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Patapsco High School Principal Selected as Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Ryan Imbriale, the principal of Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts in Baltimore, Md., 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."

Under Imbriale's leadership, Patapsco High School was named one of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' National Schools of Distinction in 2009. In 2012, the school was recognized by the College Board as the Middle States winner for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts and named one of the top high schools in America by *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News and World Report*.

"I feel like it's my responsibility to highlight the success we've seen at Patapsco High School, because as we continue to focus on STEM, there is a tendency to forget the arts," he said. "The arts help prepare students for college and the future. They foster the creativity that our leaders need by helping them develop essential skills and abilities, like imagination, innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving."

Prior to his principalship, Imbriale served as a middle school social studies teacher, professional development coordinator, e-learning specialist, and assistant principal. During his time as an e-learning specialist, he worked on a statewide online learning initiative with Johns Hopkins University and the Maryland State Department of Education. In 2008, he was named one of its "20 to Watch" educators by the National School Boards Association, and in 2010, *Tech & Learning* magazine named him one of the future leaders in its "100@30" list.

Imbriale is engaged in many professional and civic organizations. He is a member of PDK International and also serves on the executive board for Secondary School Administrators Association of Baltimore County. He is a member of the Alliance for Excellent Education's Technology and Digital Learning advisory council and an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins University.

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About PDK International

Founded in 1906, PDK International is a global association for professional educators. The organization's mission is to support education, particularly public education, as the cornerstone of democracy. More information is online at www.pdkintl.org. For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org.

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