

Institute Day Recap, Spelling Bee, and more!



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### 3,500 Educators Gather for Institute Day 2017

Institute Day 2017 was a great success. The conference-style format allowed for amazing keynote speakers and breakout sessions at each location. A big thank you to District 300, District 304, and District 129 for hosting and to all the educators that led one of the many breakout sessions. We hope all educators that attended found the day informative and worthwhile to their professional learning as they lead, assist, and inspire in their schools. If you attended the day, make sure to fill out the [evaluation form](#) to log your PD hours.

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## Kane County Spelling Bee is March 15th

The Spelling Bee is one of our nation's oldest and most iconic competitions that has been promoting literacy since 1925. On March 15th, 8 Kane County Students will be competing to be crowned the champion of Kane County.

Sponsored by the [Dunham Fund](#) and the [Kane Excellence in Education Partnership](#), the winner and their family will be flown to Washington DC to compete in the National Spelling Bee on May 28 - June 4. The 8 students competing are Minh Nguyen, Janina Mangulabnan, Alexander Zhuang, Benjamin Fender, Gurshaa Singh, Ryan Moneze, Nathan Weber, and Marc Apigo.

The Spelling Bee will be held at the ROE on Wednesday, March 15th at 7 PM and is open to the public.

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## 45 Nominees Received for Educator of the Year

Regional Superintendent Patrica Dal Santo is excited to announce that the ROE has received 45 nominations from all 9 districts in Kane County for the 42nd Educator of the Year Award Ceremony! The ROE staff is excited to begin interviewing all the nominees and putting together the program for the event on Friday, April 28th at the Q Center in St. Charles.



Be a part of the conversation on social media using #42EOTY and #leadassistinspire. Tickets for the event can be purchased starting March 31st from your local district office.

[Learn More About Educator of the Year](#)

## The Douglas Hoefft Scholarship is Accepting Applications

Douglas Hoefft, a former Regional Superintendent of Kane County, was committed to education for all students and has had a scholarship established in his name to honor his work and commitment to improve the educational system in Illinois.



Applications for the scholarship are due April 1st, 2017. Applicants must be a graduate of a school or home school in Kane County and must be entering the first

year of a vocational/technical program or an institution of higher education.

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## Student Loan Forgiveness Program

If you are searching for a way to lower your monthly student loan payments or make additional degrees more affordable, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program may be an option for you. Visit <http://KaneROE.myisls.com>, enter code KANE & see if you qualify.



[Click here to download the Student Loan Forgiveness packet](#)

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