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Kelly and Wagner To Receive PA Principals Association's 2016 Educational Excellence Award

(Harrisburg, PA)— **Janette D. Kelly, Ph.D.**, director of graduate education at Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa., and retired director of secondary academics in the Altoona Area School District (A.S.D.), and **Marshall J. Wagner**, adjunct professor and student teaching supervisor at Saint Francis University and retired principal at Hollidaysburg Area School District (A.S.D.), have been selected to receive the **2016 Educational Excellence Award** by the Pennsylvania Principals Association. The award is given to a person or persons who have been a “friend of public education” and who have made significant contributions to the attainment of educational excellence in the Commonwealth’s elementary and secondary schools.

The award will be presented to Dr. Kelly and Mr. Wagner on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, at the PA Principals Association’s 32nd annual banquet held in conjunction with its state conference at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, Pa.

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Dr. Kelly has been involved in education for over 40 years. She became the director of secondary academics in Altoona A.S.D. in 1997, retiring from public education in 2006. She received numerous honors during her tenure in Altoona: the YWCA Woman of the Year, 2002; Citizenship Teacher of the Year award (Veterans of Foreign Wars), 2000; and the PA School Study Council Commendation, 2000.

Dr. Kelly has been actively involved in the PASSP, PAESSP and the PA Principals Association. She served as PASSP president in 1999-2000, receiving the Joseph Mamana Award for Meritorious Service in 2003. She was the program chair for the state conference from 2006-2015, and has served on the Editorial Review Board for *The Pennsylvania Administrator* magazine since 2001. She is also a member of NASSP.

Mr. Wagner has been involved in education for 45 years. He has been employed by Saint Francis University since 1999, as an adjunct assistant professor and a student teaching supervisor. Mr. Wagner was a secondary school principal for 23 years in Philipsburg-Osceola S.D., Moshannon Valley S.D., Tyrone A.S.D. and Hollidaysburg A.S.D. In 1991, he received the Moshannon Valley Economic Development Recognition Award for Outstanding Education Contributions.

Actively involved in the PASSP, PAESSP and the PA Principals Association, Mr. Wagner served as secretary on the PASSP Board of Directors, 1998-2001; PASSP president, 2002-2003; and received the Joseph Mamana Meritorious Service Award in 2005. In addition, he served as chairperson for the state conference from 2006-2008, and as a conference program committee member through 2015. He has served on the Editorial Review Board for *The Pennsylvania Administrator* magazine since 2001. He is also a member of NASSP.

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About Us: *The Pennsylvania Principals Association* (formerly known as the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals or PAESSP) is the consolidated association of the *Pennsylvania Association of Elementary School Principals* (PAESP) and the *Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals* (PASSP).

- The PA Principals Association has approximately 3,800 members throughout the commonwealth.
- The PA Principals Association membership is made up of elementary, middle level and secondary school principals, assistant principals, supervisors and other educational leaders.
- The PA Principals Association is affiliated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).
- The PA Principals Association's president is Dr. Bill Ziegler, a secondary principal in the Pottsgrove School District.
- The PA Principals Association's executive director is Paul M. Healey, Ph.D.
- The PA Principals Association assistant executive director is Dr. Joseph H. Clapper.

The Mission of the Pennsylvania Principals Association is to ensure a quality education for every child by comprehensively supporting the educational leaders of our schools.

The Vision of the Pennsylvania Principals Association is to be the best service organization of its kind in the United States.