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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT 30 UNDER 30 LIST

NEWARK, Del. (September 8, 2017) — The International Literacy Association (ILA) is accepting nominations for its next list of 30 Under 30 literacy leaders. Launched in 2015, the program recognizes young innovators, disruptors and visionaries who are leading efforts to overcome the challenges of today's education field and to advance literacy around the world.

Previous honorees include educators such as [John Maldonado](#), an English and special education teacher in Queens, NY, who embraces technology to help students with autism communicate and develop literacy skills, and [Kathryn Lett](#), an elementary teacher of English learners (ELs) at Kentwood Public Schools in Michigan, where one-third of students are immigrants or refugees. Previous honorees have also included Shiza Shahid of the [Malala Fund](#), Andrew Sutherland of [Quizlet](#) and Ana Dodson of [Peruvian Hearts](#).

"Though their passions, initiatives and backgrounds span wide, every single one of our 30 Under 30 honorees has, in some way, helped deliver high-quality literacy instruction to classrooms, communities and the world," said ILA Executive Director Marcie Craig Post. "We look forward to meeting the next generation of literacy champions and to sharing their stories with our global community."

Nominations are open to all literacy educators and advocates—including school administrators, authors, librarians, preservice teachers, nonprofit founders, volunteers and more—who are under 30 years old (as of March 1, 2019) and are making outstanding contributions to the field.

Click [here](#) for the official nomination form, which must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on June 1, 2018.

The next 30 Under 30 class will be featured in the January/February 2019 issue of *Literacy Today*, ILA's member magazine, and across ILA's platforms. Each honoree will receive a complimentary ILA membership, be recognized at an ILA conference, and join a dynamic network of champions who are connected by their shared vision of advancing literacy for everyone, everywhere.

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 over 60 years of experience, ILA has set the standard for how literacy is defined, taught and evaluated. ILA collaborates with partners across the world to develop, gather and disseminate high-quality resources, best practices and cutting-edge research to empower educators, inspire students and inform policymakers. ILA publishes *The Reading Teacher*, *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy* and *Reading Research Quarterly*, which are peer reviewed and edited by leaders in the field. For more information, visit literacyworldwide.org.

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