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JENNIFER HOGAN NAMED 2018 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Hoover, Ala. – Jennifer Hogan, assistant principal at Hoover High School, has been named the Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP). As the Alabama state winner, Hogan is eligible to be selected as the 2018 National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) National Assistant Principal of the Year.

Avoiding the traditional “sit and get,” Hogan continuously develops several opportunities that fit the busy schedules and learning styles of Hoover's 230 faculty and staff. As Coordinator of Professional Learning Communities, Hogan provides support and direction for professional learning including Twitter chats, Voxer book clubs, and interdisciplinary discussion groups. Also, she has created several online courses, and an app that list teacher-led professional development sessions.

Hogan's greatest contribution as a school leader is serving as an encourager and partner to teachers and students who want to try something new. Often, teachers invite Hogan into their classrooms to showcase what they and their students are doing, and she continuously works with teachers to think outside the box to help design relevant, engaging lessons that incorporate technology.

As the co-founder of #ALedchat, #USedchat, and LeadLearning.net, Hogan has created a Professional Learning Network that assists other educators to connect electronically and to identify best practices from unlimited leaders in the education community. Hogan's blog, thecompellededucator.com, provides its followers with educational based inspiration as well as the most up to date information in their field. She is an administrator who blends traditional and highly innovative cutting-edge methods to promote Hoover High School's story of excellence.

“Jennifer is so deserving of this award. She is an outstanding administrator that has made our students, staff and entire Hoover High community a better place because of her daily

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commitment to excellence," states Hoover High School Principal, Don Hulin. "Because of her passion for helping everyone in the education profession through social media efforts, educators worldwide connect, share and grow professionally. She is truly a phenomenal administrator! She will be a great representative of CLAS, our state and our profession. We are so proud of her."

Hoover City Schools' Superintendent Dr. Kathy Murphy echoed those remarks. "Jennifer Hogan is a dedicated and outstanding educator who is committed to the academic success of students. Mrs. Hogan is respected by students and her colleagues. She is focused on challenging and engaging instruction and supports teachers at Hoover High School in their delivery of content," said Murphy. "Mrs. Hogan is exceptionally tech savvy and is the mastermind and entrepreneur of EdChat. This is a wise selection for Assistant Principal of the Year. I join others throughout our school district and across the state in acknowledging this worthy recipient!"

A panel of judges selected Hogan from numerous applicants across the state of Alabama. Hogan's award was announced via Twitter during an Alabama Ed Chat on November 27. She will represent the state as the nominee for the National Assistant Principal of the Year Award. The Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year program is sponsored by Horace Mann. Hogan will also serve a one-year term on the AASSP Board of Directors.

"Jennifer Hogan is an exceptional leader in every regard. She has done a fabulous job at every level, and her selection as the Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year is a testament to her hard work, integrity, and leadership at the local, state, and national level," states Dr. Vic Wilson, AASSP executive director. "I am confident that she will represent Alabama well, and no better candidate will face the national selection committee."

AASSP extends its gratitude to Horace Mann for sponsoring this award program.

About AASSP: The Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals is an affiliate association of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS). CLAS is an umbrella association that serves ten affiliates comprised of Alabama's public school administrators. CLAS is dedicated to providing the framework to connect dedicated school administrators

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