

Recognizing a Visionary Leader: Congratulations to Mike Soules, Recipient of the Peter C. Young Award

Amidst the AESA Summer Leadership Conference's energy and camaraderie, a remarkable moment unfolded as Mike Soules was presented with the esteemed Peter C. Young Award. Mike is a long-time friend of AESA, whose exceptional dedication and visionary leadership have left an indelible mark on the educational service agencies (ESAs) landscape.

The Peter C. Young Service Award is a prestigious accolade that celebrates individuals who have displayed extensive service leadership in advancing ESAs at regional, state, or national levels. It is a testament to Mike Soules' exemplary contributions that he was chosen as this year's recipient. From his profound involvement with AESA to his unyielding commitment to empowering educational leaders, Mike truly embodies the values and qualities that define the essence of this award.

For years, Mike has been an invaluable ally to AESA, bringing Corwin and Teachscape as Business Partners to the organization. His visionary approach and in-depth knowledge of the education industry, spanning both K-12 and Higher Ed levels, have positioned him as a trailblazer in the field. Through his vast experience and insights, he has influenced educational leaders and actively worked alongside them to shape the future of education.

One of the hallmarks of Mike's character is his unwavering integrity, which resonates through every endeavor he undertakes. Colleagues and employees alike look up to him as a beacon of honesty and excellence, driven by a steadfast work ethic that sets a high standard for others to follow. His ability to foster collaboration and integrate diverse talent has been instrumental in bolstering his success as an organizational leader, giving him a distinct competitive advantage.

As a Peter C. Young Award recipient, Mike Soules personifies the very essence of this honor. His character and actions exemplify putting people first, leading with compassion, and embracing a systems-thinking approach to drive positive change.

Through his tireless commitment to AESA and its mission, Mike has showcased a true dedication to the organization's growth and impact. Mike's passion for educational excellence and genuine care for the individuals and the ESAs he serves are evident in every facet of his work.

On behalf of AESA and the entire educational community, we extend our sincerest congratulations to Mike Soules for this well-deserved recognition. Your exceptional leadership, visionary spirit, and relentless pursuit of excellence have had a profound and lasting impact on education. Your contributions will undoubtedly continue to shape the future of educational service agencies and inspire generations of educational leaders to come.



John Bass, COO; Mike Soules, Peter C. Young award recipient; Dr. Joan Wade, Executive Director.