

## Want a great hands-on learning experience?

NCA is seeking individuals interested in serving on Quality Assurance Review teams. This is a great experience and enables you to learn about the process from a different perspective. Team members report that they learn a great deal about the improvement process and know better what to expect when they host a visit. In addition, they say that they always come away from the school with lots of ideas to take back to their own building. CRUs are available. If you are interested in going on a visit, contact Joyce Lilly at [Joyce.Lilly@indstate.edu](mailto:Joyce.Lilly@indstate.edu) or 800-468-7405.

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## Still Time to Register for Fall Workshops!



You still have time to register for one of the following workshops:

- 11/10 Standard 4 - What's It For? (Kokomo)
- 11/12 Standard 1: the Shared Vision and Its Role in Continuous Improvement (Jasper)

Or webinars:

- 11/10 Introduction to District Accreditation
- 11/17 Effective Professional Development
- 12/1 Systemic Improvement

Go to [www.indstate.edu/coe.nca](http://www.indstate.edu/coe.nca) or call Martha at 800-468-7405 for more information and registration forms.

## Your Communications Kit Awaits You



AdvancED recently unveiled a *Communications Kit* tailored for schools and districts to promote their accreditation in their community. If you haven't viewed your Communications Kit, what are you waiting for! It's easy, just open your Web browser and type in [www.advanc-ed.org/communicationskit](http://www.advanc-ed.org/communicationskit) and viola! Once there, you'll have access to accredited seals, press release templates, and accreditation brochures. These tools will help you spread the word in your community and beyond about your commitment and dedication to student achievement. Don't delay. Get started spreading the news today.

## Seeking Nominees for AdvancED Awards

The AdvancED awards committee is pleased to announce the 2009-2010 awards that include the state-level Excellence In Education Award and four AdvancED awards to be presented at the 2010 AdvancED Conference at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel at the 2010 AdvancED Awards Gala. A letter of nomination may be sent by anyone and should include the professional background of the nominee along with a description of his/her contributions and accomplishments as well as any AdvancED specific activities.

Below is a description of the Excellence in Education Award. To access more information about the other awards as well as a nomination form, go to [www.indstate.edu/coe/nca](http://www.indstate.edu/coe/nca) or contact Leslie at 800-468-7405. The deadline for sending nominations to Leslie at [Leslie.Ballard@indstate.edu](mailto:Leslie.Ballard@indstate.edu) is **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Indiana Excellence In Education Award** This is a **state-level award** presented in each state to one individual who has demonstrated unparalleled leadership in promoting and advancing excellence in education. Nominees may be teachers, administrators, board of education members, or community representatives. Many individuals are making outstanding contributions to our young people and should have the opportunity to be recognized.

## Why is the Accreditation Progress Report so Important?

The Accreditation Progress Report engages schools and districts in focused internal analysis of its actions and progress since their Quality Assurance Review visit. In completing the report, the school/district reviews each recommendation, summarizes actions taken, describes how the actions and results were evaluated to determine success, and references the evidence that the school/district has gathered to support its fulfillment of the recommendation. The Accreditation Progress Report is a required component of the accreditation process and is submitted one or two years following the school/district Quality Assurance Review. Although the report is required, it is a great tool for schools and districts to stay focused on their quest for school improvement. If you need instructions for accessing and completing the online Accreditation Progress Report, please visit the AdvancED Web site at [http://www.advanc-ed.org/professional\\_development/elearning](http://www.advanc-ed.org/professional_development/elearning).

## Meet Your Indiana AdvancED State Council

These individuals establish policies within the accreditation guidelines, help create and implement the state strategic plan and review Quality Assurance Reports and Accreditation Progress Reports. They work hard on behalf of NCA/AdvancED and the accredited schools and districts.

Dr. Brad Balch, Chair  
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