



IASPA This Week

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What To Know This Week

IASPA in Austin

To all of our IASPA members in Austin for the AASPA Annual Conference, enjoy every minute!

We hope you're learning a lot, making great connections and finding plenty of ideas to bring back with you. And a special shoutout to our IASPA members who are presenting and sharing their expertise on the national stage. **We're proud to have you representing Illinois and we'll be cheering you on!**

Have a great time in Austin!



Great Work Deserves to Be Recognized

You know the people who make a difference. The ones who step up, support others, lead with purpose or simply make school HR better through the work they do every day.

IASPA Award nominations are open, and this is your chance to make sure that work gets recognized.

This year's award categories include:

- Digital Branding Development Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- HR Specialist/Support Staff Award
- Mentor Award
- New Member Award
- Personnel Administrator of the Year Award
- Shelli Anderson Legacy Award for Excellence in School Law

Not sure which award fits the person you have in mind? You'll find [descriptions and nomination rubrics on the IASPA website](#) to help you choose.

Someone come to mind? Take a few minutes and nominate them.

[IASPA Awards & Recognitions](#)

On the Horizon

Webinar Wednesday: Training Building-Level Leaders on HR Practices

NEW DATE: Wednesday, October 28 | 12-1pm

HR may lead the work, but many employee issues begin at the building level. Giving principals and supervisors the right HR knowledge and skills can make a difference in how those situations are handled.

Join **Kathleen Kelly-Colgan**, assistant superintendent for human resources at CCSD 62, on October 28 for a conversation about training building-level leaders on everything from documentation and performance concerns to leave administration, investigations and difficult conversations.



You'll come away with ideas for strengthening the partnership between HR and school administrators, creating greater consistency and helping building leaders approach HR responsibilities with confidence.

[Join the Conversation](#)

New! IASPA Regional Collaboratives

IASPA is creating new ways for school HR professionals to connect, and we're starting with two new virtual collaboratives in Metro East and Central Illinois.

These free gatherings are a chance to bring your questions, share what's working in your district and build connections with other school HR professionals in your area.

Metro East Collaborative

October 22 | 8:15-9:45am | Virtual

[Join the Metro East Collaborative](#)

Central Illinois Collaborative

November 6 | 8:15-9:45am | Virtual

[Join the Central Illinois Collaborative](#)

You do not need to be an IASPA member to join us. If you work in school HR in either area, we'd love to have you be part of the conversation.

IASPA Job Board

Whether you're looking for your next role or helping someone else discover theirs, the [IASPA Job Board](#) is your go-to resource for HR and leadership opportunities across Illinois.

Featured Opening:

- Administrative Assistant to the Director of Human Resources, *Adlai E. Stevenson High School 125*
- Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, *Hawthorn D73*
- Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, *Northbrook/Glenview School District 30*
- High School Principal, *Hinsdale Township High School District 86*

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