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Poway Unified Teacher Megan Power is One of Six Chosen for U.S. Department of Education's 2017 School Ambassador Fellowship



Design39Campus kindergarten teacher, Megan Power, has been named to the Department of Education's 2017 School Ambassador Fellowship. This year's cohort includes four teachers, one principal, and one counselor. "The Fellowship program is designed to improve education for all students by involving practitioners in the development and implementation of national education policy. The Fellows also work directly with Department staff members to inform our understanding of how policies and programs are implemented and experienced by students, educators and families at the local level," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

Megan, one of Poway Unified's Teachers of the Year in 2012, is a founding teacher at PUSD's newest K-8 campus, Design39Campus. She has been in education for 15 years, serving on leadership teams, opening two new schools, and teaching and supporting other teachers through professional development. Last year she was named to the 2016 class of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Emerging Leaders program. She was also awarded the Fellowship by the Lowell Milken Center (LMC) for Unsung Heroes. Megan sits on the Intel Education Board of Academic Advisors, working with companies to give feedback on their educational technology products.

The six School Ambassador Fellows attended a three-day summit at the Department of Education last week to become more familiar with education policy and Department staff, as well as to begin exchanging ideas for enhancing communication between teachers, stakeholders, and education policy leaders.

Megan is one of five part-time fellows who include:

- Elmer Harris (5th grade teacher from Colorado Springs, Colorado)
- Matthew Scott Crisp (principal from Jackson, Wyoming)
- Patrick O'Connor, (Assistant Dean of College Counseling from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan)
- Megan Power (kindergarten teacher from San Diego, California)
- Jennifer Ramsey (science teacher from Washington, D.C.).

A sixth fellow, Melody Arabo (3rd grade teacher from West Bloomfield, Michigan) will serve full-time in Washington, D.C.