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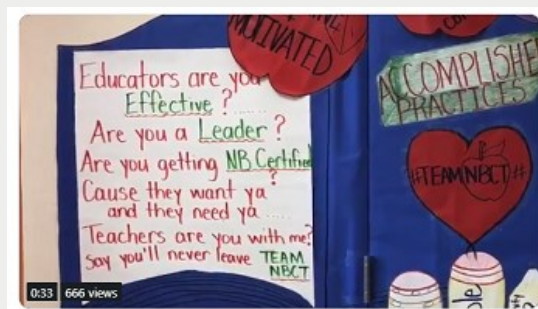
All feels merry and bright at the National Board knowing over 122,000 NBCTs and more than 20,000 candidates are working to spread accomplished teaching. Our December newsletter may mark the end of 2018, but for 3,907 educators, it marks the culmination of years of effort!

New NBCTs received their scores in early December and have been celebrated by friends and colleagues, administration and policy makers. We join in the celebration because we know their achievement is meaningful personally and will make a powerful difference for students.



From all of us at the National Board, Happy Holidays! We can't wait to see what 2019 brings.

NBCT Spotlight



Our #NBDoorDecor Contest had some amazing entrees, but the prize went to Janae Dean, NBCT! [Check out her take on the "Kiki Challenge" turned "NB Challenge."](#) Congratulations and enjoy your swag bag, Janae!

What's Happening at National Board

To celebrate Score Release on December 1, we invited local NBCTs into our office to call educators who just learned they became certified with them. Staff member Michelle Accardi, NBCT also hosted a Score Release Party with NBCTs further south at her home in Mississippi. [Check out our directory](#) to see if any new NBCTs are in your area!

Earlier this month, [National Board also welcomed new members to the Board of Directors](#)! We are grateful for the work of our outgoing board members and are excited for our new members to make their mark.

Furthermore, congratulations are in order for [Board Member](#) Mary Cathryn Ricker,

NBCT. [She was just named Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education](#). This is outstanding news!

And some more good news came recently when the National Board received funding from the [William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#). The \$550,000 one-year grant will support a project that will explore how board certification can improve teaching practices and ensure deeper learning for every student.

Opportunities

- The [National Network of State Teachers of the Year's](#) National Teacher Leadership Conference will be in Orlando July 10 to 12. [Sign up to be reminded of registration](#) when it opens on January 1!
- Have lesson plans that you have developed to support your students as change-makers? If so, the ASHOKA and Share My Lesson teams encourage you to share your lesson plans with other teachers! Send lesson plans to Maria Laura Acebal at mlacebal@ashoka.org so they can be added to AFT's free platform, Share My Lesson.
- The [Extra Yard for Teachers Summit](#) is a free, VIP event designed to inspire and empower educators. This year's interactive weekend takes place in the Bay Area at the San Jose Convention Center from January 5 to 6. We hope to see you there!



What We're Reading

The Federal Commission on School Safety just released a comprehensive resource guide. [Read the report now.](#)

- [I Was Determined!](#) by Erica Reid, NBCT
- [Student perspective: I knew this would be a good class](#) by Alex Klein
- [My Journey to West Virginia State Teacher of the Year](#) by Jada Reeves, NBCT
- [National Board Certification: Be teachable, and let the "fun" begin](#) by Kyle Bragg, NBCT



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