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**South Lakes High School English Teacher Selected as Emerging Leader**

ARLINGTON, Va.—Daina S. Lieberman, a teacher at South Lakes High School in Reston, Va., 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."

Lieberman is a National Board Certified Teacher and has taught high school English in New Jersey and Virginia. She has also served as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant in France. In addition, she has coached girls' tennis and currently serves as the historian for her local PDK chapter.

"I have learned that there is always more to learn, that a teacher can always improve through reflection, and that my success as an educator is defined by the accomplishments of my students," she said.

Lieberman is a member of the PDK International Northern Virginia chapter, National Council of Teachers of English, ASCD, and National Education Association.

For more information on PDK's 2012-2013 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to [www.pdkemergingleaders.org](http://www.pdkemergingleaders.org).

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