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FOUR ADMINISTRATORS NAMED MINORITY SUPERINTENDENT INTERNS

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Kentucky Department of Education has selected four Kentucky school administrators to participate in the 2014 Minority Superintendent Internship Program (MSIP). The program promotes inclusion and diversity in the superintendent's role, as well as the identification of a highly effective and highly qualified leadership workforce.

After a rigorous application, reference and interview process, the following four administrators were selected:

- **Ronald Hyunchul Chi, Ed.D. – Principal/Program Director, The Learning Center (TLC) @ Linlee, Fayette Co.**
Chi is the founding principal at TLC. He also held positions as science/math teacher, dean of students, assessment coordinator, innovations facilitator and head football coach in Fayette Co. and served as an adjunct professor at Eastern Kentucky University and Midway College. Chi completed his Ed.D. at the University of the Cumberlands with a study of The Impact of Participatory Design in Accountability Support Systems on Teacher Effectiveness. He holds a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership-School Superintendent, and is the first Asian (Korean) to participate in the MSIP.
- **Diane Y. Hatchett, Ph.D. – Principal, Hancock County Middle School, Hancock Co.**
Hatchett is in her 11th year as a school administrator at Hancock County Middle School, advancing from assistant principal to principal of the distinguished, progressing school. Her other experience includes guidance counselor, school social worker, school health coordinator, children's therapist/school-based therapist, behavior intervention specialist, girls' basketball coach and alternative school principal. Hatchett has worked with elementary, middle and high school students and has served on Family Resource and Youth Services Center councils at each level. Hatchett completed her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Organizational Development with P-12 Administration Specialization in May 2010. She holds a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership – School Superintendent. Hatchett is a member of the Kentucky Leadership Institute for School Principals class of 2013 and is commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel.
- **Cheri Harris Smith – Principal, Parker Bennett Curry Elementary, Bowling Green Independent**
Smith is a 14-year educator, and has served as the principal at Parker Bennett Curry Elementary for the past seven years. The school is made up of the most diverse student body in the Bowling Green Ind. district, and is one of the most diverse of any elementary school in Kentucky – 50 percent of the students speak English as a second language; 98 percent qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Smith's other experience includes serving as a teacher and/or assistant principal in Allen Co., Hardin Co., Harrodsburg Ind. and Bardstown Ind. school districts. Smith holds a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership – School Superintendent.
- **Geneva A. Stark (Price), Ph.D. – District Coordinator for Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP), Jefferson County Public Schools**
Stark (Price) is a veteran educator with more than 20 years of experience in Jefferson County where she has served in various administrative roles including human resources specialist, principal and assistant principal. Previously, the former track and field All-American taught health and physical education, was a track and field coach and also taught adapted physical education for seven years in New Orleans. Stark (Price) completed her Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Louisville and holds a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership – School Superintendent. She is the former president of the Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals (KASSP) and serves as the Southeast Regional Representative of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE).

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The MSIP provides underrepresented members of ethnic minority groups with hands-on experience as district leaders. The two-year program is a partnership between the intern's home district, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

During year one, the interns continue their current administrative assignments in their home district while participating in KASA's Next-Generation (NxG) Leadership Series for Onboarding New Superintendents. Each MSIP participant is assigned a district mentor that works with them to develop an individual work plan and a rotation of learning/experiences within the district, which align with superintendent leadership standards. As the program sponsor, KDE supplements the minority superintendent intern's experiences with additional learning opportunities, guidance and support.

In year two of the program, the participants will be on sabbatical from their home district and intern full-time under a highly qualified and highly effective superintendent who will serve as the intern's mentor. During this time the interns also will complete KASA's NxG Leadership Series for Onboarding New Superintendents.

An important goal of this initiative is to acknowledge the cultures and the contributions of all students, families, stakeholders and community members served through Kentucky school districts.

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