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Angel King Awarded Ohio Middle School Principal of the Year by OASSA

Columbus, OH – August 31, 2026 – The Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) is proud to announce Angel King, Principal of Portsmouth Junior-Senior High School, as the recipient of the prestigious OASSA Middle School Principal of the Year Award for her outstanding leadership and commitment to student success.

The selection process recognizes outstanding principals from across Ohio who exemplify excellence in school leadership. A committee of OASSA Board of Directors members carefully reviewed the candidates, and Angel King was selected to represent Ohio as the Middle School Principal of the Year. OASSA congratulates all of the finalists and celebrates Angel King for this well-deserved honor.

King has served as a school administrator for 15 years and is in her sixth year as a principal, including the past two years leading Portsmouth Junior-Senior High School. During that time, she has focused on rebuilding school culture, strengthening community partnerships, and expanding opportunities that prepare students for life beyond high school.

“Every decision is evaluated by its impact on our students and their future opportunities,” King said. “We are focused on building a culture where our students take pride in who they are, understand their purpose, and see the many pathways available to them.”

Under King’s leadership, Portsmouth Junior-Senior High School has expanded career and college readiness opportunities through The Portsmouth Promise, a partnership with Shawnee State University that provides 30 or more scholarships for Portsmouth students. The school also introduced Career Technical Signing Day, a Workforce Speaker Series featuring local business leaders, and hands-on career experiences developed with local trade organizations.

King has also helped drive academic growth. Portsmouth Junior-Senior High School received a 2025 Momentum Award for significant improvement in growth and achievement on the Ohio Report Card. Reading and mathematics performance has continued to improve across multiple student groups, including economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.
A key component of King’s leadership is developing authentic partnerships between the school and its community. Students participate in peer mentoring, tutoring, classroom assistance, community service, and beautification projects, helping them build leadership skills while strengthening their connection to Portsmouth.

King has also demonstrated significant leadership within the education profession. She has participated in numerous OASSA leadership, legislative, advocacy, and professional learning opportunities, including the OHSAA/OASSA Principals Advisory Committee and OASSA Women’s Leadership Committee. She has also supported and mentored five administrative interns pursuing graduate degrees.

OASSA is honored to recognize Angel King for her commitment to students, educators, and the Portsmouth community. Her leadership reflects a clear vision for building student pride, creating meaningful community partnerships, and preparing every student for an ever-changing future.