ASCD hosted its first-ever Whole Child Symposium, themed “Choosing Your Tomorrow Today.” This symposium featured a series of educational DISCUSSIONS between ASCD members and education leaders about what the FUTURE of EDUCATION should look like and what steps are needed to make that VISION a REALITY.

ASCD kicked off the symposium with a TOWN HALL discussion at its 69th Annual Conference and Exhibit Show, where a panel of EDUCATION EXPERTS discussed the future of learning. At the Newseum in Washington, D.C., in May, the conversation continued at Whole Child Symposium Live, where leading experts addressed what schools should teach today to ensure SUCCESS for our CHILDREN, SOCIETIES, and ECONOMIES tomorrow.
In March, ASCD recognized Washington Montessori School of Greensboro, N.C., as the 2014 recipient of VISION IN ACTION: THE ASCD WHOLE CHILD AWARD. This award acknowledges a school that best exemplifies the five tenets of ASCD’s Whole Child approach—ensuring that every child is HEALTHY, SAFE, ENGAGED, SUPPORTED, and CHALLENGED.
In March 2014, ASCD in conjunction with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Model, a framework to improve students' health and learning in schools across the country. This model combines and builds on traditional coordinated school health approach elements and ASCD's Whole Child approach, encouraging schools to draw their resources from the whole community to address the needs of the whole child.
ASCD and the CDC encourage use of the model as a framework for improving students' learning and health in our nation's schools.
There’s no other association [whose] vision, mission, and actions are so closely aligned with what I believe about students, families, and teaching.

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