

MEET THE NAESP CANDIDATES . . .

The NAESP elections are right around the corner. Here is glimpse of the candidates who are running in this year's elections!

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“My name is Deborah Harvest and I am the proud principal of Cochran Academy located in East Orange, New Jersey. Currently, I have the honor of serving on the NAESP Board of Directors, and among other duties, worked with board members to develop a new vision statement, goals and strategic plan. Throughout the Vision 2021 project, NAESP sought to include our members, as well as non-members, to ensure a diverse view. This is a stance I hope to expand. As a national association, we must continue to work together in shaping our profession. It is our collective responsibility to take the lead in advocating for policies, services and relationships that will make a difference for all students.



DEBORAH HARVEST

My experiences with working on a variety of committees, advisory councils and the board of directors have provided a great understanding of the values of the association. Moreover, my years on the resolutions committee helped me to understand the true framework of everything that our association represents. Finally, my leadership experiences will enable me to lead our organization into the future. A future that embraces diversity and recognizes the voice of all. Through collaboration, consensus and respect we will reach one accord on the voice of the association. **Together we can make a difference.**”

“I am a life long educator who loves children. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with children in rural, suburban and inner city schools. I am passionate about leading educators and guiding children. I do believe the principal is the beacon of hope for this millennium. NAESP is the voice for principals advocating for the rights of all children. The principal guides the light that illuminates changes that impact the lives of children, teachers and communities.



DIANE CARGILE

Working with NAESP leaders to make a difference with congressional leaders on Capitol Hill was a powerful experience for me as the Federal Relations Liaison from Indiana. The work is not finished. We must continue to support the work started as principals advocate for the Reauthorization of ESEA.

The 21st century principal will continue to face new challenges. Principals are charged with improving the lives of others and with leaving their communities and world a better place than they found it. Collectively we have the power and the influence to make the world better. Together, we can become the beacons of hope for all children. I would be honored to represent you as the next President - Elect of NAESP.”
- Dr. Diane Cargile

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“As advocates for children and the principalship, we are facing challenging times. There are powerful demands for accountability for increasing achievement for all students. At the same time, the resources are diminishing. Working collaboratively through NAESP to raise the profile of school principals and to increase the levels of support for public schools are vital missions. It is imperative that we advance our work on the following goals: to increase the level of support for public schools and encourage best practices for all students, to elevate the status of the principalship, to be an active voice for children, and to address the shortage of qualified school leaders. In my role as a school principal for 21 years and association leader, I have had extensive experience in planning and developing efforts that address these goals. I would be honored to help chart the future of NAESP as Zone I Director and respectfully ask for your support.”
- Katharine “Kit” Bishop



KIT BISHOP

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

- NAESP: State Representative, 1999-2005; Nominating Committee, 2004; Delegate, 1996-2007; State Leaders, 1997-2007
- Connecticut Association of Schools, Board Member, 2005-present; Vice-President, 2006-Present;
- Elementary and Middle School Principals Association of CT: President 1996-1997, various offices 1993-1999)

“Greetings! My name is Dave Cobb, and I am a candidate for the Board of Directors to NAESP from Zone 1. In my thirty years in education, I have been fortunate to work with students as a teacher, elementary and secondary administrator, and college admissions officer. There is no better position than being the educational leader of an elementary school!



DAVE COBB

NAESP fills three vital roles for principals: advocating for students and public schools, advocating for school leaders, and providing opportunities to bring school leaders to come together in strong collegial relationships. I have had the good fortune to represent Vermont as state representative, to serve you on the NEASP Nominations and Resolutions Committees, and lead and participate within our zone as part of the Northeast Regional Principals' Association.

As leaders, we serve our students and families in difficult times. Our challenges include federal legislation that makes sense for students, funding that supports all learners, and legislation and funding for the development of a new generation of educational leaders. As a member of the board of directors, I will use the wisdom gained from educational and leadership experiences to serve our learners and leaders, and represent the members of Zone 1 in shaping the vision of the future. Together, we will continue to make a difference for our children.

I would be honored to serve as Zone 1 Director, and ask for your support in the upcoming election.”