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**Nova Southeastern University Professor Selected as Emerging Leader**

ARLINGTON, Va.— Maryann Tobin, a professor of Reading Education in the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education at Nova Southeastern 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.”

Tobin has previously been an adjunct professor at the University of Miami and she has been recognized for excellence as a high school language arts and media literacy teacher.

“My goal as an educator is to become an agent of change and to support a shift away from the intense focus on standardized tests and move toward a more holistic, multimodal method of instruction and assessment,” she said. “With the exponential growth of informational access and technology’s role in K-12 education, we must explore the changing nature of literacy learning and reading assessment.”

She is a member of PDK International, American Educational Research Association, International Reading Association, and National Council for Teachers of English.

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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