Educational Policy & Leadership alumni Dr. Shireen Fasciglione and Dr. Shelly Baldwin-Nye are collaborating with Dr. Kathryn Schiller, Associate Professor in Education Policy and Leadership, in an initiative to promote leadership growth in K-12 schools.

Dr. Todd Whitaker, a leading national expert in school leadership effectiveness, will lead the morning conference with a keynote on “What Great Principals and School Leaders Do Differently.” Todd has deep expertise on staff motivation, leadership, and principal effectiveness with not only practicing and aspiring school leaders, but also those who work with and train them. He is the author of over 50 books, including national best sellers *What Great Principals Do Differently and Motivating and Inspiring Teachers*.

The workshop will be co-sponsored by the School of Education, the Empire State Supervisors and Administrators Association, and the Capital Area School Development Association. It will be held at the George Education Center Auditorium on the UAlbany Health Sciences Campus on May 8 from 8:30am-12:30pm. The registration fee of $120 includes breakfast. The event is free to UAlbany students.

The organizers intend this event to be the first in a series of efforts to strengthen connections between education leaders throughout the state and the University at Albany’s School of Education.

>This opportunity to deepen our understanding of effective school leadership is an exciting example of the importance of a sustained synergy between scholarship and practice gained through strengthening continuing ties between faculty and alumni -- Kathryn Schiller, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Educational Policy & Leadership, University at Albany.

>As a UAlbany alumna and an educational leader, having the opportunity to create professional collaborations with UAlbany faculty has provided me with a renewed connection to the University as well as continued appreciation for the innovative and inspirational spirit of the UAlbany community. The excitement and passion for making professional learning opportunities a reality with UAlbany faculty is, as is was when I was a student, refreshing and intellectually invigorating. ---Shelley Baldwin-Nye, PhD UAlbany 2007 and Principal at Niskayuna CSD

For more information on the event, contact Lucia Dorsey at ldorsey@essaa.org or call (888) 883-7722. To register and pay by credit card, visit [http://bit.ly/UASoeReg](http://bit.ly/UASoeReg). To pay by check or purchase order, print and mail in the attached event flyer.