

2011 Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award Recipients



Arlene C. Ackerman, superintendent of the School District of Philadelphia, has spent her entire career as a fearless advocate for children. Prior to assuming the top position in Philadelphia, she held the Christian A. Johnson Endowed Chair in Outstanding Educational Practice at Teachers College, Columbia University, and served as professor and director of the Urban Education Leaders Program, the college's largest doctoral program for public school leaders. Dr. Ackerman is a national expert in raising student achievement and closing the achievement gap in large, urban school districts. Born in St. Louis, Dr. Ackerman has led school reform movements in San Francisco, Washington D.C., Seattle, and now Philadelphia. This past fall she received the Richard R. Green Award from the Council of Great City Schools in recognition of her exceptional contributions to urban schools and students.



Diane E. Reed is associate professor and co-director of the Educational Leadership Program at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. Prior to this position, she served as superintendent of Honeoye Falls-Lima School District in Honeoye, N.Y., for 14 years. A native of New York state, she has spent a good part of her career mentoring, coaching and being a role model for women in education and has published articles on women and resilience in turbulent times and on the eight principles of enlightened leadership. Her teaching and research interests are focused on educational leadership, social justice, gender equity, education policy and innovation. Dr. Reed is a long-time AASA member, having served on the Governing Board and on the Membership Development and Public Engagement advisory committees. She is active in AASA's global efforts examining the status of women in K-12 and higher education.