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**Millard Public Schools Director of Assessment, Research, and Evaluation Selected as Emerging Leader**

ARLINGTON, Va.— Tamara Williams, director of assessment, research, and evaluation at Millard Public Schools in Omaha, Neb., 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."

Williams' previous positions have included high school math teacher, middle school behavior interventionist, and middle school administrator.

"I am able to combine my math degree with relationship building and educational leadership to focus clearly on student learning and success," she said.

She is the president of the PDK International University of Nebraska/Omaha chapter, and a member of American Educational Research Association, National Council on Measurement in Education, National Test Directors Association, ASCD, and Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals.

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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