

# The PDK-USC Kappan

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Phi Delta Kappa shall be to promote quality education, in particular publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This purpose shall be accomplished through research, service, and leadership in education.

*From the Constitution of  
Phi Delta Kappa International*



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*Join us for our PDK-USC Dinner Meeting*

## "The Escalator Effect: The Clinical Development of Human Capital Skills in the School"

Friday, January 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.  
USC Davidson Conference Center

**Stoops Lecturer:**  
**Dr. John E. Deasy**


*Deputy Superintendent,  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
To RSVP, see page 3*

## *Meet the Speaker...*

### **Dr. John E. Deasy**



John E. Deasy serves as a deputy superintendent for Los Angeles Unified School District. He leads the overall programmatic and systems work of the school district. Prior to joining Los Angeles Unified, Dr. Deasy served as the Deputy Director of Education at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where he oversaw the work of Effective Teaching at the foundation, Dr. Deasy served as superintendent of the Prince George's County, Md., Public Schools, where he earned a national reputation for his leadership in significantly narrowing the achievement gap between low-income and minority students and their peers. During his time in Prince George's, Dr. Deasy also launched a pay-for-performance plan that was approved by the Board of Education and developed jointly with labor, making the district a leader nationally in efforts to reward teachers for gains in student achievement. Previously, Dr. Deasy served as superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in California and of the Coventry Public Schools in Rhode Island. In all three districts, he championed rigorous and ambitious learning opportunities for youth, fair teacher and administrator evaluations, pay-for-performance, staff development and training, and data-based decision-making.

Dr. Deasy brings nearly three decades of extensive successful experience in education to the Los Angeles. He has been a Broad Fellow, an Annenberg Fellow, a State Superintendent of the Year, a presenter at numerous state and national conferences, and a consultant to school districts undertaking high school reform and district-wide improvement strategies. He has spoken and written extensively on education and serves on numerous boards. 

# Message from the President: Leadership is Critical

By Lisa M. Regan

**GREAT NEWS!** Our USC Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa was recently notified by the International Office that we have been honored with a prestigious project grant. The aims of this grant are twofold: to encourage more undergraduate students to consider a career in teaching and to promote the expansion of teacher preparation programs in Los Angeles-area high schools through the PDK-sponsored Future Educators of America.



From the PDK International press release: "Our efforts are all about encouragement," Regan said. "As educators, we enjoy our profession and our day-to-day influence on the next generation. Sharing our enthusiasm for the profession is second nature. Our chapter would like to see more young people consider the profession at an earlier age and take advantage of great associations like FEA and PDK." Each year, PDK International awards grants to members, PDK chapters, and groups of members and chapters to fund projects that support the association's three tenets: leadership, research, and service. "We are pleased to be able to support worthy projects through PDK Project Grants," said PDK Executive Director William J. Bushaw. "It is important to provide funds for initiatives like this that improve education."

## TWO WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

**\*Project #1 - Supper with PDK Members** On Sunday, February 13, 2011, our PDK chapter will hold a special event on the USC campus designed to bring current USC undergraduate students together with current PDK members to learn more about the rewarding careers in education. This "SCupper" (supper), a catered event co-sponsored by the USC Alumni Association, is a great way for you to share your experiences and enthusiasm with the next generation of great teachers. **To sign up to be a PDK ambassador at this invitation-only event, please email Lisa Regan, Chapter President, at [lisa.regan@lausd.net](mailto:lisa.regan@lausd.net) by Friday, January 14th.**

**\*Project #2 - FEA Recruitment Mixer** This April, our PDK chapter will invite principals and teacher leaders from high schools all over the Los Angeles area to come to a networking mixer at the USC University Club to learn about starting an FEA chapter to promote teacher readiness career pathway programs at their schools. The Future Educators of America offers schools complete curriculum materials for preparing high school students to enter the teaching profession from an early age, so this event will introduce the attendees to the exciting advantages of starting an FEA chapter. PDK members are needed to be greeters and hosts at this event. More details about this event will be announced at our Annual Emery Stoops Lecture Dinner. **If you want to get involved or learn more about this event, please email Lisa Regan at [lisa.regan@lausd.net](mailto:lisa.regan@lausd.net).** I look forward to seeing each of you at the Annual Emery Stoops Lecture Dinner on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the USC Davidson Center, featuring LAUSD Deputy Superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy as the evening's speaker. This event is always very well attended, so please be sure to send in your RSVP today. 🍷

## 2010-2011 USC Phi Delta Kappa CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

**28** – PDK-USC Stoops Lecture Dinner Meeting  
USC Davidson Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.

### February

**3** – PDK-USC Board Meeting, VKC Library, 5:30 p.m.  
**17-19** – PDK International Conference  
Atlanta Hyatt Regency, Georgia

### March

**11** – PDK-USC Dinner Meeting  
USC Davidson Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.  
**24** – PDK-USC Board Meeting, VKC Library, 5:30 p.m.

### May

**6** – PDK-USC Recognition Dinner Meeting  
USC Davidson Conference Center, 6:00 p.m.  
**19** – PDK-USC Board Meeting, VKC Library, 5:30 p.m.

### June

**1** – 2011 PDK-USC/Rossier Leadership Summit  
USC Davidson Conference Center, 8:00 a.m.

# PDK-USC Dinner Meeting

## New Location ! Reduced Price! Free Parking!

Friday, January 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

USC Davidson Conference Center

Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.

**DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Stoops Lecturer:

**Dr. John E. Deasy**

*Deputy Superintendent*

*Los Angeles Unified School District*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

PDK Membership # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:  Chicken  Fish  Vegetarian

Mail your check (made payable to *PDK-USC Chapter*) for **\$36.00\*** per person with this form.  
It must arrive by Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to:

**PDK-USC Chapter**

**c/o Dr. Guillermina Jauregui**

**3025 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90018**

Parking is included in the cost of dinner when you park at USC Gate #4. *Please consider carpooling.*  
(Gate #4 is on Jefferson Blvd. at Royal St., across from the Shrine Auditorium)

*Questions about Dinner Meeting Reservations?*

Contact Dr. Guillermina Jauregui, VP Meeting Logistics, at [GJauregu@lausd.net](mailto:GJauregu@lausd.net) or (323) 633-3010.

*Reservations are only accepted when accompanied by payment via US Mail.*

## November Dinner Meeting a Great Success!

The November PDK Dinner Meeting was a great success with Dr. Gothold as Guest Speaker and many new members joining!



## The Kappan, Did You Know?

By Dr. Janeane Dimpel, Research Representative

**A**s Vice President for Research, I have enjoyed investigating various articles in the Kappan that may be of interest to you. For instance, the September, 2010 Kappan that featured the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual PDK/Gallup Poll that provides great insight into the public's opinion regarding education in America. The findings from the Gallup Poll are fascinating and should be read and included for discussion as a part of any in-service planning. The 2010 PDK/Gallup Poll results can be found at: [www.pdk.poll.org](http://www.pdk.poll.org)

The October 2010, edition of the Kappan has many articles related to teacher education and the development of teacher excellence. I was particularly taken with Arthur Levine's article "Teacher Education Must Respond to Changes in America". We know from future trends research that the landscape of American demographics is becoming very different from that of the last century. Levine opens his article with this comment, "Teacher education must adapt to the same changes in the economy, demographics, globalization, and more that are prompting change in K-12 schools". You can see this article on line at [www.pdk.org](http://www.pdk.org).

Finally, check out the November issue of Kappan. It is loaded with great articles about restructuring schools. There are excellent articles about preschool and kindergarten education. If you are not aware, PDK has great online resources. The organization offers webinars about career planning, about submitting an article to the Kappan, and a blog for making comments about Kappan articles at [PDKconnecting.org](http://PDKconnecting.org). Oh, don't forget to check out the Professional Development Discussion Guides that come with every issue of the Kappan. I hope you will start a blog and discuss with friends and colleagues articles you read in the Kappan. Each issue has something that will help you think more deeply about the profession of education, and the responsibility educators have to maintaining a society that is well educated, informed and capable of making moral and ethical decisions.



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