



2017 Community Leader Education Award



William Kresse, Ph.D.

Dr. Kresse is the Principal of City Honors, where he has worked since 2005 to create a nurturing educational environment. Bill is as committed to meeting the social and emotional needs of his students as he is to their academic success. A leader in Buffalo Public Schools, he has created policies and programs to better serve and include students who have been traditionally underserved in our schools.

Bill's commitment to helping all students achieve is evidenced in his creation of the STARS, or STudents with Autism Rising to Success, program. Historically, students with Autism had limited access to programs that would prepare them for a Regent's diploma and success beyond High School. Today, 100% of these students are on track to earn their Regents' Diploma.

Bill has worked to make City Honors more connected to, and representative of, the area where it is located. He sits on the Fruitbelt Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and has established partnerships with local organizations to build a community and educational garden and restore the Fosdick Field. He has also worked diligently with the Department of Education to increase the racial/ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the school.

For his dedication to his school, his students, and the City of Buffalo, the NFJC proudly recognizes William Kresse, Ph.D. with the 2017 Community Leader Award in Education.



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