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McKEE ANNOUNCED AS INAUGURAL OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION AWARD WINNER

Veteran Educator Provides Support to Educators Working Virtually

Asheville, NC, August 20, 2020 – Asheville Literacy Coach Kenny McKee has been awarded the inaugural ASCD Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate Outstanding Publication Award. This annual award is given in recognition of McKee’s contribution to the field of education for his blog post entitled “Coaching through the Covid-19 Crisis” featured on AchievetheCore.org.

“When schools shifted to remote learning in the spring, many instructional coaches had no experience in supporting teachers virtually,” says McKee. The strategies featured in McKee’s writing assist coaches in developing and deepening relationships between coaches and teachers, foster ways to reduce teacher-stress, and develop workflows and routines that provide students needed structure in this chaotic time. McKee notes, “These strategies frame coaching as a compassionate practice centered on attending the social-emotional needs of teacher and students while also growing instructional practice.”

McKee is a veteran education writer, publishing work with Education Week, ASCD, Student Achievement Partners, TeachThought, Education NC, and NEA. He is a National Board Certified Teacher who works as an instructional coach, writer, and educational consultant. A 2014 ASCD Emerging Leader, McKee also joined Paideia Center’s National Faculty in 2018, is a Newsela Teacher Trainer, an SREB certified LDC coach, and a co-founder of Edcamp Asheville.

The ASCD Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate (ELASCD) is a non-geographically based affiliate dedicated to fostering educator leadership and leadership-building capacity among alumni of ASCD’s Emerging Leader program.

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