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THOMPSON ANNOUNCED AS ASCD EMERGING LEADER ALUMNI AFFILIATE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Veteran Educator Dedicated to Fostering Education Leadership

Charlotte, 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 Jill Thompson as the new Member-at-Large. Thompson, an education leader and active Emerging Leader, brings 19 years of education background to the role. Jill Thompson was elected by member vote to the position of Member-at-Large and will assume the office October 1, 2021.

“ASCD Emerging Leaders has connected me with amazing educators from all over the world. It has been the best professional learning experience that has made a large impact on my education journey.” says Thompson. 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.

Jill Thompson works with districts from around the country to help solve some of their biggest challenges at Educat. Her work includes supporting Strategic Planning, Personalized Learning, School Redesign, Leadership Development and helping districts think differently about how schools and districts operate through responsive practices. Prior to this role, Jill was the Director of Personalized Digital Learning in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools where she was responsible for developing the CMS framework for implementing Personalized Learning district-wide, scaling it from 15 schools to 180. She also developed a personalized data driven model to provide professional learning, and created micro-credentialing learning paths for both teachers and leaders. She has presented at both national and regional conferences such as

ASCD, NCTIES and ISTE. Jill is an Emerging Leader class of 2013 and leads the Professional Learning Community for Personalized Learning, mentors and has been published in the ASCD EL Magazine.

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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