

Diane Rauschenfels is MASA 2006 Richard Green Scholar

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Last year, MASA was fortunate to be able to establish a program to honor the scholarly work and professional development of Minnesota school leaders. The Richard Green Scholars Program is an annual recognition of the research, writing, and presentation of a paper reflecting the practice of excellent school leadership.

Our congratulations to **Diane Rauschenfels**, Superintendent of the Proctor Schools, who has been named MASA's first Richard Green Scholar. She will present her paper, Promoting Ethical Educational Leadership, at the upcoming MASA Fall Conference.

MASA members love learning, and an important focus for us as professional association is to provide a culture for personal and professional development. Our goal is to support a community that inspires and encourages critical thinking and assessment of professional practice, and to recognize the importance of collegial relationships in professional development. The tradition of the presentation of associates' work at professional conferences is a reflection of those values, and Diane's work is a fitting model of the dedication to scholarship that is at the root of innovation in the intellectual and pedagogical practice of educational leadership.

Professionally engaged lifelong learners feed the fires of innovation and progress. They challenge the status quo and inspire the professional community to experiment, take risks, and change for the better. At MASA, we hear again and again how our members want to hear presentations from colleagues. The voice of the practiced leader inspires, supports, teaches, and challenges. Diane's presentation will focus on the discussion of ethical dilemmas, research, solutions, and future considerations in the practice and promotion of ethical leadership. Fall Conference participants will receive a copy of her research paper.

A subcommittee of the MASA Executive Development Committee selected Diane for this honor. She will receive a recognition plaque, a \$1,000 award, and conference tuition and lodging for the Fall Conference.

The Richard Green Scholars Program was named to honor former Minneapolis Superintendent Richard R. Green, who modeled innovation and distinction in the child-centered practice of exemplary school leadership.

The program is sponsored by MASA's business partner member, Cuningham Group Architecture. "Great leaders come from great leadership organizations," says Cuningham Principal Tim Dufault. "The Richard Green Scholarship reflects the value MASA brings as a catalyst for the growth and development of school administrators."