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## McKee Announced as ASCD Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate President-Elect

### Veteran Educator Dedicated to Fostering Education Leadership

Asheville, September 30, 2021 – ELASCD is an ASCD affiliate dedicated to building and fostering leadership capacity of emerged leaders after the initial two year cohort period. The ASCD Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate is pleased to announce Kenny McKee as the new President-Elect. McKee, an education leader and active Emerging Leader, brings over 20 years of education background to the role. Kenny McKee was elected by member vote to the position of President-Elect and will assume the office October 1, 2021.

“ASCD Emerging Leaders are a global network influencing positive learning outcomes for all students. We are the educators, innovators, researchers, and collaborators who are leading the way today and reshaping the future. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve my dedicated and accomplished colleagues as President-Elect, and I look forward to enhancing our affiliate through productive partnerships with our members,” says McKee. The goal of the Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate is to extend a network of support and opportunity for emerged leaders, leverage areas of expertise to strengthen ASCD’s areas of focus, and to support existing local affiliates while building leadership capacity for affiliate members. Dedicated graduates have been informally creating strategic networks through emerging leader connections, but ELASCD hopes to formalize and reinforce these efforts.

Kenny McKee is a National Board Certified Teacher who works as a content designer and consultant for organizations like NWEA and Student Achievement Partners. Previously, he worked as a high school literacy and instructional coach for Buncombe County Schools in Asheville, NC, for over eleven years. He is the co-author, along with Kathy Perret, of the 2021 ASCD title, *Compassionate Coaching: How to Help Educators Navigate Barriers to Professional Growth*. Kenny is a proud member of the 2014 class of ASCD Emerging Leaders. In 2020, he won the Outstanding Publication Award from the Emerging Leaders ASCD affiliate. McKee

earned his Bachelor of Science degree in English education at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. His master's degree in reading education is from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

The current ELASCD board is comprised of Meghan Everette, Executive Director; Craig Martin, President; Kenny McKee, President-Elect; Eric Bernstein, Secretary; Christina Yuknis, Treasurer; Basil Marin, Past-President; Jill Thompson, Member-at-Large; Jenn Orr, Member-at-Large.

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