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University of Kentucky Professor Wins Statewide Award for Excellence in Public Education

(FRANKFORT, Ky.)— The Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) awarded Dr. Justin Bathon, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Kentucky, the 2015 William T. Nallia Award. He was presented with the award at a special ceremony July 15 in Louisville.

The award honors an education leader who reflects the spirit of innovation and cutting edge leadership while bringing higher levels of success and learning to children. The award is named in honor of William T. Nallia, KASA executive director from 1975-1986. Under Nallia's leadership, the organization experienced tremendous growth and has since remained at the forefront of innovation in public education in Kentucky.

As a respected university-based trainer of school leaders, he is a go-to resource for Kentucky educators on the diverse topics of school law, technology, and social media in education. He has also taken a hands-on role in the establishment and operation of the STEAM Academy in the Fayette County Schools, one of Kentucky's premier collaborative projects between a local school district and a university.

"I was completely shocked and honored to receive the William T. Nallia Education Leadership Award from KASA. I deeply love the work that I get to do with the University of Kentucky College of Education in helping schools adapt to the realities of the digital, global world. Our kids face an uncertain and challenging future that require schools and educators to be creative in new ways. I am passionate about helping them in some small way. This award, therefore, is extremely fulfilling," Bathon said.

"Justin is one of those singular individuals who is constantly working toward the goal-- whether it's through partnering with associations like KASA or designing new programming for school leaders. Justin is a driving force, always, for innovative change that equips school leaders," KASA Executive Director Wayne Young said.

Representing nearly 3,000 education leaders, KASA has members in every school district in the commonwealth. KASA has been connecting education leaders to policymakers, legislators, and other interest groups in addition to providing numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's school administrators for over 40 years.

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