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Ann Rose Santoro Joins New York Educator Voice Fellowship



Ann Rose Santoro has been selected for the America Achieves' New York Educator Voice Fellowship as a fellow for the 2016-17 school year.

Santoro was awarded this highly selective fellowship in recognition of her leadership in advancing educational best practices.

An elementary teacher in Port Chester for 25 years and an instructional coach for the past three years, Santoro currently is the K-12 Instructional Support Technology Specialist in the Port Chester school district and the Port Chester Teachers Association Elementary Vice President. She also serves as a member of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Teacher Advisory Council.

As one of 35 Educator Voice fellows across New York State, Santoro will help give educators a voice in local, state, and national discussions about public education. To launch this work, the Fellows traveled to Albany in early August to participate in skill-building sessions and engage in discussions with New York policymakers and thought leaders

"This is a fantastic opportunity for both me and for the Port Chester school district. I will have the honor of representing our district in Albany and be able to advocate on behalf of our students and my colleagues," said Santoro. "I can bring our accomplishments and our needs to the table in discussions with legislators and other decision makers."

According to Mary Conroy Almada, manager of the America Achieves Fellowship program, the impact of the program extends beyond the walls of school buildings into the communities they serve. The goal is to develop skills to significantly impact students locally and statewide.

As part of their work, Educator Voice fellows share their expertise and experiences to generate more constructive conversations about the future of public education in New York. Past Educator Voice activities have resulted in fellows publishing op-eds in local newspapers and advising nationally renowned education policymakers and leaders.

“We believe that the more teachers and principals are at the table when education policy and legislation are being crafted, the better outcomes we will accomplish for the state, its students, teachers, community, and beyond. We are thrilled to welcome Ann Rose Santoro as a 2016-2017 fellow in this prestigious program,” says Almada.

About the America Achieves New York Educator Voice Fellowship

The New York Educator Voice Fellowship equips top teachers and principals to tap their classroom and school expertise to have an effective seat at the table and be co-architects of state and local education policy that raises standards for teaching and learning, makes public education more equitable, and elevates the teaching profession. The organization’s website is educatorvoicefellowship.org.