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National PTA Joins Academy of Education Arts and Sciences *Provides parent voice to esteemed board, awards*

ALEXANDRIA, VA. (February 29, 2012) – National PTA today announced that it joined the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences comprised of 157 of the nation’s most prominent education leaders. A charter member of the Academy, National PTA will represent millions of parents and tens of thousands of PTAs around the world.

National PTA’s President, Betsy Landers, and successive presidents will sit on the Academy’s Board of Governors and can submit nominations for and vote in [The Bammy Awards](#)—the Academy’s awards program.

The Bammy Awards honor excellence throughout the education field—from teachers, principals and superintendents, to school nurses, advocates, education journalists, parents and parent groups. The Awards aim to elevate education successes in the public eye and raise the voices of the many undervalued and unrecognized people who are making a difference.

“National PTA is honored to be part of this groundbreaking establishment. There is real value in cross-discipline recognition in the education community. It falls in line with our belief that students succeed when families, schools and communities work together. We look forward to being the voice of millions of families on the Academy’s Board of Governors and for the Bammy Awards program,” said Landers.

Two honors will be presented in every category--the Bammy Award (selected by the Academy) and the Educator’s Voice Award (selected by online, public voting). The Educator’s Voice honorees will be announced in June. The Bammy Awards will be presented at a red-carpet awards event in the fall in Washington, D.C. PTA members are invited to submit nominations for the Educator’s Voice Awards at www.bammyawards.org.

The Academy is comprised of a [Board of Governors](#), [Council of Peers](#) and associate members and includes an array of leading educators, education leaders and professors, journalists, activists, visionaries and pioneers. For more information, visit www.bammyawards.org.

About National PTA

National PTA® comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and

community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.