difference in the lives of our students."

Denton started his career as a preschool teacher. He also taught middle and junior high school students for 10 years, during which he earned National Board Certification in early adolescent mathematics. He has published numerous research articles and co-authored a book addressing issues related to education technology, teaching, and assessments.

"My passion for teaching springs from a desire to improve student achievement and strengthen the social-moral fabric of the classroom," said Denton. "I believe in the power of supporting and encouraging all learners so that they reach their full potential."

Denton is the recipient of more than 15 education-related grants and awards. He is a member of many professional organizations, including PDK International, International Society for Technology in Education, American Educational Research Association, ASCD, and National Council for the Social Studies. He currently serves on the Washington State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Board of Directors and is a member of the teacher performance assessment committee and teacher education advisory committee at Seattle Pacific University.

For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org.

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