



IASPA This Week

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Member Spotlight



Congratulations, Mel Fisher!

Every great HR team has someone everyone can count on. This week, we're proud to celebrate one of them.

Congratulations to [Mel Fisher](#), human resources coordinator at Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125, on being selected as the **2026 AASPA Human Resources Specialist Award recipient for Region 2**. The award recognizes HR professionals whose leadership, collaboration and commitment make a meaningful impact on their organizations and the profession.

Mel will be recognized at the AASPA Annual Conference this October in Austin, Texas. Congratulations, Mel. We can't wait to celebrate with you in Austin!

What To Know This Week

HR Essentials: The Human Side of HR

When: September 10, 2026 | Location: NIU Naperville

At the heart of every HR office are the people we serve. This year's HR Essentials explores **The Human Side of HR: Connecting People, Purpose, and Practice**, bringing together foundational HR knowledge with meaningful conversations about the people behind the work.

Whether you're new to school HR or looking to strengthen your foundation, this one-day learning experience offers practical insights, valuable connections and ideas you can bring back to your district. Join us at NIU Naperville on September 10. **Registration closes September 4.**

[Register Today!](#)

Grow as an HR Leader

When: November 11-12, 2026 | **Location:** Stevenson High School District Office

Looking to build on your experience and grow as a leader? The **pHCLE Blended Cohort** is designed for HR professionals who want to strengthen their leadership, expand their expertise and earn the Professional Human Capital Leader in Education (pHCLE) credential, the preferred credential for K-12 HR leaders in Illinois.

You'll learn alongside colleagues from across Illinois while building the knowledge, perspective and connections that support strong HR leadership. For HR leaders looking to stand out in the profession, the pHCLE credential is a meaningful way to demonstrate your commitment to the field.

[Take the Next Step](#)

On the Horizon

Administrator Academy: Title IX: Responding to Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

When: Thursday, August 20 | 8:30am-12:30pm

The best time to prepare for a challenging situation is before it happens. Join **Stephanie Jones, partner at F3 Law, on August 20** for this virtual Administrator Academy and strengthen your understanding of Title IX before the school year begins. You'll explore current requirements, investigation procedures and best practices that will help you respond with confidence when situations arise.

This session is a valuable opportunity for HR leaders, principals and district administrators who want to feel better prepared to respond when Title IX concerns arise. Participants are also welcome to attend for professional learning only, with no Administrator Academy coursework required.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

IASPA Job Board

IASPA's Job Board continues to be a reliable place to find HR and leadership roles across member districts.

Whether you're exploring something new or helping someone else do the same, it's a useful place to start.

Recent postings include:

- Executive Assistant of Human Resources, *Glenbrook HSD 225*
- Administrative Assistant for Operations, *Bloomington School District 13*
- Substitute Staff Coordinator, *CCSD 21*

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