



# REPORTER

## WELCOME KATHY FORSYTHE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



### ***What has been your training and experience that will be helpful as you begin your services as Region XI's Director of Communication?***

My career has been in the newspaper industry, starting out at Mineral King Publishing in Exeter and retiring after 30 years at the Visalia Times-Delta/

Tulare Advance-Register. I worked in many different departments at the newspapers including graphic design, copy editing, advertising, marketing, custom publishing and pre-press.

### ***What are the major responsibilities of this position?***

As I see it, my major responsibility is to spread the good word about what the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) is doing – advocating for the interests of students and the educators who support them. I will continue to produce the newsletter and handbook, but will broaden the reach through social media, the Region XI app, and the association's website.

### ***What do you feel will be the most rewarding part of your assignment?***

When I retired from the newspaper industry, my goal was to find a job in which I was working in the service of others. I believe this job will provide that opportunity for me. The members of this association are so passionate about the work they do. It is really inspiring.

### ***What do you feel will be the major challenge as you carry out your various responsibilities?***

To be honest, the major challenge for me will be to live up to the expectations set forth by my predecessor Dick Schlagel. He has such a passion for, and general knowledge about, the association and its members that can only be gained by having served as many years as he has.

### ***Tell us about your family.***

I have two daughters, Cameo, 33 and Liz, 27. For the past 10 years, Cameo has been living in Australia, but is currently in the process of relocating back to the U.S. She and her partner, Steph, are getting married in September, so we we're deep into DIY wedding preparations. Liz is an English teacher. She is excited to be starting at Redwood High School in Visalia, after having taught at Divisadero Middle School in Visalia for a few years.

### ***What do you like to do in your spare time?***

My very favorite thing to do is putter around the house – cleaning, fixing things, decorating, yard work, gardening ... and I love spending time with my dogs – Piston, Sadie and Achilles. Family and friends are very important to me. I spend a lot of time with them, playing board games, cards or just sitting around the fire in the backyard talking.

### ***What three words would your best friend say in describing you?***

I didn't want to assume anything about what my best friend, Staci, might think about me, so I texted her to ask... She responded with, "amazing, loyal, generous, etc., etc., etc." I could say the same thing about her.

# Presidents Message



The final days of the 2015-2016 school year have come and gone and so has my tenure as the Region XI President! I began this journey by reminding everyone of their "SUPER HERO POWERS," powers that keep the Tulare, Kings, Kern, and Inyo/Mono administrators vibrant and purposeful with the work they do for the students in our counties and beyond. Here

are the highlights:

- Eight Region board meetings took place at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield. Much was shared at each of these meetings, but the information shared from the Committee/Council Representatives was invaluable. We learned about Adult Education, issues surrounding Equity, support for Small Schools, etc. All very informative.
- The Region XI Executive Board attended three State ACSA Delegate Assemblies. We were able to be a part of decisions that State ACSA was making and it was very apparent that Region XI has a voice to be heard.
- Legislative Action Day took place on April 3 and 4 in Sacramento. Tom Addington organized the event for the 20 plus Region XI administrators who attended the event. We met with our local legislators, sharing our voice for what's best for our students.
- Even though not elected, Region XI ran a valiant campaign for Craig Wheaton who was seeking a position as the State ACSA Vice President. Don't be discouraged, though, we are hoping for another "run" at this position and to successfully get the Region XI voice on the State Executive Board.
- The first Mid-State Conference was introduced this year. With the work of Donya Wheeler and many other Region XI members, the event was a premier event, providing administrators with exceptional staff development.
- May 12 was our Region XI Awards and Scholarship Luncheon. It was a wonderful time, spotlighting administrators and honoring students who are pursuing a higher education. David Bowling, you did an exceptional job organizing the event!
- And ... this is the year that we say good-bye to Richard Schlagel, our newsletter editor. He has had a loooooong career with Region XI, not just publishing many, many quality newsletters for the Region, but by being a leader and an exceptional role model as a quality administrator. Dick, you are going to be missed! (Welcome, Kathy!)

I know that there are many other highlights I should include! It was a busy year! But, I would like to close by telling you all that I have found it a privilege working alongside each and every one of you. I have learned so much and have grown as an administrator and leader. You are all my "SUPER HEROES" and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**Valerie Brown**  
Region XI President

## Region XI Membership Scoreboard

Charter	June 2015	June 2016	(+/-)
East Kern	70	83	(+13)
West Kern	325	325	(0)
Kings	122	118	(-4)
Tulare	457	467	(+10)
Inyo/Mono	27	25	(-2)
CSUB Student	10	15	(+5)
Kings-Tulare Student	NA	NA	(NA)
Non-Assigned	2	4	(+2)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>(+24)</b>

• Congratulations to East Kern Charter for showing an incredible growth of 19% this year. All Charters are to be commended for their specific focus on membership during the 2015-2016 school year.

## "WHAT THEY SAID"

"With all his challenges, he has maintained being positive. He exemplifies hard work and a very good attitude. He is a remarkable young man and we are so happy to recognize you today!"

**Lucy Vanscyoc, 2016-17 Tulare Charter President**

*In presenting the ESS award to Melton Lemus, Tulare Union HS Senior, ESS Breakfast, April 29, 2016, VUSD Board Room*

"Every member in ACSA has a significant contribution to make ACSA a better organization. What role do you want to play? We represent a wide spectrum."

**Ralph Porras, State ACSA President 2016-17**

*Region XI Board Meeting, May 12, 2016, Hodel's, Bakersfield*

"We want to make sure charter presidents are more involved, and as a Region Board, we certainly want to support you at the Charter level."

**David Bowling, Region XI President 2016-17**

*Annual Planning Retreat, June 13, 2016, Padre Hotel, Bakersfield, CA*

### AN ACSA REGION XI PUBLICATION

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## REGION XI EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016-2017



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## COMMENTS FROM YOUR REGION XI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On June 13, we celebrated the 29 years of service of our Newsletter Editor Richard "Dick" Schlagel. Not only did he serve Region XI ACSA for 29 years, he worked in education 62 years. His newsletters were recognized by ACSA as the best in the state. Dick, you have been my mentor for the last six years and I will miss you, but I know you will be sticking around to help with the transition to our new position, Director of Communications.

I would like to welcome Kathy Forsythe as our Director of Communications.

She worked for the last 30 years for the Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register. She will be responsible for news releases, the coordination of social media, our web site, newsletter, handbook and all other aspects of communication with our community and you. We are fortunate to have such a highly-qualified candidate to serve our Region in this position.

Mid-June, your Region leaders met in Bakersfield for two days planning for the coming year. Ralph Porras, our State ACSA President, addressed the group on the second day. He shared his vision and the new and exciting things that are being planned, as well as his goals for the year. After his presentation, plans for the Region were discussed and goals for the year were developed under the direction of our new President, David Bowling. David is hoping that the coming year will increase opportunities for member involvement and that close contacts will be developed with our members and our legislators and representatives to Congress, making us the "go to people" when a bill is being considered or written that affects the students in California and the nation.

Charters will be scheduling Planning Retreats in July and August to set goals, develop budgets, and set meeting dates. Contact your Charter president if you would like to get involved.

Don't miss the ACSA Leadership Summit in San Diego, November 10-12. Plan to come Wednesday, the 9th, and attend a reception on the Midway to recognize our veterans. The Summit is titled Inspire, Lead, and Achieve. Keynote Speakers will include Robert Morzano, Shirley Weber, a well-known State Assembly Person, who has a passion for serving all students, and Mike Abrashoff, the former Commander of the USS Benfold. On Thursday our Every Student Succeeding honoree, Gabriela Santillan, will be recognized and on Friday three of our own, Traci Fullerton, Bill Edminister and Dr. Don Clark, will be recognized as State Administrators of the Year. Early Bird Registration is \$399. You can buy a voucher for registration from the Region for \$379, a \$20 savings. Let me know soon if you would like a voucher.

The Region is fortunate to have two Academies in Bakersfield this coming year – a Principal's Academy and a Special Education Academy. Scholarships are available through State ACSA, your Charter, and Region.

I hope you will have some time off away from work this summer. The work you do is difficult but so important. In order to do your job well, a balanced life is so important. Your professional association is there to support you in your work and speak for you on behalf of your students in Sacramento and Washington DC.

In looking ahead to another year working for you and the children of California, I know your Region is in good hands under the leadership of your new President, David Bowling. Have an enjoyable, restful summer.

**David Tonini**  
*Executive Director - Region XI*



## ACSA STATE PRESIDENT RALPH PORRAS SPEAKS AT REGION XI BOARD MEETING

State President Ralph Porras said, "Everyone has something to contribute ... it's up to them to figure out what it is ..." That was the challenge he set forth for ACSA members and the association. Porras, recently elected as state president, has been with the association for 20 years. He spoke at the May 12 ACSA Region XI Board Meeting.

The day's business wrapped up with the installation of the Executive Board Officers for 2016-2017.

They are:

- President: David Bowling
- President-Elect: Donya Wheeler
- Vice President: Mike Vogenthaler
- Vice President Legislative Action: Tom Addington
- Secretary: Lisa Horne
- Treasurer: Matt Diggle
- Past President: Valerie Brown
- State Board of Directors: Craig Wheaton
- Executive Director Region XI: David Tonini

### Administrator of the Year and Student Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Following the board meeting, members were joined by student scholarship and Administrator of the Year award recipients and their families.

Festivities opened with the Presentation of Colors by the South High School JROTC, Kern High School District. The Beardsley Jazz Ensemble, Beardsley School District, provided entertainment during lunch.

The following students each received a \$500 scholarship from ACSA Region XI:

- Cameron Analee Aragon, Garces High School
- Jake Joseph Bailey, Centennial High School
- Lauren Barlow, Hanford High School
- Kelcey Ann Carrasco, Tulare West High School
- Emily Castleman, Hanford West High School
- Will Christman, Burroughs High School
- Dylan Dumlao-Little, California City High School
- Sydney Garcia, Harmony Magnet Academy
- Juliann Hallum, Garces High School
- KaytLynn Johnson, Paraclete High School
- Noah Kroutil, Porterville High School
- Malori Minares, Tehachapi High School
- William Moore, Bishop High School
- Ryan Morosa, Libery High School
- Brianna Perez, Redwood High School
- Caeleb Roney, Rosamond High School
- Kameron Evarette Trevino, Redwood High School

The Every Student Succeeding award was given to Gabriela Santillan, 2016 graduate of Mt. Whitney High School. She will also be recognized at the 2016 ACSA Leadership Summit in November.

Dick Schlagel and Dave Itzenhauser presented the Itzenhauser/Schlagel Honorarium Award to John Snavely. Frank M. Chavez received the Marcus Foster Memorial Award.

### Special Honors



Mt. Whitney High School grad Gabriela "Gabby" Santillan is presented with the Every Student Succeeding Award by David Tonini (left) and Ralph Porras.

### 2016 ACSA Region XI Student Scholarship



Left to right: Brianna Perez, Juliann Hallum, Malori Minares, Sydney Garcia, Ryan Morosa, Gabriela Santillan, Dylan Dumlao-Little, KaytLynn Johnson, Emily Castleman, and Jake Joseph Bailey. Not pictured: Cameron Analee Aragon, Lauren Barlow, Kelcey Anne Carrasco, Will Christman, Noah Kroutil, William Moore, Caeleb Roney and Kameron Evarette Trevino.

## RECIPIENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



### **Superintendent of the Year**

**Tim Hire**

Exeter School District

*"... genuine dedication to lead by example ..."*



### **Secondary Principal of the Year**

**Michael Vogenthaler**

Mojave Unified School District

California City High School

*"... aspires to promote the success of all students ..."*



### **Middle Grades Principal of the Year**

**Angel Valdez**

Porterville School District

Pioneer Middle School

*"... creates strong connections between school and community groups ..."*



### **Elementary Principal of the Year**

**Lisa Decker**

Sierra Sands Unified School District

Gateway Elementary

*"... actions exemplify the belief that all student can and will learn ..."*



### **Central Office Administrator of the Year**

**Lisa Castillo**

Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District

K-8 College and Career Director

*"... charged with overseeing career academies, pathways and college and career exposure ..."*



### **Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year**

**Joy Naylor**

Visalia Unified School District

El Diamante High School

*"... has a strong passion and simple vision that all students can achieve ..."*



### **Confidential Employee of the Year\***

**Traci Fullerton**

Central Union School District

*"... has an enthusiastic 'central' approach, and make everyone feel appreciated and valued ..."*



### **Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year\***

**Bill Edminster**

Tulare Joint Union High School District

Director of Tulare Adult School and Principal at Tulare Joint Union High School District Farm

*"... collaborative approach to leadership ..."*



### **Special Education Administrator of the Year**

**Joyce Nunes**

Tulare City School District

Assistant Superintendent, Business and Psychological

*"... advocates for a quality education for students with cognitive, emotional and physical challenges ..."*



### **Superintendent/Principal of the Year\***

**Dr. Don Clark**

Eastern Sierra Unified School District

*"... regular day ... involves driving ... over 2,500*

*mountainous square miles that make up his district boundaries ..."*



### **Business Services Administrator of the Year**

**Nathan Hernandez**

Visalia Unified School District

Chief Financial Officer

*"... commended ... for good fiscal stewardship on behalf of students and taxpayers ..."*



### **Curriculum and Instruction Administrator of the Year**

**Bobby Peters**

Hanford Joint Union School District

Director of Educational Services

*"... goes to great lengths to equip teachers with the support and resources needed ..."*



### **Continuation/Educational Options**

**Administrator of the Year**

**JoAnne McClelland**

Sierra Sands Unified

Alternative Education Coordinators

*"...promoting a safe, positive school culture and climate ..."*



### **Technology Administrator of the Year**

**Dr. Kevin Silberberg**

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Superintendent

*"... vision of learning with technology has impacted his district, Kern County and state level for many years ..."*

### **Professor of Education Administrator of the Year**

(not pictured)

**Dr. Miguel A. Guerrero**

Tipton School District, Superintendent

Brandman University, Faculty

*"... providing an education that is relevant to the evolving careers of adult students..."*

\*Also ACSA State Recipient for Administrator of the Year

## REGION XI PLANNING RETREAT

New Region XI President David Bowling led region leaders through the Planning Retreat for 2016-2017, June 13 and 14, at The Padre Hotel in Bakersfield.

Monday's session began with a meeting of the Charter Presidents, who were joined after lunch by the Executive Board members. Lunch was sponsored by Foresters Financial Services. That evening family, friends and colleagues gathered to honor Dick Schlagel, retiring Region XI Newsletter Editor.

Group meeting kicked off with an activity which gave the an opportunity to get to know each other a little bit better. Special guest KCSOS Associate Superintendent Dr. Mary Barlow welcomed members to the retreat, and the group was honored to hear from Dr. Ralph Porras, State ACSA President, who shared his vision for the next year.

Lunch was sponsored by VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc.

Along with other business, Bowling led the group through an exercise designed to establish the region's goals for 2016-2017. A draft of those goals was created and will receive final approval at the next board meeting, Sept. 1.

### Thoughts from Region XI President David Bowling

Region XI has great momentum locally and across the State of California due to the fine leadership of my predecessors. Planning for the coming school year was critical to keep the region moving forward in a unified direction; the Region retreat provided the time to do just that. Charter and Region leaders came together to brainstorm goals that will push our organization even further toward aggressively marketing our organization and gaining influence in the State. Charters are now asked to

**"Bottom line is we're here for the students. We want to give students from our community a voice."**

Leianne Scott, Vice Principal, Sierra Middle School, Bakersfield

pick up that torch and create their own goals to move us forward inclusively so that all members are informed and engaged with the organization.

Of course, it wouldn't be a "retreat" if we didn't have some team building and fellowship. Saying goodbye to Dick Schlagel as he retires as the Region XI newsletter editor was bitter-sweet, and nearly 70 people showed up at The Padre Hotel in Bakersfield to roast him and

wish him well. On Tuesday, Region board members shared moving personal stories of their most memorable experiences in our profession, and a few personal secrets were dusted off as well!

**"Networking with the people is as important as the items on the agenda."**

– Mike Vogenthaler, Principal,  
California City High School, Mojave Unified

I look forward to the coming instructional year in humble service to Region XI as well as our supporting charter members. I encourage any member that hasn't been to a charter meeting in a while to stop in to see the progressive changes going on in our organization. Opportunities for meaningful involvement at the Charter, Region, and State level present themselves regularly, and we encourage all members to join our efforts in supporting positive changes at all levels of government to promote the betterment of the students and families we serve.



David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director, and David Bowling, Region XI President lead the Planning Retreat held June 13-14 at The Padre Hotel in Bakersfield.

### Richard "Dick" Schlagel honored after 29 years of service to Region XI

Family, friends and colleagues gathered Monday evening, June 13, at The Padre Hotel in Bakersfield to honor Richard "Dick" Schlagel, who is retiring as the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region XI's Newsletter Editor.

Schlagel joined ACSA as a charter member in 1971 and became a life member after retiring. He served as Region XI President in 1981-1982 and also held a 3-year term on the State Junior High Committee and the Retirement Committee.

He became the Newsletter Editor in 1987. His goal



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as editor was to keep the membership informed of various events and activities of both the Region and the five local Chapters. He also wanted to use this vehicle to recognize scores of outstanding administrators on what they are doing across our vast five-county area. Schlagel has accomplished this and much more. His dedication to education and ACSA is remarkable.

During the evening, memories and expressions of gratitude and respect were shared.

Craig Wheaton, who admitted that Schlagel has been retired almost as long as he's been in education said, "I've always known I can depend on him. He's been there constantly and is a great advocate for what we're doing as administrators."

*"Being responsible for the publication of 116 newsletters and 29 handbooks has presented a number of challenges; however, more importantly it has provided me a variety of wonderful opportunities for making life-long friendships with scores of school administrators across our vast Region XI and its five local Charters. I am so grateful and appreciative to have been given this remarkable and rewarding assignment."*

– Richard "Dick" Schlagel

Bill Black talked a bit about the dynamic duo of Dick Schlagel and David Itzenhauser, fondly likening them to Batman and Robin. He said, "Emerson said the greatest gift is a portion of yourself and he's (Dick's) given everything ..."

A family friend, Bobbie Caulk, share an amusing story about when Schlagel was a principal without a secretary. She volunteered to fill the void, but said Schlagel was very hard on her, criticizing at every turn. Schlagel chimed in with, "worst secretary I've ever had!"

David Tonini expressed the fact that Schlagel is truly an inspiration to him ... that he always wants to be on fire like him. When Schlagel took the mic, he expressed his heartfelt appreciation for having the opportunity to serve this organization that he holds in such high esteem. Then, in the spirit of the upcoming Olympics, he passed his leftover supplies to Tonini – a few paper clips, a used yellow pad, Scotch tape "not too much," a pair of scissors and his camera, which has been duct taped together, along with the remaining duct tape. He handed off the baton – a newsletter rolled up with rubber bands – to Kathy Forsythe, incoming Director of Communications. Both attempted a running hand-off, but lack of space and the inability to run very fast prevented a glorious showing.

While Schlagel has completed 65 years in the education profession, he's not done yet. He has a few more projects on the horizon including writing two more books and continuing to team up with Bob Pugh, one of his former teachers and very close friend in presenting the All-American Student Classic to students in grades 5-8.



Three charter members of ACSA at Dick Schlagel's retirement party. Left to right: David Itzenhauser, Dick Schlagel and Don Erwin.



David Tonini accepts items passed off to him from Dick Schlagel during Schlagel's retirement party.

## TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED / ACSA SUMMER INSTITUTE

The force was with the Association of California School Administrations (ACSA) and the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) as they presented the very successful 2016 Tulare County Summer Institute, Wednesday, June 15 at the SCE Energy Education Center in Tulare. With an all-time high of nearly 300 Tulare County school administrators in attendance, the group enjoyed an inspirational day which included Keynote Speaker Joel Zeff, informational breakout sessions, entertainment by the TCOE Theatre Company, and award presentations.

Zeff, workplace expert and author of "Make the Right Choice," energized the group with a unique blend of hilarious improvisational comedy and essential ideas on work and life. With the help of audience "volunteers," he delivered a combination of inspiration, essential knowledge and significant ideas to help the leaders reconnect with their own passion and success.

*"They do a great job in bringing everybody together and every year they do a great job of bringing in a great speaker to entertain us."*  
 – George Eddy, Director of CTE, Exeter Unified

Dick Schlagel, retiring after 29 years serving as ACSA Newsletter Editor, was recognized and honored. He and David Itzenhauser, long-time fellow educator and charter member of ACSA, presented the Itzenhauser/Schlagel Award to John Snively, retiring Porterville Unified School District Superintendent, for lifetime achievement. Gabriela Santillan, 2016 graduate of Mt. Whitney High School, was presented with the Every Student Succeeding Award. She will also be honored at the 2016 ACSA Leadership Summit in San Diego in November.

### **ACSA Tulare Charter Student Scholarship Awards were presented to:**

- Kelcey Carrasco, Tulare Western High School, Tulare
  - Sydney Garcia, Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore
  - Noah Kroutil, Porterville High School, Porterville
  - Breanne Perez, Redwood High School, Visalia
  - Haley Spencer, Tulare Union High School, Tulare
  - Bradley Taylor, Central Valley Christian High School, Visalia
  - Kameron Trevino, Redwood High School, Visalia
- Carrasco, Garcia, Kroutil, Perez and Trevino also received a scholarship from ACSA Region XI.

### **ACSA Tulare Charter Administrator of the Year Awards were presented to:**

- **Professor of Education:** Miguel Guerrero, Ed. D., Professor of Education, Brandman University

- **Continuation/Ed. Options Admin.:** Victoria Porter, Principal, VTEC High School, Visalia Unified School District
- **Curriculum & Instruction Admin.:** Tanya Goosev, Asst. Superintendent Curriculum & Program Improvement, Cutler-Orosi Jt. Unified School District
- **Business Services Administrator:** Nathan Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer, Business Services, Visalia Unified School District
- **Superintendent/Principal:** Jeremy Powell, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal, Sequoia Union School District
- **Special Ed. Administrator:** Joyce Nunes, Asst. Superintendent Business/Psychological Services, Tulare City School District
- **Career Technical Ad. Administrator:** Bill Edminster, Director, Tulare Adult School, Tulare Jt. Union High School District
- **Confidential Employee:** Alice Galvan, Administrative Secretary, Administrative Services, Cutler-Orosi Jr. Unified School District
- **Secondary Co-Administrator:** Joy Naylor, Assistant Principal, El Diamante High School, Visalia Unified School District
- **Central Office Administrator:** Lisa Castillo, Director College and Career Readiness, Cutler-Orosi Jt. Unified School District
- **Elementary School Principal:** Whitney Avila, Principal, Frank Kohn Elementary School, Tulare City School District
- **Middle School Principal:** Angel Valdez, Principal, Pioneer Middle School, Porterville Unified School District
- **Secondary Principal:** Rick Hamilton, Principal, Mt. Whitney High School, Visalia Unified School District
- **Superintendent:** Tim Hire, Superintendent, Exeter Unified School District
- **Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence:** Frank Chavez, Retired Superintendent/Principal Richgrove School District

Guerrero, Hernandez, Edminster, Naylor, Castillo, Valdez, Hire and Chavez were also honored on the region level; Edminster achieved state recognition, as well.

*"This is a great opportunity to network with Central Valley colleagues to discuss topics and issues and what's going on in each of our districts, all under one venue."*  
 – Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services, Tulare County Office of Education



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*ACSA Tulare Charter Administrator of the Year Awards were presented to: (left to right) Miguel Guerrero, Victoria Porter, Tanya Goosev, Jeremy Powell, Nathan Hernandez, Lisa Castillo, Bill Edminster, Joyce Nunes, Angel Valdez, Whitney Avila, Rick Hamilton, Tim Hire, Not pictured: Marcus Foster, Frank Chavez, Joy Naylor, Alice Galvan*



*ACSA Tulare Charter Student Scholarship Awards were presented to: (left to right) Bradley Taylor, Haley Spencer, Kelcey Carrasco, Breanne Perez, Noah Kroutil, Sydney Garcia, Not pictured: Kameron Trevino. Carrasco, Garcia, Kroutil, Perez and Trevino also received a scholarship from ACSA Region XI.*



*In keeping with the Star Wars theme of the day, the Tulare County Office of Education created a cardboard cutout of Dick Schlagel, retiring ACSA Region XI Newsletter Editor.*



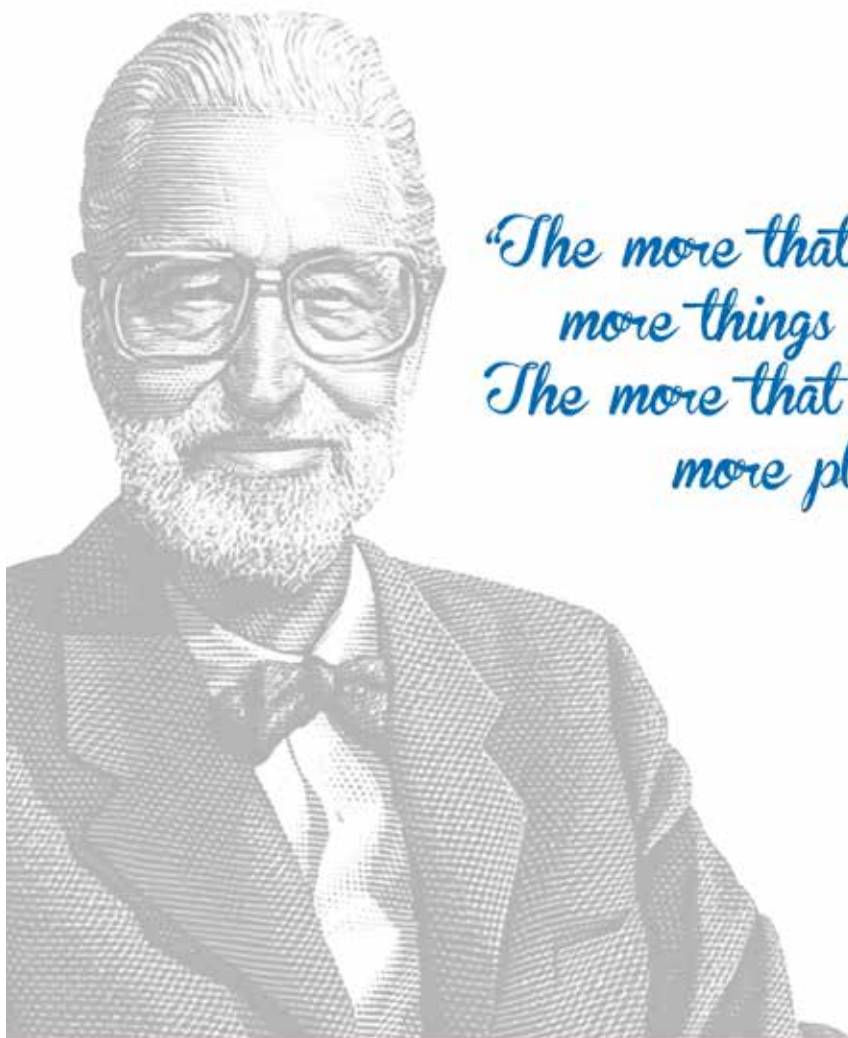
*Bob Mayo, Principal, Exeter Unified High School, (right) attempts to convey a thought to Roberto Vaca, Principal, Orosi High School, using only gibberish and body language, during an improv exercise facilitated by Keynote Speaker Joel Zeff during the 2016 Tulare County Summer Institute.*



*Following instructions from Keynote Speaker Joel Zeff, Craig Wheaton, Deputy Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and ACSA Region XI State Director, looks to his neighbor Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services, TCOE and says, "bunny, bunny, bunny," while making bunny ears. The lesson to be learned was that we must not allow stress to steal our passion.*



*Dick Schlagel and David Itzenhauser (right) present the Itzenhauser/Schlagel Award to Dr. John Snavelly (left), retiring Superintendent, Porterville Unified School District. The award provides a lifetime membership in the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).*



*"The more that you read, the  
more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the  
more places you'll go."*

-Dr. Seuss



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## TULARE CHARTER SPONSORS ANNUAL ESS AWARDS BREAKFAST

The Tulare Charter held its annual Every Student Succeeding (ESS) Awards Breakfast on April 29th. This very special Charter event was once again conducted at the Visalia Unified School District Board Room. 16 students were recognized for their outstanding achievement as they overcame various barriers and met challenges resulting in being exceptional students at their particular school.

The student's counselors and school administrators shared very touching stories about these recipients. Words such as hardworking, positive attitude, remarkable achievement, committed, overcoming barriers, involvement, volunteerism, leaders, role models, goal oriented, service to their school and community, etc. were used to describe the various award winners.

*"We congratulate you, hang in there. It is an incredible thing what you students have overcome and achieved. We appreciate you and we honor you."*

– Mimi Bonds, ESS Chairperson for Tulare Charter and Visalia Unified School Administrators

Gabby Santillan, Senior, Mt. Whitney High School, Visalia Unified, was the overall Tulare Charter winner. She will be recognized as Region XI's ESS Student of the Year and will be representing the Region at the Annual State ACSA Leadership Summit in San Diego, November 10-12, 2016.

***This years winners are as follows:***

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Milton Lemus          | Tulare Union High School   |
| Payton Mouw           | Mission Oak High School    |
| Kathleen Ruiz         | Tulare Western High School |
| Alexis Diaz           | Granite Hills High School  |
| Elizabeth Ocampo      | Exeter Union High School   |
| Esmeralda Magana      | John J Cairns              |
| Korim Patino          | Loma Vista Charter         |
| Isaac Cortez          | Lindsay High School        |
| Alexis Valenzuela     | Woodske High School        |
| Ramon Garcia-Moran    | Cutler Orosi JUSD          |
| Maria Rameriz         | Orosi High School          |
| Virginia Gonzlaes     | Visalia Charter Ind. Study |
| Vanessa Mata          | Redwood High School        |
| Maria Ramirez         | Orosi High School          |
| Raul Martinez Reveles | Sequoia High School        |
| Gabby Santillan       | Mt. Whitney High School    |


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## TULARE CHARTER SPONSORS 45TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

Tulare County Charter Administrators assembled at the White Horse Inn, Three Rivers, on May 6, 2016 to help celebrate outstanding accomplishments of some very special people and organizations.

This evening's incredible event featured three Golden Apple Awards, six retiring school administrators and the retiring of Region XI's newsletter/handbook editor.

### **Golden Apple Awards, given for outstanding community and school support were presented to the following:**

- Family Healthcare Network: Nominated by Cutler-Orosi Community it continually gives their unwavering support to students, parents and schools in the Cutler-Orosi Unified School District.
- Jim Lamb: Nominated by Dinuba Unified School District, Jim, President of the Dinuba Aqua Emps, has been a volunteer for many Dinuba High athletic programs for past 16 years. Some of his achievements included operating the scoreboard for water polo meets for 11 years, Dinuba High Aquatics Booster Club President, and founding member of the DHS Emperor Foundation.
- Educational Employees Credit Union: Nominated by Tulare Joint Union High School District. EECU has been an incredible partner and friend to education, especially to the staff and students of TJUHSD. EECU provides free financial education to students through their "Wise Up" program. EECU truly has an interest in being a contributing member to our students' success.

### **Retiring Tulare Charter School Administrators honored included:**

- Roel Alvarado has served as a dedicated school leader for 30 years in the Cutler-Orosi School District. All three of his children have made education their career, following in their father's foot steps. Mr. Alvarado is a well-known community member and a remarkable advocate for children. As a school leader he has directed the academies improvement of El Monte School and most recently Cutler School.
- Bill Edminster, after devoting 22 years of his career to impacting students in the classroom, as a science teacher, at Tulare Union, he aspired to become a leader in Adult Education serving Tulare Adult School as Dean, Assistant Director, and then as Director. Over the past four years, Bill was asked to take on the dual role of becoming Principal at the Tulare High School Farm.

- Lou Irwin, Assistant Principal, Visalia Unified School District, has served in this capacity at Redwood High School since 2002. Lou's leadership and guidance in school discipline has helped Redwood to become the secondary school in Visalia with the lowest total number of school suspensions. Lou's influence in activities has led Redwood to have a positive school climate and culture where students and staff feel both safe and significant.
- John B. Manning, Superintendent/Principal, Palo Verde Union Elementary School District, has given outstanding leadership to his district, staff, students and community. He has been an active member of the Tulare County Small Schools' Association. John has continually demonstrated throughout his career that he is a true advocate for students.
- Dr. John Snavelly, Superintendent, Porterville Unified School District, is completing 29 years of Administrative service in PUSD, 14 years as Assistant Superintendent Business Services and the last 15 years as Superintendent. Dr. Snavelly has championed the development of the district's dual Immersion Program, a NASA-sponsored middle school academy, and an increase in the number of Student Pathway Academies. He has been a very active member of ACSA, serving 3-year terms on the Superintendency Council and as Region XI's Director on the State ACSA Board of Directors.
- Suzanne Terrill, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, Lindsay Unified School District, has impacted the district by improving attendance, decreasing the truancy rate, and bring in progressive discipline strategies such as Restorative Justice and Positive Behavior Intervention Programs. She helped to create a model special day class, which served as a county visitation site. She made a tremendous positive impact on the success of many learners in LUSD.
- Richard "Dick" Schlagel, Region XI ACSA Newsletter/ Handbook Editor, is retiring from this position after 29 years of service. He is a Charter ACSA member, joining in 1971. After retiring from Porterville Unified School District in 1987, he completed 11 different administrative assignments in Tulare and Kern Counties. He is completing 65 years in the education profession.

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*Tulare Joint Union High School District Administrators, family and friends were out to help celebrate awards given to EECU as the Golden Apple recipient and Bill Edminster's retirement after 30 years as an outstanding educator. This annual event was held at the White Horse Inn, Three Rivers, on May 6, 2016.*



*Dr. John Snavelly, retiring Superintendent, Porterville Unified School District and Dr. Martha Stuemky, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, PUSD, presenter.*



*Suzzane Terrill, retiring Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, Lindsay Unified School District and Tom Rooney, Superintendent, LUSD, Presenter.*



*Bill Edminster, retiring Director of Adult Education, Tulare Joint Union High School District and Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent, TJUHSD, Presenter.*



*John B. Manning, retiring Superintendent, Palo Verde Union Elementary School District (left)*



*Richard "Dick" Schlagel, retiring Region XI Newsletter Editor, after 29 years of service. Val Brown, Region XI President, 2015-16, Presenter.*



*Roel Alvarado, Principal, Cutler-Orosi Unified School District, is retiring after a career of 37 years. Yolanda Valdez, Superintendent Cutler-Orosi JUSD, presenter.*



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**Dr. Sarah Koligian** | *Superintendent, Tulare Joint Union High School District*

When I think of ACSA the words that surface to the top for me are professional, personal networking and support. ACSA has been a steadfast provider of professional development support throughout my administrative career. The opportunity to network with my peers at the Charter, Region and State level have been invaluable to me.

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## CHARTER CHAT



Tulare Charter sponsored its 45th Annual Recognition Dinner awarding Golden Apples to ECCU, Family HealthCare Network and Jim Lamb, parent and supporter, Dinuba Unified School District. Retiring school administrators honored were Roel Alvarado, Suzzane Terrill, John B. Manning, Dr. John Snavely, Lou Irwin and Bill Edminster. Richard "Dick"

Schlagel was also recognized as he is retiring as Region XI Newsletter/Handbook Editor after 29 years.

Tulare Charter once again teamed up with TCOE to conduct its Annual Summer Institute with a record-making attendance. The Charter recognized student scholarships, administrators of the year, along with the Itzenhauer-Schlagel award for lifetime membership in ACSA to Dr. John Snavely, retiring superintendent.

The last event of the year was a networking social held at the Cellar Door in Visalia on June 15. Loretta Bryant, administrator, VUSD, was the coordinator of the event.

**Robert Groeber**  
*Tulare County President*



On April 25, in spite of high wind advisories, rain, and a little snow, our Charter gathered at The Grape Leaf Restaurant in Ridgecrest to honor our five scholarship winners: Caeleb Roney, Malori Minjares, Dylan Little, Will Christman, and KatLynn Johnson. JoAnne McClelland was honored as the Continuation/Educational Options Administrator of the Year and Michael

Vogenthaler was honored as the Secondary Principal of the Year. Outgoing officers were recognized for their service this year. Our new officers for 2016-17 are: President-JoAnne McClelland, Vice President- Regina Green, Secretary- Susan Andres Bervel, and Treasurer-Elaine Janson. They will be gathering this summer to plan for the upcoming school year.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."  
-William Butler Yeats

**Lisa Decker**  
*East Kern President*



Inyo/Mono held its final meeting of the year in Bishop on April 11, 2016. Don Clark, Charter President, was not able to attend. Don is currently serving as chairperson for ACSA's Small Schools District Committee.

David Tonini, Executive Director; Dick Schlagel, Newsletter Editor were in attendance at the April 11th meeting.

**Don Clark**  
*Inyo/Mono Counties President*



West Kern once again sponsored its special event for school secretaries and administrative assistants. It was held at the Star Theater, Bakersfield on April 27, 2016.

The beautiful Rio Bravo Country Club in Bakersfield was the location of West Kern's Annual Award Banquet. Student scholarships, administrators of the year, Golden Apple Awards, retiring

administrators, along with educator leadership awards were presented at this annual event.

Richard Morosa will be serving his second term as Charter President for the 2016-17 school year.

**Richard Morosa**  
*West Kern President*



Kings County Charter held its Annual End-of-Year Social and Election of officers event at Dowdy's Cabana, Hanford on May 13, 2016.

Officers elected for the 2016-17 year are: Darin Parson, Charter President; Rodney Brumit, President-Elect; Loretta Black, Vice-President; Brooke Warkentin, Secretary; Tammy Airheart, Treasurer; and Bobby Petters, Past-President.

Bobby Petters, Past-President.

Kings Charter had to cancel its Tom Lasek Annual Golf Tournament this year due to lack of participation. Bill Black, Coordinator of Kings Charter Retiree Breakfast, was very happy to see 18 retired administrators in attendance on April 26 at Vineyard Inn, Lemoore.

**Bobby Peters**  
*Kings County President*



## AROUND THE REGION

- **Congratulations** to Region XI Administrator Bill Edminster, Director Tulare Adult School/Farm, Traci Fullerton, Administrative Secretary, Lemoore and Dr. Don Clark, Superintendent/Principal, Eastern Sierra Unified School District and Inyo/Mono Charter President. Each of these three outstanding administrators will be recognized as State ACSA's Administrators of the Year. Annual Awards Banquet will be at the Leadership Summit, in San Diego on November 10-12, 2016.
- **Region XI membership has soared** to 1,037 members. Each Charter Board, along with Region XI's leadership team, are to be commended for focusing on membership throughout the year.
- **Kings County Charter & Tulare County Charter** sponsored a membership/networking social recently. Kings County Charter sponsored its event in Hanford on May 13, 2016. An election of officers was also conducted. Tulare County Charter held its event at the Cellar Door in Visalia on June 15. Loretta Bryant, Administrator, Visalia Unified School District, is to be commended for her leadership in sponsoring these networking socials for Tulare Charter this past year.
- **Ralph Rorras**, State ACSA President, 2016-17, has visited our Region XI two times in recent months. He attended the Annual Awards Luncheon at Hodel's, Bakersfield on May 12. On the evening of June 13, he was present at Dick Schlagel, Newsletter Editor's, retirement event held at The Padre Hotel in Bakersfield. He also attended Region XI's Annual Planning Retreat on June 13-14 at The Padre Hotel. Rorras has a tremendous passion for ACSA as he takes over the leadership reins of the Presidency on July 1, 2016.
- **Dr. Craig Wheaton** is to be commended for conducting a very outstanding campaign for the office of State ACSA Vice President. He gave "his all" as he visited various Region board meetings up and down the State. He gave a remarkable speech prior to the election, at the State Delegate Assembly held in Sacramento on May 5, 2016. Holly Edds, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Orcutt Union School District, was elected to the Vice President position. She will take office on July 1, 2016. We may have not heard the last of "Run Craig Run." Dr. Wheaton shared a very positive report on his campaign and spoke highly of the entire process of competing with Edds for the office of Vice President.



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# 2016-2017 REGION XI SPECIAL EVENTS

## REGION XI BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2016  
**Time:** Breakfast, 8:00am - Meeting 8:30am  
**Location:** Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield, CA  
**Features:** Annual Budget • Calendar of Events • Reports • Membership Update  
**Contact:** David Bowling, Region XI President  
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## ACSA 2016 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Date:** November 10-12, 2016  
**Location:** Bay Front Hotel, San Diego, CA  
**Theme:** Inspire • Lead • Achieve  
**Features:** 3 Keynote Speakers • Workshop Sessions • ESS Luncheon • Awards Dinner/Celebrate  
**Contact:** David Tonini, Region XI Executive Dir.  
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## 2017 SECOND ANNUAL MID-STATE ACSA CONFERENCE



**Who:** Sponsored by Regions IX, X, XI, XIII  
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## 2017 ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

**Date:** Sunday, April 2 & Monday, April 3, 2017  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**What:** Meetings scheduled with Local Legislators in Region XI  
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## 2017 REGION XI'S ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 11:30am  
**Location:** Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield, CA  
**What:** Administrator of the Year • Region XI Scholarship Recipients • ESS Award • Itzenhauser-Schlagel Life Time • ACSA Membership Reward  
**Contact:** Dr. Donya Wheeler, Region XI President-Elect  
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