

News Release

Renaissance Learning's Alexa Posny, Ph. D., receives two Honorary Awards

(October 9, 2013), Wisconsin Rapids, WI. — Alexa Posny, Ph. D., senior vice president of state and federal programs at Renaissance Learning, Inc., was awarded with two prestigious citations this month. Dr. Posny was presented with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Lifetime Achievement Award on October 5, 2013 and the Martha J. Fields Award of Excellence through the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) on October 8, 2013.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Lifetime Achievement award is given annually to a UWSP alumnus for individual efforts in serving others in a professional field, service, or personal life for more than forty years. Dr. Posny was recognized at the UWSP Alumni Awards Banquet on October 5, 2013 at Dreyfus University Center in Stevens Point, WI.

"It is a real privilege to honor Alexa Posny as our Lifetime Achievement Award winner this year," said University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Chancellor Bernie Patterson. "Her work in the field of education has impacted the lives of countless children, both with and without disabilities. Her efforts in Washington D.C. and at Renaissance Learning serve as an inspiration to all who create access to quality education and help learners find their own voice. We are honored to call her a Pointer."

The Martha J. Fields Award of Excellence through the NASDSE is given annually to an individual or organization in support of services to state agencies which facilitate efforts to maximize educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Posny received this respected award on October 8, 2013 at the NASDSE Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Jack Lynch, chief executive officer of Renaissance Learning Inc., said both awards Dr. Posny would be receiving reflect the exceptional work she has displayed in her time at Renaissance Learning and throughout her entire career.

"Dr. Alexa Posny's work inside and outside of the Renaissance Learning organization has always been notable, but these awards confirm her commitment to her profession. We are honored to have her representing the company," Lynch said. "Education is an investment for our future as a society. These prestigious awards exemplify her dedication and focus to the education field."

As the senior vice president of state and federal programs for Renaissance Learning Inc., Posny is responsible for building relationships with state and federal education stakeholders to increase awareness of Renaissance Learning's technology-based assessment products. Recently she was published in The State Education Standard policy journal, where Dr. Posny contributed a feature article, "All Means All: A Unified Approach." Prior to her position at Renaissance, Posny was assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services at the Department of Education in the U.S. Senate. She also held positions as director of the office of special education programs for the U.S. Department of Education, and numerous other positions at the Kansas Department of Education, including commissioner of education, deputy commissioner of education and state director of special education. Earlier in her career, she taught in various district- and school-level teaching positions in Kansas, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

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