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Ball State University Assistant Professor Selected as Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Anthony M. Kline, an assistant professor in the Department of Elementary Education at Ball State University, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals. Kline resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

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."

Kline created the Malawi Field Study, an international program in which he leads preservice elementary educators to the developing country of Malawi, Africa. In addition, Kline leads an immersive learning program where students work to develop strategies to increase the number of male mentors in local communities.

"My unlimited curiosity and passion to raise the voices of the overlooked in society drives me to engage, inspire, and impact others to become conscious of their own strengths and intentional in their future educational endeavors," Kline said.

Kline is a member of the PDK International Ball State University chapter, American Association of Colleges for Education, Association for Childhood Education International, Association of Teacher Educators, National Association for Education of Young Children, and Society for Research in Child Development.

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

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