Coronavirus: Resources and Impact

We think it’s safe to say that no one on this planet has gone unaffected by COVID-19 this spring. At AWSP, we moved our office into “the cloud” to continue supporting members through the crisis. If you haven’t already, check out our ever-growing page of resources at www.awsp.org/covid19. Also, check out our article on page 4 that highlights how we’re addressing the crisis based on each goal area.

Cispus Learning Center T-shirt Campaign:

Many of our members have fond memories of and connections to the Cispus Learning Center. With being closed due to social distancing, Cispus is seeking support from alumni, friends, and believers in the mission of non-profits. Help by purchasing a $25 t-shirt or making a charitable contribution. Contact Sue at sharples@cispus.org or call 360-497-7131.

AWSP Leadership Framework and Professional Growth Pages are Coming for 2020-21

We are hard at work finalizing the new AWSP Leadership Framework for the 2020-21 school year. The new Framework document will have the User’s Guide embedded into it as Professional Growth pages for each criterion. The Framework will be launched on our website this summer at www.awsp.org/Framework. Additionally every building leader will receive a printed copy in the fall. Questions? Contact AWSP Associate Director Jack Arend at jack@awsp.org.

Otterbot: Financial Aid Texting Service

Otterbot is a new texting service from the Washington Student Achievement Council. Designed to help high school seniors navigate financial aid for college and career education, Otterbot is accessible to students via text message 24 hours a day, seven days a week by texting “Hi Otter” to 360-928-7281. After a student signs up for Otter, they will receive periodic messages with need-to-know financial aid information, resources, suggestions, dates, and deadlines. When a student gets a text from Otter, they may follow up with questions by replying directly to the message. If Otter receives a question it cannot answer, it will send the message to a financial aid expert from the Washington Student Achievement Council.

USYSS Winners

Each year, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation sponsors two high school juniors or seniors from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia to attend the United States Senate Youth Program — an all-expense paid, week-long tour of Washington, DC and to receive a $10,000 scholarship. Congratulations are in order to this year’s winners, Andre Ramsey from Spokane and Dana Ahmed from Kennewick.

Amazon Smile

If you haven’t set up your Amazon account to give back to charity yet, this is a great time to do it. Go to smile.amazon.com and select Washington School Principals’ Education Foundation as your charity. Amazon will start sending 0.5% of all eligible purchases back to the Principals’ Foundation.

Updated Principal of the Year Nomination Timeline

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AWSP made the difficult decision to “hit pause” on the 2019-2020 POY/APOY process. The good news is, we reopened the nomination process! Nominations will be accepted through July 31.

For those who were nominated and completed the application, we are holding your completed packets and pushing them to the 2020-2021 POY/APOY round, which will be announced in October 2020. For those of you who were nominated but didn’t complete the application, you now have until August 31 to do so!
The safety of our members is our highest priority. AWSP and WASA have been working around the clock to pivot the direction of our 2020 Summer Conference to keep you safe, informed, and connected while navigating this unprecedented time. We are excited to announce that for the first time in history, we’ll be bringing a VIRTUAL Summer Conference directly to YOU!

You’ll hear from the same great keynote speakers:

**HAMISH BREWER, Relentless**

Hamish Brewer, the relentless, tattooed, skateboarding principal in Northern Virginia, isn’t your normal principal. Hamish is high octane, constantly calling on his students to “Be Relentless.” Mr. Brewer has become known as an educational disrupter who transcends the status quo and typical educational norms. His story has become a viral sensation with over 32 million views.

**KRISTIN SOUERS & PETE HALL, Fostering Resilient Learners**

Kristin and Pete’s book, “Fostering Resilient Learners,” is the go-to social emotional resource for schools and districts across the country. They both passionately envision a future where children and adults feel fully supported by their community, know they are capable of making a difference in their lives and their world, and are prepared for successful futures.

**SEAN GOODE, CHOOSE 180**

Sean Goode is the executive director of CHOOSE 180. The CHOOSE 180 Program was started to reduce the flow of youth into the juvenile justice system. His powerful personal story and message of how CHOOSE 180 is changing the lives of students and positively impacting schools will inspire each and every educational leader to ensure their buildings and districts are creating hope for each and every child.

**DR. JOE SANFELIPPO, National Superintendent of the Year**

Dr. Joe Sanfelippo is the Superintendent of Fall Creek SD in Fall Creek, WI. Joe was selected as 1 of 117 Future Ready Superintendents in 2014 and 1 of 50 Superintendents as a Personalized Learning Leader in 2016 by the US Department of Education. He attended summits at the White House for both distinctions. Joe has been a featured speaker in multiple states in the areas of Telling Your School Story, Advancing the Use of Social Media for School Leaders, Creating a Culture of Yes, and Personalized Professional Growth for Staff.

**ALREADY REGISTERED?**

You’re all set! We’ll send instructions for getting you logged into the conference and AWSP’s new learning management system closer to the event date.

**STILL NEED TO REGISTER? USE YOUR TPEP DOLLARS!**

Every year, districts leave hundreds of thousands of dollars unspent in their TPEP iGrants 664 budget. This year, instead of giving that money back, why not use it to register for Summer Conference? With access to more breakout sessions than ever and no travel costs, why wouldn’t you register your whole team for a mix of on-demand and live learning?

Download the registration form at www.awsp.org/sc20