## Transforming Lives Through Literacy

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## THE INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION IS NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR ITS 2016 30 UNDER 30 LIST

The list represents the next generation of global literacy leaders who are changing the world.

NEWARK, Del. (March 14, 2016) — The International Literacy Association (ILA), a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all, is seeking nominations for its second annual 30 Under 30 list. The list recognizes the literacy leaders of tomorrow—the innovators and disruptors, the visionaries and motivators—who are changing the face of literacy across the globe.

"In 2015, we hand-selected 30 literacy champions from hundreds of nominees for the first-ever 30 Under 30 list. These honorees represent the next generation of literacy leaders who are already making a difference in literacy development around the world," said Marcie Craig Post, Executive Director, International Literacy Association. "We're looking for 30 more literacy champions who are continuing to transform the literacy landscape."

Nominations are open to educators, administrators, authors, librarians, students, nonprofit leaders, politicians, technology experts, volunteers, and advocates who are under 30 years old (as of Nov. 1, 2016) and are making an extraordinary impact across their communities to advance literacy for all.

If you or someone you know has shown exceptional commitment to advancing literacy, ILA invites you to complete a short form at <a href="literacyworldwide.org/30under30">literacyworldwide.org/30under30</a>. All nominations must be received by May 16, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Honorees become part of a select network of co-honorees who are connected by their shared vision of advancing literacy for all. Each honoree will be featured in the September/October issue of *Literacy Today*, ILA's bi-monthly magazine, and across ILA's social channels. They will also receive complimentary ILA membership and be recognized at ILA's 2017 Conference & Exhibits.

## ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION

The International Literacy Association (ILA) is a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all through its network of more than 300,000 literacy educators, researchers and experts across 75 countries. With 60 years of experience in the field, ILA believes in the transformative power of literacy to create more successful societies, healthy communities and prosperous economies. ILA collaborates with partners across the world to develop, gather and disseminate high-quality resources, best practices and cuttingedge research to empower educators, inspire students and inform policymakers. The International Literacy Association publishes several peer-reviewed journals, including The Reading Teacher, Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy and Reading Research Quarterly. For more information, visit literacyworldwide.org.

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