



## THE BOARDROOM

The National Board believes every educator and student deserves a safe place to learn and thrive.

### June 2018

It's summertime and the livin' is easy. The pace is still fast at the National Board! Between meeting our [new fellows](#), attending the NEA and AFT conventions, and a wide range of other convenings, we're hard at work just like you! Join us in building awareness for Board Certification by [sharing our materials](#) and giving a [shoulder tap card](#) to an educator who is ready to become an NBCT. Don't forget to fill us in on your activities by using #NBCTStrong on social media and by following our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).



### Opportunities

- The [National Network of State Teachers of the Year](#) is hosting the Teacher Leading Facilitation Academy September 23 and 24 at Mount Holyoke College. [Register online](#) by July 1 to attend.
- The National Center for Learning Disabilities is taking applications for their Teacher Fellow Program. [Learn more and apply](#).
- NewSchools Venture Fund is looking for an [Associate Partner](#) to help their Diverse Leaders team achieve their goal for black and Latino leaders to represent at least 40 percent of PreK-12 education leadership by 2020. [Apply](#) today!
- The [Global Teacher Prize](#) is presented annually to an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession. Applications are due September 9. Take some time to [look over the requirements](#) soon.

### Stay in the Know

What do you do when DoDEA Teacher of the Year [Kara Ball](#), NBCT and National Teacher of the Year [Mandy Manning](#), NBCT are both in town? Ask them questions, of course! National Board staff were thrilled to have these two educators in the office this month for an impromptu Q&A session. Check it out on [Facebook](#)!



### What We're Reading



- [Navigating the Decades](#) by Daniel Bartsch, NBCT: Dan has spent 25 years in the classroom. Read why he says he could go another 25.
- [Top 5 Strategies for Motivating Students](#) by Luke Wilcox, NBCT: Feeling an end of the year slump or needing some inspiration? Luke has a few ideas up his sleeve that just might help!
- [Georgia teacher's request for funeral: Backpacks with school supplies](#) from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*: Tammy Waddell, NBCT died this month in Georgia. Before she passed away, Tammy requested that in lieu of flowers, people bring backpacks and school supplies to her funeral to help students in need.

**National Board Fellows: How will you be using your summer to get ready for the upcoming school year?**

To get ready for the next school year, I like to attend professional development sessions, particularly (focused) on technology as it is ever-changing. I also reflect on the past year in order to create goals for the upcoming year. - **Melissa Chandler, NBCT**

My summer plans are to rejuvenate through extra special time with my children, lots of yoga, and reading inspiring, professional literature! - **Amy Steger, NBCT**

This summer, I will collaborate with various organizations such as Hope Street TN Group, Achieve, National Board, and my school district of Shelby County, TN. This will help me build my leadership capacity for the upcoming school year so I can support teachers and students. - **Melissa Collins, NBCT**



As a bilingual specialist, I'm currently analyzing the writing compositions of 81 students from ESL and Dual Language classes. My goal is to identify our students' writing strengths and weaknesses to help the teachers at my school during the 2018-19 school year. After this process, I'm going to attend a writing professional development at the Writing Academy in Kemah, Texas to learn new research-based strategies to teach writing to elementary kids. - **Rodrigo Rodriguez-Tovar, NBCT**

I spend some summer connecting with colleagues and participating in professional development opportunities. I also try to clean out my inbox and tame my desktop! - **Jaime Festa-Daigle, NBCT**

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