



# CNYSBA NEWS

**Train, Empower, Advocate, and Mobilize for Students**

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*(Read the complete statement from Dr. Timbs on page 2)*

### **CNYSBA Annual Dinner will Feature Chancellor Lester Young**

NYS Board of Regents Chancellor, Dr. Lester W. Young, Jr. will be the keynote speaker at our May 26th Annual Dinner.  
*(See pages 4 and 5)*

### **Please Visit Our New, Growing Website**

Our new website [CNYSBA.org](http://CNYSBA.org) is now live and we're excited to watch it grow over the next few months. The site has been transformed to handle the latest phones, tablets and technology, and will serve as a useful tool going forward.

In recognition of extraordinary service to public education and to your fellow school board members

## **CNYSBA Announces 2020-21 School Board Members of Achievement**

The Central New York School Boards Association has announced its list of honored board members for 2020-21, recognizing their extraordinary service to public education and to their fellow board members.

This year's recipients are Kathryn Carlson of the Cayuga County School Boards Association; Douglas Ann Land of the T-S-T County School Boards Association; Mark Mattison from the Oswego County School Boards Association; Peg Peri of the Cortland County School Boards Association, and Deb Kolod of the Onondaga County School Boards Association.

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## SSFC Director on How to Plan for CRSSA and ARPA Federal funds (new)

School districts eagerly await details from the State Education Department about what they can and cannot do with CRSSA and ARPA Federal funds. In the meantime, while some general guidance has surfaced, districts prepare for budget season and the full reopening of schools, in the hope for an ebb in pandemic issues. School district residents are no doubt intrigued with the sudden publicized influx of Federal funds to school districts. Annual school budgets come first, and once guidance arrives from SED planning for the use of new Federal funds begins for what “maybe” up to a four year period. Care should be taken not to buttress annual school district budgets with these funds and stakeholders must be aware of not only the opportunity these funds may provide but also the future financial cliff that will follow. Expectations and aspirations must be matched with the reality that the Federal funds that currently support the state budget will wane as will the federal fund available to school districts. Long range financial analysis and planning must be the order of the day.

*Dr. Rick Timbs is the Executive Director of the Statewide School*

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Our 2019-2020 recipients were not recognized due to the pandemic shutdown. Last year’s winners include, GERALYN HUBA of the Cayuga County School Boards Association; SEAN EVERSLEY BRADWELL from the T-S-T County School Boards Association; DARLENE UPCRAFT of the Oswego County School Boards Association; and ANN WRIGHT of the Onondaga County School Boards Association.

Each of these board members has gone above and beyond their call of duty. The work that needed to be accomplished was so important, as districts were plagued by so many unforeseen challenges because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

All recipients from this year and last, will be honored at the upcoming 2020-21 Annual Dinner on May 26.

### **About Our Honorees**

**Dr. Sean-Eversley-Bradwel** joined the ICSD Board in 2009. Prior to that Sean had been a Social Studies teacher at Ithaca's Lehman Alternative School. He went on to earn a PhD in Public Policy from Cornell, with a focus on educational policy.

**Mark Mattison** – President of the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District. Mark is a dedicated member and leader of the APW Board. He is constantly seen at academic award presentations, sporting events, musicals & plays.

**Peg Peri** – Peg has served on the Cincinnatus Central School Board of Education since July 1, 2005. During this time, she has served several terms as President as well as Vice President. Peg was instrumental in initiating the district’s Strategic Plan. She has also been a mentor to new Board members.

**Douglas Ann Land** – Prior to completing her active Board of Education service in 2018, Douglas served on the Board of Education for Trumansburg Central School as a member for 27-years. During that time period she was instrumental in hiring five superintendents of schools

for Trumansburg, the completion of numerous capital projects totaling over \$40 million, and helping to bring the current Universal Pre-Kindergarten program to fruition.

**Geralyn Huba** – As an active, faithful member of the Skaneateles Board of Education from 2013 to 2020, Geralyn Huba was instrumental in helping the Skaneateles school district meet far-reaching challenges arising from the Great Recession.

**V. Ann Wright** – When V. Ann Wright passed away on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, she left a lifetime of volunteering and service to others that will benefit the Central New York educational community for years to come. Most of her work focused on the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Board of Education, where she served 34-years, including nearly 27-years as Board of Education president, until just before the time of her death. Throughout that time, she was a passionate and tireless advocate for OCM BOCES and a true believer in the valuable services it provides for thousands of students and educators in the region.

**Deborah Kolod** – Debbie Kolod is a lifelong resident of the East Syracuse Minoa District, residing in East Syracuse. She and her husband, Chris, have three children who are ESM graduates. Mrs. Kolod works for Jamesville-DeWitt School District as a Typist II. She has an Associate's Degree from Empire State College and is also an ESM graduate. She is serving her third term on the ESM Board of Education and is currently the Board of Education President.

**Kathryn Carlson** – Cayuga Onondaga School Board Association nominee Kathryn Carlson has served as a member of the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Board of Education for the last 13 years. During her tenure, Kathryn has been elected to represent and serve the Board as both their Vice President (4-years) and President (3-years). In addition, Ms. Carlson has served on the BOCES' Audit Committee; and currently utilizes her wisdom, expertise and insight on the BOCES' Policy Committee.

**Darlene Upcraft** – Darlene is a dedicated member of the Oswego County School Boards Association, where she's been named as the 2020 Oswego County Board Member of the Year. Since 1996, she has served on the Mexico Academy and Central School District (MACS) Board of Education (BOE), where she has served as vice president for the last seven years and has offered her time on the policy, facilities, website, capital projects, technology and school-based health center committees.



Did you miss Doug Eadie's presentation? **[Click here](#)** to watch the entire video and to download Doug's Power Point presentation.

# CNYSBA 2020-2021 Annual Dinner will

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## Feature Chancellor Young

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CNYSBA's 2020-21 Annual Dinner will be held on May 26th and will feature a very special keynote speaker, Dr. Lester W. Young, Jr., the Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents.

Dr. Young has made creating opportunities “where every student can be successful” the guiding principle of his more than 50 years of public service. He began his career with the New York City Department of Education, holding positions as: Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Supervisor of Special Education and Principal. During his tenure as Principal, PS 183 Brooklyn (Ocean-Hill Brownsville), was recognized as a School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) in 1987.

Dr. Young also served as Assistant and Associate Commissioner with the NYSED (1988-1993) and led the department's efforts in NYC.

In 1993, returning to his Brooklyn roots, Dr. Young was appointed to the position of Community Superintendent, CSD 13. As Superintendent, Dr. Young is credited for establishing two successful and highly sought-after schools (Benjamin Banneker Academy HS and Bedford Academy HS) as well as replicating the nationally recognized Algebra Project and Comer School Development Program. In 2000, Chancellor Harold Levy appointed Dr. Young to serve as Senior Superintendent (coordinating services in four Central Brooklyn Community School Districts). He also established and led the first N.Y.C. Office of Youth Development and School Community Services. In 2004, after 35 years of NYC public school service, Lester W. Young, Jr. retired from the NYCDOE. During the period 2004 – 2008 Dr. Young held the position of Visiting Professor at Long Island University, Graduate School of Education, Brooklyn Campus.

In March 2008 Lester W. Young, Jr. was appointed by the New York State Legislature as Regent At Large, The University of the State of New York and in April 2020 was appointed by the NYS Legislature to a fourth term as Regent At Large. At the January 2021 Board of Regents meeting, Dr. Young was unanimously elected by his peers to be Chancellor effective January 12, 2021.

*Dr. Young volunteers as a mentor to superintendents, principals and aspiring leaders throughout New York City. He has been recognized by many local, national education, and civic education organizations for his professional contributions.*

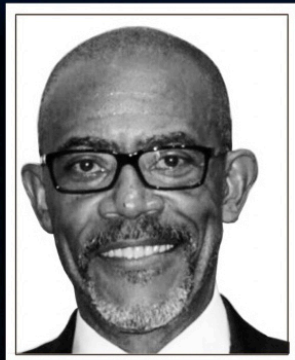
*Dr. Young is profiled in Men of Courage II, documenting the lives and achievements of 27 African American Men. He is also a contributing writer to Child by Child: The Comer Process for Change in Education, 1999. Dr. Young is married to Dr. Renee Young and they are the proud parents of one son. Dr. Young received his Doctoral Degree in Education (Ed.D.) from Fordham University, specializing in Urban Education and Human Development; and the Master of Science Degree (M.S.) from Brooklyn College.*

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# 2021 ANNUAL DINNER

FEATURING



**Dr. Lester W.  
Young, Jr.**

Chancellor, NYS Board of Regents

*Dr. Young will use his more than 50 years of public education experience to help us reimagine and build better futures, as we work to create "the new possible."*

**Wednesday, May 26th**

**The Lodge at Hillrom (formerly The Lodge at Welch Allyn)  
4355 State St, Skaneateles Falls, NY 13153**

**5:30 pm**

*RSVP no later than May 19, 2021, Attend either in person or virtually*

*Cost in person \$50 • Virtually - \$20*

*All Reservations will be billed to your district and must be paid by a district check,*

*Please enclose purchase order, if required, with your reservation.*

**CNYSBA**  
**ANNUAL**  
**2021 DINNER**



*[Click here to Register for the May 26th 2021 Annual Dinner](#)*

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## Have You Seen Our Latest “You Do What For a Living?” Video?



*Michelle Groth of Anoplate Corporation in Syracuse has a great story to tell about her career as a Chemical Engineer. She says she loves her job and encourages young people to consider the many different opportunities that a chemistry degree can offer right here in Central New York.*

[Do you have something newsworthy? Contact Renee Stone. Email rstone@cnysba.org](mailto:rstone@cnysba.org)

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# TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Excluding Chancellor Young, how many members make up the NYS Board of Regents?

*Stand a chance to WIN a Dunkin' Donuts Gift Card. Send your answer to: [Rstone@CNYSBA.org](mailto:Rstone@CNYSBA.org)*

*One winner will be selected from all correct answers.*

Check Next Month's Newsletter for the correct answer.



What year was the Syracuse City School District Established?

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A special thanks to last month's contestants for guessing and submitting without looking up the correct answer on Google.

Last month's question was, "What year was the Syracuse City School District established?"

The Syracuse School City District was established in

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**CNYSBA BOARD ROUNDTABLE**

FEATURING

**Ralph Singh & Elizabeth (Betsy) Conners**

*introduction by Michael Eiffe*



***“Creating a Climate and Culture that Supports and Welcomes all Students”***

*Ralph Singh, Founder, Chair and Chief Story-teller is an author, educator, and community builder who believes the modern world has lost its stories. As a recognized partner of the Fetzer Institute, the original funder of Daniel Goleman’s Emotional Intelligence research, and convener and funder of CASEL, Wisdom Thinkers helps all children find their story, then go out and change the story of the world. Ralph trains teachers to use his award-winning multi-cultural wisdom stories to help build more welcoming, inclusive communities. [www.wisdomthinkers.org](http://www.wisdomthinkers.org)*

*Elizabeth (Betsy) Conners served as an educator in the Fulton City School District for 34 years. She taught Kindergarten for 13 years, was an elementary principal for 5 years, and was the Executive Director of InstrucBon and Assessment for just over 15 years. She also serves as an adjunct professor in the EducaBon AdministraBon Program at LeMoyne College in Syracuse. Betsy currently consults with both PLC Associates, Inc, and Wisdom Thinkers, as the professional development specialist and program implementaBon coordinator.*

- Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework
- NYS Board of Regents Framework on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in New York’s Schools “The Danger of a Single Story”
  - The Aspen Institute, “How Learning Happens”

**June 3rd 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

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