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First Region XI Board Meeting of 2017-2018 is Sept. 7, 8 a.m. at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield.

Region XI well represented at Leg Action Day

Region XI's Legislative Action Team grabs a quick photo with Senator Jean Fuller and Assemblyman Rudy Salas. Left to right: Matt Diggie, Jose Morales, Jeanette McDonald, Loretta Bryant, Dave Tonini, Regina Green, Mike Tsuboi, Heather Richter, Kirsti Smith, Craig Wheaton, David Bowling, Senator Fuller, Assemblyman Salas, Mike Vogenthaler, Bonny Porter, Jason Hodgson, Melissa Christman and Rob Hudson. Seated: Terri Rufert. Not Pictured: Tom Addington.

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David Tonini welcomes Crystal Ervin, Devin Nunes' rep, to the April meeting of the Tulare Charter Retired Administrators.

Devin Nunes' rep attends Retired Administrators' April meeting

Representing Congressman Devin Nunes, Crystal Ervin was the guest speaker at the Tulare Charter Retired School Administrators Breakfast Meeting on Thurs., April 20 at Apple Annie's in Tulare. Nunes was invited by the group to discuss the Social Security offset for STRS beneficiaries. HR1205, the Social Security Fairness Act, has been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee, but Ervin explained that the likelihood of it getting any teeth is slim because it's not a priority and because of the amount of concern over the solvency of social security. Members shared their experiences as a result of the offset and explained that another major consequence is that people will choose to not go into teaching. Other topics of discussion included school choice and whether or not Nunes would be holding a town hall meeting locally.

REGION XI MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

As another school year comes to an end our region can celebrate an increase in membership. Could we set a goal of 99 new members for the 2017-2018 school year?

MEMBERSHIP TIPS:

- Personal contact will help identify missing members
- Ask your peers if they are members

| Charter | Apr. 2016 | Apr. 2017 | +/- |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| East Kern | 82 | 82 | - |
| Inyo/Mono | 25 | 27 | +2 |
| Kings | 119 | 122 | +3 |
| Tulare | 443 | 478 | +35 |
| West Kern | 318 | 336 | +18 |
| CSUB Student | 9 | 21 | +12 |
| Non-Assigned | 1 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTAL | 997 | 1068 | +71 |



Welcome New Members

West Kern Charter

Cheryl R. Bradshaw, Director of Special Education, Lamont Elementary School District

Dr. Aida L. Molina, Director of Education, California Collaborative for Education Excellence

Rachelle Montoya, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Bakersfield City School District

Victoria Norman, Director of Fiscal Services, Greenfield Union School District

Monica Toro, Assistant Principal, Taft Unified High School District

Tulare Charter

Scott A. Haagensen, Visalia Unified School District

Kinelle B. Rodriguez, Vice Principal, Live Oak Middle School, Tulare City Schools

New Members/19

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David Bowling, *President*

David Tonini, *Executive Director*

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President's Message

It is hard to believe, but another school year is complete. Another year of working in public education is under our belts, and the next generation is taking the next step forward. Some

of the students we served will be transitioning grade levels, while others will exit high school and move on to higher education or move directly into the workforce. No matter your role within your educational organization, your work had an impact on the future citizens of your corner of the world.

While you were busy conducting the good work of doing what is best for students, State ACSA and Region XI have been quietly working behind the scenes. Over the course of the year, ACSA has monitored the bureaucratic systems and followed the political winds that appear to be poised to undermine your professional efforts and the potential success of students in an increasingly complex learning environment. There is an unbelievable number of bills drafted by state and federal legislators each year. Most of these bills, though often well-intentioned, are not crafted by professionals familiar with the needs and concerns of public education and rarely do legislators even seek the comments or opinions of educators in the field.

In my role as your Region XI president this year, I had the privilege to personally witness the work of State ACSA and the Region XI Legislative Action teams working in tandem to review potential and active bills well before they come to the floor for a vote. The growth of our membership over the last few years, along with an extensive list of active administrative leaders in Region XI, has helped leverage the voice of school administrators in both California and in Washington, D.C.

Increased membership state-wide has allowed our organization to become one that lawmakers seek out to get opinions on bills and to discuss the overall needs of public education. Candidates for office now actively seek endorsement from ACSA and are listening. Your membership is more valuable than

ever. Thank you for taking part in our journey.

Finally, and most importantly, on behalf of ACSA Region XI, I want to thank you for all you do for public education. As the clock begins winding for another fruitful year, the children we serve are depending on our leadership more than ever to build supportive learning environments that are engaging, rigorous and productive. The coming generation will have their unique set of challenges to overcome, and the tools they will use to find success will be a direct result of the work we all do today. I wish you all the best for the 2017-2018 school year and your future journey in our profession.

David M. Bowling
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-BB King



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Comments from your Executive Director

We've got exciting news about Region XI's Newsletter! At the Region Planning Retreat, your officers voted to mail the Newsletter to all members during the coming year — starting with our Fall issue at the end of October. We will be asking for your feedback to determine whether to continue the mailing. The Newsletter will continue to be emailed to you, and you can find it on the Region Website, ACSA App, Facebook and on the Google Drive. Archived copies are housed on the Website, the ACSA App, and on the Google Drive.

It has been a great year under the leadership of President David Bowling. I would like to highlight some of the many activities and accomplishments this year. Region membership continues to grow, approaching 1,100 members. A student charter in Kings and Tulare counties had their first meeting and a student charter is in the planning stages in Kern County. Charters randomly selected ACSA members to be recognized for the work they do. Twenty-two administrators were recognized for their work at an Awards Luncheon in May, and additional school leaders were recognized by Charters. Three Region leaders will be recognized in November at the ACSA Summit in November — Dr. Jeremy Powell, Superintendent/Principal; Gary Bray, Retired Administrator; and Terri Rufert, the Marcus Foster Memorial Award. Sixty-one Region members attended the ACSA Summit in San Diego and participated in a networking activity sponsored by the Region, many taking advantage of discounted reservation vouchers offered by the Region. Terri Rufert was elected to serve as the State VP of Legislative Action, only the second Region leader to serve as a state officer. You can now follow Region news on Facebook — search acsaregionXI. Region superintendents got together for a Region-sponsored reception at the ACSA Superintendents Symposium. Charters sponsored many networking/social opportunities. The use of technology was a focus with movement to Google Docs as a tool for input and distribution of information. The Mid-State Conference was sold out again and several administrators from our Region presented.

As we look toward next year, under the leadership of Dr. Donya Wheeler, Region President, the focus will be speaking loudly for the students of our Region and State by connecting with our state leaders through school and district visitations and forums at meetings, networking activities for members, and to cultivate transformational technologies in all aspects of work. WebEx will be available to enable members to attend board meetings without traveling to meetings. Four academies will be offered in the Region, with scholarships through Charters and the Region available. They are Curriculum/Instruction, Equity, Principal, and Special Education. The Mid-State Conference will be offered again in April. There will be a lot to look forward to, under the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. Donya Wheeler.

The Region again is offering discounted vouchers for the ACSA Summit. Email me ASAP if you would like one.

I hope you have time to vacation this summer, get some rest and have fun. The work we do is so important. Your professional association is here to support you and give you a strong voice in Sacramento and Washington D.C. for your students.

David Tonini

Executive Director, ACSA Region XI

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State Director's Report



Last words as State Director

I am just completing a three-year term as Region XI's Director on the State ACSA Board. It was an honor and privilege to serve as your State Director. I thought I would take a moment to share

some of my observations.

First, I continue to be impressed with the quality of those serving on the State ACSA staff. Over the past three years we have had significant turnover in every department, but what has impressed me most is the continued professionalism of the staff.

Second, advocacy efforts are certainly a highlight, both in importance and in our successes. It is evident that ACSA is at the table when it comes to the state level policy-making decisions. This is critical to the work we do at the school level every day.

Third, ACSA is growing and evolving into a leadership organization for the next generation of educational

leaders. Membership is at an all-time high. Additionally, a redesigned website, ACSAtv, and a significant presence on social media are examples of how ACSA is staying relevant.

Lastly, ACSA is leading the way in educational reform by keeping student need at the center of our work. Equity is about action, not just words, and ACSA is leading the way by keeping equity in our words and actions.

I am very excited that Dr. Blanca Cavazos will represent Region XI on the State Board and to see Terri Rufert represent us in ACSA's leadership as Vice President of Legislative Action.

In my final words, I want to thank the Region Board for their support in my run for ACSA Vice President in 2018. I look forward to my year-long campaign and continuing to represent our region at the state level.

Craig Wheaton

State Director, ACSA Region XI

Advocate!

I don't believe it is an exaggeration to say that student success is dependent on the success of our legislative advocacy efforts. That may sound like a bold statement, but I have learned that educational policy decisions can help us do our jobs, or they can hinder our efforts.

In the upcoming school year, it is my goal to establish a local connection between ACSA members and our local state lawmakers. Legislators need to hear our local stories — stories about real students and real successes, stories about real problems that need practical solutions. We can be that conduit of common educational sense in this world of layered regulations.

Let us be the voice of all students by providing that voice to our local legislators as they consider some upcoming topics:

- Accountability
- School Finance
- Educator Effectiveness & Pipeline
- Special Education
- Early Childhood Education

I look forward to serving as the Vice President of Legislative Action for Region XI during the 2017-2018 school year and I want you to join me as we influence some very important policy decisions.

Craig Wheaton

*Incoming Vice President of Legislative Action
ACSA Region XI*

Leg Action Day representatives asked to focus on three key issues when meeting with legislators

Over 400 ACSA members from throughout the state gathered in Sacramento April 2 and 3 for Legislative Action Day 2017, an opportunity for administrators to advocate for students and school leaders. The State ACSA Governmental Relations Team asked representatives to focus on three key issues when meeting with their legislators:

- English Learner Reform
- Continue Funding LCFF/Reject Funding Deferral
- Extending Probationary Period for New Teachers

● *"Leg Action Day allows educators the opportunity to make the legislative changes that positively impact our schools. Speaking with administrators and legislators across California about policies that affect our schools was a wonderful opportunity to make a positive difference for students and educators."*

Bonny Porter
Principal
James Monroe Middle School
Sierra Sands School District

The two-day event, kicked off on Sunday with a message from guest speaker Marshall Tuck, 2018 Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Members of the Governmental Relations Team explained the three key issues and shared tips and techniques

for being an effective advocator. Panelists, Kimberly Rodriquez and Jeff Bell, provided perspectives and outlooks on the key issues facing public education and the political opportunities facing school leaders across the state. At the end of the day Sunday, Region XI representatives got together to devise their plan of action when meeting with their legislative representatives.

On Monday morning, Kevin Gordon and Jack O'Connell with Capital Advisors Group, LLC shared advocacy tips. ACSA Friend of Education Awards were presented to Sue Burr, Member, State Board of Education & CCEE and Senator Ben Allen.

Region XI was represented by Tom Addington, Craig Wheaton, Rob Hudson, Regina Green, Dave Bowling, Melissa Christman, Mike Vogenthaler, Terri Rufert, Jason Hodgson, Heather Richter, Jeanette McDonald, Matt



Region XI's Leg Action Day contingent speaks with Vince Fong, Assemblyman from the 34th District.

Diggle, Mike Tsuboi, Jose Morales, Loretta Bryant, Kirsti Smith and Bonny Porter. They met with:

- Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford)
- State Assemblyman Vince Fong (R-34th District)
- State Assemblyman Rudy Salas (R-32nd District)
- Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield)

● *"As a first-time attendee, I enjoyed the quick and grueling pace of the two-day experience. Not only did I glean a tremendous amount of information from the policy planning and message delivery process, but I also highly valued the emphasis our Region XI team placed on creating opportunities to learn and network over a few great meals."*

Jason Hodgson
Management Analyst - Local Control and Accountability
Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Optional meetings with Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Board of Education staff members Leilani Aguinaldo and David Sapp were available to attendees.

Special thanks go out to Tom Addington, Region XI Vice President of

Legislative Action, for organizing the event for Region XI and to Craig Wheaton for serving as the facilitator for the group.



Student/Associate Charter hosts successful kick-off event at Brandman University, Visalia

Congratulations to Tulare/Kings Student/Associate Charter President Amanda Richard and her executive board on their successful kick-off event. Nearly 20 potential members attended the Meet and Greet, held Tuesday, April 25, at Brandman University in Visalia. Attendees were allowed time to network with each other, ACSA administrators and admin credential program facilitators. An expert panel of administrators shared their knowledge and experiences to help answer the question, “Why Administration?” Tom Sampietro, ACSA Tulare Charter Ambassador, briefly explained the benefits of ACSA membership.

The fledgling charter has the support of ACSA Region XI and the Admin Programs at Brandman University, Fresno

The first Tulare/Kings Student/Associate Charter for 2017-2018 will be held Monday, Sept. 11, 5 p.m., at Brandman University in Visalia.

Pacific, Fresno State and the Tulare County Office of Education. Organizers need your help in developing a successful ACSA student/associate charter. Please encourage any up-and-coming administrators you know to join ACSA and the Tulare/Kings Student/Associate Charter. For more information about ACSA and to join, go to www.acsa.org/Member-Services. Direct questions about the Tulare/Kings Student/Associate Charter to Rory Collinwood by email at rcollinwood@vusd.org.



The expert panel consisted of, left to right, Steve Tsuboi, Superintendent/Principal at Sunnyside Elementary School in Strathmore; Angela Sanchez, Principal of El Diamanté High School in Visalia; Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent with Tulare Joint Union High School District; and, Terri Rufert, Superintendent, Sundale Union Elementary School District.



ACSA members and stakeholders came out in support of the fledgling charter. Left to right, Sonia Gutierrez-Mendoza, Campus Director, Brandman University; Dr. Christina Luna, Fresno State; Dr. Craig Wheaton, ACSA State Director and Deputy Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education; David Tonini, ACSA Region XI Executive Director; Steve Tsuboi, Superintendent/Principal Sunnyside Elementary School; Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent, Tulare Joint Union High School District; Angela Sanchez, Principal, El Diamanté High School; and, Tom Sampietro, ACSA Tulare Charter Ambassador.



Incoming State ACSA President Lisa Gonzales, right, presided over the installation of officers for 2017-2018 at the Region's Leadership Assembly. Pictured, from left to right, are David Bowling, Past President; Matt Diggle, Vice President; Dr. Donya Wheeler, President; Michele Borges, Secretary; and Lisa Horne, President-Elect. Not pictured: Regina Green, Treasurer.

Region XI installs 2017-2018 officers

Incoming State ACSA President Dr. Lisa Gonzales shared her focus for the coming year during a brief presentation at the Region XI May Leadership Assembly held at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield on Tuesday, May 2.

Region delegates elected Dr. Craig Wheaton as Vice President of Legislative Action and Dr. Blanca Cavazos to represent the region on the State Board of Directors.

David Tonini, Executive Director, announced that region Superintendents voted Tom Addington in as representative to the Superintendency Council.

Gonzales facilitated the oath of office for the 2017-2018 Executive Board.

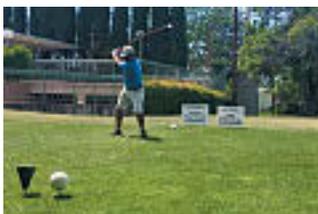
Dr. Craig Wheaton won the grand prize of a \$350 Apple Gift Card in the prize drawing. As a grand finale of the Administrator Recognition Program, the brain-child this



At left: David Tonini presents the drawing grand prize, a \$350 Apple gift card, to Craig Wheaton. At right: As the finale to his brain child for the year - the Administrator Recognition Program, David Bowling held a drawing for an Amazon Echo. Lisa Horne won that drawing.

year of outgoing President David Bowling, he held a special drawing for an Amazon Echo. Lisa Horne was the winner.

West Kern scholarship fundraiser golf tourney a huge success



The 14th Annual Ordiz-Melby District Cup Golf Tournament was held Saturday, April 22 at Sundale Country Club in Bakersfield. The event is sponsored by Ortiz-

Melby Architects, Inc. and raises funds for West Kern

Charter student scholarships. The charter was able to give out five scholarships to children of West Kern members this year. A big thank you to retired administrator and West Kern Charter member Terry Wolfe for organizing this event. For information about next year's tournament, which will be held on Sat., April 7, 2018, contact Terry by email at bernardwolfe@aol.com or by phone at 661.565.2773.

Awards luncheon celebrates the best of Region XI

Region XI recognized Student Scholarship and Administrator of the Year award winners at their 2017 Awards Luncheon held Tuesday, May 2 at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield. Newly-installed Region XI 2017-2018 President Dr. Donya Wheeler opened the ceremony by introducing the South High School Junior ROTC (Bakersfield), which presented the colors and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were treated to entertainment by the Green Acres Middle School (Visalia) Jazz Band while lunch was served.

Scholarship Award recipients:

- Jonah Addington, Hanford West High School
- Lauren Black, Lemoore High School
- Madeline Budz, University Preparatory High School
- Reina Childs, Coleville High School
- Natalie Garcia, Monache High School
- Grant Johnson, Stockdale High School
- Jordan Lee, Lemoore High School
- Taylor Lemon, Stockdale High School
- Collin Maberry, Centennial High School
- Brayden Nunley, Tulare Union High School
- McKenna Pace, Exeter Union High School
- Lourdes Ariana Puga, Stockdale High School
- Maria Saveria Cameron Lampariello, Mammoth High School
- Hannah Simpson, Bishop Union High School
- Kayla Sayers, Hanford West High School
- Estrella Velasquez, Golden West High School



Region XI Student Scholarship Award winners: (front row, left to right) Estrella Velasquez, Lourdes Ariana Puga, McKenna Pace, Brayden Nunley, (back row, left to right) Collin Maberry, Taylor Leon, Lauren Black, Natalie Garcia, Grant Johnson, and Jordan Lee. Not pictured: Jonah Addington, Madeline Budz, Reina Childs, Maria Saveria Cameron Lampariello, Hannah Simpson, and Kayla Smyers.



Terri Rufert, center, winner of the Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence, with family members, members of her school board and others who attended in support of her.

Terri Rufert, Superintendent of Sundale Union Elementary School District, was honored with the Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence. She was selected to receive this award at the state level. She will be honored at the 2017 ACSA Leadership Summit in San Jose in November.

Dick Schlagel and David Itzenhauser presented their namesake award to Dr. Christine Frazier, retired Kern



Dick Schlagel, right, and David Itzenhauser, left, present the Itzenhauser/Schlagel Award to Retired Administrator David Tonini. Schlagel had a good time with the audience, playing the two "Davids" off each other.

- *"David Tonini upgraded*
- *Itzenhauer's traditional toilet*
- *paper door prize by changing it*
- *from one ply to two ply ... but,*
- *ultimately, they are both dedicated*
- *to ACSA's educational leaders."*

Dick Schlagel
Retired Region XI Newsletter Editor
*... as he presented the Itzenhauser/
 Schlagel Honorarium Lifetime Retiree*
Award to David Tonini

County Superintendent of Schools, and David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director. Region XI established this award to annually honor a retiree with a lifetime ACSA membership.

The Ferd J. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Award was presented to Dick Schlagel, retired school administrator with the Porterville Unified School District and retired Region XI Newsletter/
 Handbook Editor. This award honors an administrator who made a significant impact on public education.



Left: Some of Dick Schlagel's family attended in support of him as he was honored with the Ferd J. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Schlagel served Region XI as its Newsletter Editor from 1987 through 2016. Center: Incoming Region XI President Dr. Donya Wheeler presents an ACSA jacket to outgoing President David Bowling. Right: Dr. Donya Wheeler presents a plaque to David Bowling expressing the region's thanks for his service as President in 2016-2017. Executive Director David Tonini is at left.

Awards

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Nathalie Uribe, California City High School, received the Region XI Every Student Succeeding (ESS) Award. The purpose of this award within ACSA is to honor students at all grade levels who have succeeded, against all odds, beyond expectations or have simply won the hearts of the administrators and other educators who helped them achieve their goals. Nathalie was awarded \$1,000 by

Region XI toward her future endeavors. To learn more about Nathalie, turn to page 13. View a video of Nathalie's story, at <https://www.acsa.org/newsroom/videos>.

Eighteen region administrators were presented Administrator of the Year Awards. See page 12 for a complete list.

Incoming Region XI President Dr. Donya Wheeler presented the President's Award to David Bowling and thanked him for his service in the past year.

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Region XI Administrator of the Year Award Recipients



Superintendent of the Year
Thomas Addington
Central Union School District
"... committed, visionary, educational leader ..."



Secondary Principal of the Year
Mary Angela Sanchez
El Diamanté High School, Visalia USD
"... advocate and ambassador for students of diverse multi-cultural backgrounds."



Middle School Principal of the Year
Kirsti Smith
Murray Middle School, Sierra Sands USD
"... led Murray Middle School to the receipt of the Gold Ribbon award ..."



Elementary Principal of the Year
Melissa Christman
Fallen Elementary School, Sierra Sands USD
"... exemplifies the vision of the school 'Every Child Learns and All Children Come First.'"



Central Office Administrator of the Year
Tony Velasquez
Migrant Director/Administrator, Tulare County Office of Ed
"... created opportunities for the migrant students in Tulare County."



Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year
Carli Hawkins
Green Acres Middle School, Visalia USD
"Ensures that all students have multiple choices to create a path towards their future success ..."



Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year
Dr. Rebecca Rocha
Endeavor Elementary School, Fruitvale School District
"... continually seeks new and innovative methods ..."



Classified Leader of the Year
Rebecca Peterson
Risk Mgmt./Human Resources Director, Visalia USD
"... embodies the terms servant leadership and dream manager ..."



Confidential Employee of the Year
Micaela Macareno
Administrative Assistant, Cutler-Orosi Joint USD
"... devoted herself to the cause of positively impacting the neediest children in the Valley."



Personnel/Human Resources Administrator of the Year
J. Bradley Maberry
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services & Personnel, Wasco UESD
"... led and assisted the expansion of the district ..."



Adult Ed Administrator of the Year
Tony Casares
Director of Educational Options, Woodlake USD
"... epitome of 'glass is half-full' mentality ..."



CTE Administrator of the Year
William Davis
Director of Career Technical Education, Visalia USD
"... implemented ten open-choice Linked Learning Academies."



Special Ed Administrator of the Year
Julianna Gaines
SELPA Interim Administrator, Kern County Superintendent of Schools
"... impacts over 11,000 special education students in Kern County."



Superintendent/Principal of the Year
Dr. Jeremy Powell*
Superintendent/Principal, Sequoia Union School District
"... no task too big or too small for him to undertake."



CI Administrator of the Year
Brian Hollingshead
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Technology, Tulare City School District
"... advocate for student success for over 31 years ..."



Continuation/Educational Options Administrator of the Year
Darin Pace
Principal, Kaweah High School, Exeter USD
"... student learning is non-negotiable ..."

Region XI Administrator of the Year Award Recipients



Professor of Education of the Year

Tara Houston

Principal, Tulare City School District
Faculty, National University

"... connects with each of the adult students professionally ..."



Retired Administrator of the Year

Gary Bray*

Management Consultant, Kern County Supt. of Schools

"... an advocate for education of the past five decades ..."

**2017 ACSA State Administrator of the Year*

Every Student Succeeding

Perseverance

Nathalie Uribe is the personification of this term



At 15 years old, Nathalie's life was uprooted as she had to move in with her grandmother. Having lived her entire life under the care of her single mom, Nathalie was forced to take on even more responsibilities when her grandmother was diagnosed with cancer. Nathalie became her primary caretaker; all the while continuing to maintain a "B" average and push herself as a two-sport athlete. Once her grandmother passed away and she suddenly

David Bowling presents the Region XI Every Student Succeeding Award to Nathalie Uribe, California City High School. Nathalie was awarded \$1,000 toward her future endeavors.

Nathalie/**30**

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Four ACSA academies to be offered in Region XI

ACSA provides a full range of academies to meet your needs as a school administrator, confidential employee or classified manager. Because ACSA represents all members of the school management team, we can help you build the administrative and leadership skills needed in your current job, while preparing you to take advantage of career advancement opportunities.

ACSA's job-specific academies provide a solid foundation of training in the application of leadership and management fundamentals for administrators who are new to advanced leadership positions or aspiring to the same. The academies are seen as the "fast track" into your career as a superintendent, principal, business manager, personnel administrator, special education/pupil services director, confidential employee or classified manager. We invite you to take advantage of these exceptional high quality professional learning opportunities as ACSA continues to strive to better meet your needs.

Region XI is proud to present four academies for 2017-2018. They are:

■ CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS ACADEMY

Visalia

The ACSA Curriculum and Instructional Leaders Academy introduces participants to a variety of strategies for developing effective instructional practices based on current student learning and assessment theories. Presentations and discussion sessions are conducted by an experience faculty of current practitioners. This academy enables new or aspiring curriculum and instructional leaders to experience and begin to develop fundamental skills needed to address stand-based reforms, including assessment, curriculum, monitoring and evaluation of instructional programs for their schools and districts within the context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

■ PRINCIPALS ACADEMY

Bakersfield

The ACSA Principals Academy for new or aspiring principals, is designed to build the capacity of the next generation of principals to become transformational leaders who can identify critical paradigm shifts, create a

ACSA offers academy scholarship funding for members with financial need to attend academies. For more information or to apply, contact Marianne Magalona at 800.608.ACSA or mmagalona@acsa.org

building and unifying vision through inspiration, and execute essential change with the site staff. Presentations and interactive sessions are presented by experienced school administrators from a variety of departments involved in school and district operations, and experienced practicing school principals. The intensive academy focus is on developing and refining applied leadership and management skills required of principals at the elementary, middle grades and high school levels within the context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

■ SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMY

Bakersfield

The ACSA Special Education Academy provides current and relevant training for successful special education administrators at all levels and areas of responsibility related to special education programs and services. Participants are provided essential information and resources through a consistent academy focus on leadership, communication, prevention and intervention. The academy integrates principles of organization and cultural environment, dynamics of strategic issues management, ethical and reflective leadership, analysis of public policy, and management of information systems, and human and fiscal resources.

■ EQUITY LEADERS ACADEMY

Tehachapi

The ACSA Equity Leaders Academy recognizes that equitable leaders have a deep belief system and understanding of diversity that empowers them to be proactive and responsive to the needs to those they serve. The ACSA Equity Leaders Academy is designed to build leadership capacity in cultural proficiency. The acsa deny will equip participants to meet the California Professional Standard for Educational Leadership (CPSEL) #5 through demonstrating the ability to "make decisions, model, and behave in ways that demonstrate ethics, integrity, justice, and equity and hold staff to the same standard." Participants will develop and implement new ways of thinking and apply practical strategies in serving students, staff, parents and community members consistent with the context of local control accountability planning and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

For information about all ACSA academies, how to apply for scholarships and to register, go to www.acsa.org/academies. Space is limited, so early registration is a must.



Social Media Tip

Have fun! Social media is a great way to connect, strengthen your network and participate in the conversations that drive education leadership forward in California. But remember, what happens on the Internet stays on the Internet, so use common sense. If you are about to publish something that makes you even the slightest bit uncomfortable, rethink the post or review it with a colleague or supervisor.

Retreat gets Region off to a good start

Incoming Region XI President Dr. Donya Wheeler invited Region leaders to the Marriott Hotel in Visalia on June 12 and 13 to set plans and goals for the 2017-2018 year.



Dr. Wheeler

The Planning Retreat began on Monday with a meeting of Charter presidents from the past year and the coming year. They learned the importance of filling delegate positions and making sure their delegates understand the duties of the position. They were also asked to

designate a Membership Representative and a Legislative Action Representative.

Following lunch, the group was joined by the executive board. Region XI Executive Officer David Tonini reviewed the responsibilities of the various members of the executive board. Dr. Wheeler shared the State ACSA Strategic Plan and her goals for the coming year, in preparation for establishing the Region's goals for 2017-2018. The Region's meeting calendar and budget for the coming year were discussed, to be presented and finalized at the Tuesday session. That evening attendees gathered at Café 225 in Downtown Visalia for dinner.

Dr. Wheeler opened the meeting on Tuesday by asking each person to introduce themselves and share a song that they related to. The exercise helped the group get to know each other on a more personal level.

Guest Speaker Dr. Holly Edds, State ACSA President Elect, explained what is happening at the State level in ACSA, through her presentation, "All Things ACSA." She shared the good news that ACSA membership statewide is up to 18,200 — a 24% increase over the last four years. Because of this grow and the focus of ACSA's Governmental Relations department, ACSA's advocacy strength is growing. "It's not being done to us anymore ... we're having a voice now," she said. A recent success story is the



Dr. Donya Wheeler walks the group through a training session on the use of WebEx.

passage by the State Assembly of AB1220, which extends the teacher probationary period from two years to three years. Dr. Edds explained that ACSA is currently in the fifth year of its five-year strategic plan. In the next year, they will be working to develop a strategic plan that will lead the association through the next five years. She strongly expressed the need for everyone to get involved in the process.

In keeping with the ACSA Strategic Plan and Incoming State ACSA President Dr. Lisa Gonzales' goal of using technology to work smarter not harder, Dr. Wheeler conducted a training session on the use of WebEx, so that those who are unable to attend Region board meetings in person can participate through WebEx.

Dr. Craig Wheaton asked for and received the Region's support of his campaign for State ACSA Vice President. The campaign will begin in October, with voting taking place in May of 2018.

Dr. Guadalupe Solis, Membership Services, discussed the importance of active ACSA involvement and recruitment. He said recruitment needs to be intentional and strategic and shared some ideas he has about growing Region membership.

Region goals for 2017-2018 were established. As a group it was decided that the Region will focus on three of the nine State ACSA Strategic Plan goals. The following strategies were adopted:

- **Strategy I:** We will be the authoritative advocates for all matter pertaining to education and its leaders.
- **Strategy IV:** We will build and maintain vibrant, purposeful networks of educational community.
- **Strategy VII:** We will cultivate transformational technologies in all aspects of our work.

- "We need you to get involved. We need to make sure that it is truly as deep and as broad as it can be."

Dr. Holly Edds

State ACSA President Elect

... in reference to the development of the new State ACSA Strategic Plan



Faces Around the Region

ACSA Region XI members were asked to share their most meaningful ACSA memory of the past year.

- "When I look back at the 2016-2017 school year there are many meaningful ACSA memories — Leg Action Day, Mid-State Conference and the Leadership Assembly. However, the memory that summed up why I enjoy being involved and serving in ACSA was the Student-Administrator Awards Dinner for the East Kern Charter. Celebrating my esteemed colleagues and the accomplishments of the students we serve was truly an honor."



Regina Green
*Chief Administrator of Instructional Services and Technology
 Tehachapi Unified School District*

- "One of the things I appreciate most about our organization is the high quality professional development opportunities. This year my favorite was the Every Child Counts Student Services Special Education Symposium. Participating in the symposium provided me and my admin team the opportunity to expand our expertise, build camaraderie, and plan for ideas we want to implement at our sites in a setting that was full of energy and excitement, but also relaxed and rejuvenating."



Lisa Horne
*Program Director, Special Education
 Kings County Office of Education*

- "The opportunity to share my Superintendent/Principal of the Year Award for the State with my wife, principals and Region XI colleagues was certainly a high point for me. I wish all administrators would get the chance to experience something like that in their careers."

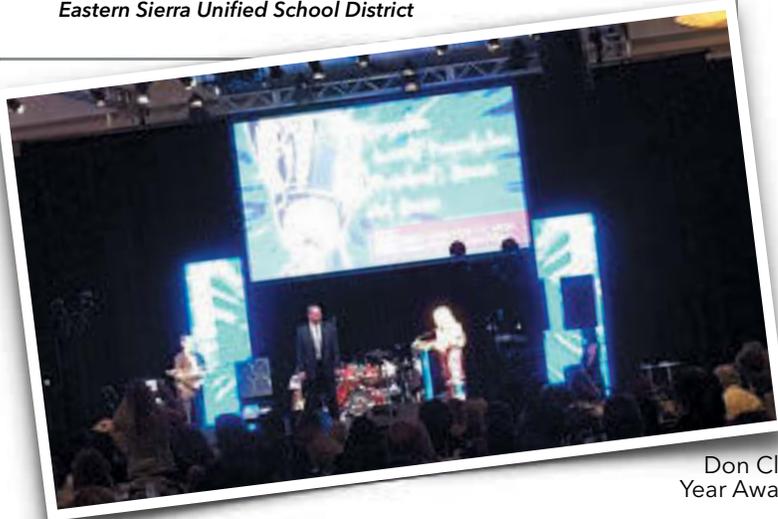


Don Clark
*Superintendent/Principal
 Eastern Sierra Unified School District*

- "My most meaningful memory of this past year is not one, but many. Let me explain. I have a notification setting on my phone that lets me know when someone has posted to the ACSA Region XI Facebook page. So, over the last several months I have had the opportunity to share the joy of all the wonderful administrators in our Region through the 'Celebrating Our Administrators' posts. Region XI and your local charters have highlighted, through a random drawing, many hard-working, dedicated educational leaders. It is inspiring to read about and learn about each one of you and to see your smiling faces! If you haven't seen them, check out our Facebook page! (*Search acsaregion11*) Enjoy and share a micro-moment of joy and appreciation."



Craig Wheaton
*Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services
 Tulare County Office of Education*



Don Clark receives his Administrator of the Year Award at the State Leadership Summit.

Faces Around the Region

• "Naj Alikhan, Director of Communications for State ACSA, delivered a powerful message on the use of social media during the April 6 Region XI Board Meeting. The information he shared transformed my professional use of social media. I now make efforts to publicly share, often, the teaching and learning that is occurring throughout my district."



Dr. Donya Wheeler
Deputy Superintendent
Exeter Unified School District

• "My most meaningful ACSA memory was my first day serving as the Region representative on the Educational Options Council. We were attending the retreat in Bakersfield and I had no clue what to contribute. Everyone was so kind and welcoming. I truly appreciated the support and kindness offered from all ACSA leadership members. They made me feel at home."



Anjelica Zermeño
Administrator/Principal
La Sierra Charter High, Tulare County Office of Education

Region XI's Terri Rufert assumes association leadership role as Vice President of Leg Action

On May 11, ACSA's Leadership Assembly had an opportunity to vote two women into association leadership roles. Linda Kaminski, Superintendent of Azusa USD, will become Vice President and Terri Rufert, Superintendent of Sundale UESD, becomes the new Vice President for Legislative Action. Both women join incoming ACSA President Lisa Gonzales and President-Elect Holly Edds, giving ACSA a strong, unprecedented representation of female leaders at the top of the association.



Terri Rufert giving her campaign speech to the Assembly.

Gonzales spoke about this, "It's hard to believe that it's been 14 years since my first ACSA Delegate Assembly, when I sat where you are, listening to the leaders of the day, what they stood for, what issues they were tackling, and to what they were committed," she said. "I'll admit, I was more than a little nervous to be there, because back then, the leadership profile in the room wasn't what it is now. And it certainly didn't look like me. There was much less diversity and very few women in the room." Gonzales went on to note the strides ACSA has made in the ensuing



During a Dessert Reception, Terri Rufert and Region XI representatives handed out jars of candy as part of Terri's campaign for State Vice President of Legislative Action.

years. "After today, your state ACSA elected officers will be 80 percent female," Gonzales said.

Also installed was Dr. Blanca Cavazos who will represent Region XI on the State Board of Directors.

Guest speakers included Antonio Villaraigosa, candidate for Governor of California, and Doc Ervin, Superintendent

Charter Chat

Inyo/Mono Charter

▶ The Inyo/Mono Charter had a great year. This was highlighted by our last meeting. State ACSA staffers Nicole Anderson, Diversity & Equal Access Executive, and Martha Alvarez, Legislative Advocate, drove all the way from Sacramento to Bishop for our meeting. They made presentations on the work ACSA is doing with regards to equity and proposed legislation. We also were able to award three graduating seniors \$750 scholarships each. Finally, we awarded two Golden Apples to retiring administrators Janet Hunt and Roger Yost.



Don Clark
Inyo/Mono Charter President
Superintendent/Principal
East Sierra Unified School District

East Kern Charter

▶ East Kern held its final meeting at California City High School on Monday, April 24. Awards were presented to:

- **Student Scholarships:**
Ryan Newby
Sidney Adams
- **Every Student Succeeding:**
Nathalie Uribe
- **Administrators of the Year:**
Kirsti Smith, Middle Grades Principal
Melissa Christman, Elem. Principal

For the business portion of the meeting, we transferred the leadership positions to our new officers. Since that date, due to the resignation of our Region board

member, we have made adjustments. For the 2017-2018 year, our officers will be:

- **President:**
Dr. Bonny Porter (Sierra Sands)
- **Vice President:**
Susie Andreas-Bervel (Tehachapi)
- **Secretary:**
Dr. Dave Ostash (Sierra Sands)
- **Interim Treasurer:**
JoAnne McClelland (Sierra Sands)

Our new board member for the Region will be Region Green (Tehachapi).

I wish to thank the Daves — Bowling and Tonini — for all of their guidance and support this year as I served as president for our charter. They fielded numerous questions from me. I also owe a huge thanks to Regina Green, Susan Andreas-Bervel and Bonnie Porter for their service on our charter board this year. It has been a very rewarding year and I am so glad that I have had this opportunity.



JoAnne McClelland
East Kern Charter President
Principal of
Alternative Education
Sierra Sands Unified School District



Left to right: East Kern scholarship award recipients Sidney Adams and Ryan Newby, and Every Student Succeeding Award winner Nathalie Uribe.

Tulare Charter

▶ The Tulare Charter had a busy spring celebrating our students, administrators and community partners! Our first spring event consisted of our Networking Social on March 29 at The Cellar Door in Visalia. This event was well attended and provided a great opportunity to build relationships with our fellow administrators. On March 30, our charter once again honored students who have been able to overcome various struggles in their lives at our Every Student Succeeding reception held at the VUSD Board Room. Our Student/Associate Charter had a very successful social at Brandman University in Visalia on April 25. A panel of administrators discussed their different paths to administration. Our Spring Recognition Dinner took place on May 5 at the Visalia Marriott. We recognized our retiree Lora Haston, as well as various community partners for their contributions to education. Lora has been an integral part of our charter and we wish her the best in her retirement! Our last event for this school year will be on June 15 at the TCOE Summer Institute at the Edison Energy Education Center in Tulare. We will be recognizing 15 student scholarship recipients and Administrators of the Year. It has been a great year and we are looking forward to next year!



Lucy Van Scyoc
Tulare Charter President
Assistant Superintendent
Technology, Assessment
and Accountability
Tulare Joint Union High School District

Ambassador Program

The Ambassador Program helps new members navigate ACSA's vast structure, while providing that first and very necessary human contact — giving the organization a face and a name. Region XI has seven Charter Ambassadors:

East Kern: Elaine Janson, Beverly Thompson **Inyo/Mono:** Don Clark **Kings:** Bill Black
Tulare: Tom Giampietro, Robert Aguilar **West Kern:** Terry Wolfe

West Kern, Kings Charters announce monthly drawing winners

Kings Charter

APRIL

- **Valerie Botelho**, Assistant Principal, Lemoore Union High School District

MAY

- **Nicole Mora**, Assistant Principal, Lemoore Union High School District

JUNE

- **Christina Thull-Askins**, Curriculum Consultant, Kings County Superintendent of Schools



Nicole Mora's name was drawn during the Kings Charter Summer Getaway at Dowd's Cabana in Hanford. Delbert Ray won the drawing for all new members attending.



Botelho



Thull-Askins

West Kern Charter

APRIL

- **Sandy M. Niday**, Special Education Director, Kern High School District



Niday

MAY

- **Michael Strahan**, Vice Principal, Standard Middle School, Bakersfield



Strahan

JUNE

- **Chris Coyle**, Earl Warren Junior High School, Panama



Coyle

Buena Vista Union Elementary School District, Bakersfield

New Members

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CSU Bakersfield Student Charter

Eric S. Anthony, Tulare City Schools

Kimberly Wright-Burns, Kings County Office of Ed.



A Google Calendar trick you're probably not using Get a Daily Agenda Email

A real live human personal assistant can help keep your affairs in order, but they tend to insist on things like “monetary compensation” and “sleep.” Who needs that nonsense when Calendar can email you your daily agenda every morning at 5 a.m.? To enable this function, click the little gear in the top-right corner > Settings > Calendars tab > click Edit notifications next to the calendar you'd like an email notification from > scroll down and check the box next to Daily Agenda. You will now receive an email of the day's events from that calendar every morning at 5 a.m. (Unfortunately, it does not appear that there is a way to alter times/days for the agenda emails).

Tulare Charter honors Lora Haston as she retires

Lora Haston, the lone Tulare Charter retiree this year, was honored by the Tulare Charter at their Annual Recognition Dinner on Friday, May 5 at the Visalia Marriott, along with winners of a Golden Apple Award and a Media Award.



Dr. Guadalupe Solis shares memories about Lora Haston as he presents her with a plaque honoring her retirement.

Haston finished out her career as Superintendent/Principal of Alta Vista Elementary School. Several members of her family were in attendance as she received her award from Dr. Guadalupe Solis, Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE).

Stefanie Bainum, an Emmy-nominated journalist who co-hosts the local lifestyle show, *Central Valley Today* on KSEE 24, received the Media Award, presented by staff members of TCOE. Bainum films, writes and edits a popular weekly education segment, *Your Character Matters*, in partnership with the TCOE.

Golden Apple Awards are presented to community members and organizations who support the educational community. Golden Apple were presented to:

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- **Altura Centers for Health:** Nominated by Tulare Joint Union High School District (TJUHSD), Altura Centers for Health has been a vital partner to the TJUHSD and their health education programs for a number of years.
- **Kevin Kirkman:** Nominated by the Exeter Union High School District, Kevin Kirkman is an Exeter Union High School district, class of 1982. He has a significant presence in the community and on the school campus.
- **Cardinal Athletics Booster Club:** Nominated by the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District, the Cardinal Athletic Boosters Club is the epitome of servant leadership, in the form of service to all athletic programs at Orosi High School.
- **Spanspek:** Nominated by the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District, Spanspek is an event organized by Israel Flores and Cristobal Carrillo, graduates of Orosi High School, to expose students and community members to the visual and performing arts.



Staff members, including Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak, right, of the Tulare County Office of Education came out to present the Media Award to Stefanie Bainum, center.



Left to right: Tim Hire, Superintendent, Exeter Unified School District; Bob Mayo, Principal, Exeter Union High School (EUHS); Kevin Kirkman, Golden Apple Award Winner; and Andrew Montez, Athletic Director, EUHS.



Orosi Cardinals Athletics Booster Club



Israel Flores and Cristobal Carrillo of Spanspek (Center).

West Kern Charter holds Annual Awards Banquet

West Kern Charter made a successful transition, moving their Annual Awards Banquet to Coconut Joe's Banquet Hall in Bakersfield. The event was held Thursday, June 8. The charter honored scholarship recipients and retirees, a media partner, their Every Student Succeeding Award winners, Administrator of the Year Award winners and presented a special award to Dr. Christine Frazier,



West Kern Charter President Richard Morosa, left, and Jason Hodgson greeted guests as they arrived.

recently retired Kern County Superintendent of Schools. West Kern Charter President Richard Morosa served as emcee.

Scholarship awards were presented by Gerrie Kincaid to:

- Taylor Lemon, Stockdale High School
- Mallory Holmes, Centennial High School
- Grant Johnson, Stockdale High School
- Collin Maberry, Centennial High School
- Lurdez Puga, Stockdale High School



Rocio Muniz, incoming West Kern Charter President, and Cathy Prout, Major of Shafter, presented the Media Award to Jamie Stewart of the Shafter Press.

The Media Award was presented by City of Shafter Mayor Cathy Prout to Jamie Stewart, of the Shafter Press, for his exceptional support of the educational community.

Retired Administrators Wanda Bradford, Bakersfield City School District, and Chris

Crawford, Greenfield Union School District, were honored by Ruscel Reader and Terry Wolfe, respectively. Also honored, but not present, was Rick Robles, Lamont Elementary School District.

The Rita Gomez Memorial Every Student Succeeding Scholarship Award was presented by Terry Wolfe to Krystal Raines, Independence High School, and Sierra Noble, Kern Valley High School.

West Kern Administrator of the Year Awards were presented to the following:

- **Confidential Employee:** Dana Baugh
- **Retired Administrator:** Gary Bray*



West Kern Charter Scholarship Award recipients, left to right, Mallory Holmes, Taylor Lemon, Lurdez Puga, Collin Maberry, and Grant Johnson.



Retirees: Chris Crawford, left, with Terry Wolfe, and Wanda Bradford with Ruscel Reader. Not pictured: Rick Robles.



At left: Dr. Christine Frazier, left, was honored with the Educational Leadership Award. Pictured with her are Richard Morosa and Dr. Mary Barlow, Kern County Superintendent of Schools. At right: Every Student Succeeding Award winners Sierra Noble, center, and Krystal Raines, right. At left is Emily Keeverline, school representative supporting Sierra.



- **Middle Grades Principal:** George Thornburgh
- **Curriculum/Instruction Administrator:** Heidi Witcher
- **Technology:** Scott Olin
- **Personnel/Human Resources:** Brad Maberry
- **Secondary Co-Administrator:** Bryan Campoy
- **Elementary Co-Administrator:** Dr. Rebecca Rocha
- **Elementary Principal:** Bob Sheldon
- **Special Education:** Julianna Gaines
- **Secondary Principal:** John Meyers
- **Superintendent:** Chris Crawford

Dr. Mary Barlow, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, presented the Educational Leadership Award to Dr. Christine Frazier, retired Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

*2017 ACSA State Superintendent of the Year



West Kern Charter Secretary Day's Luncheon

West Kern Charter Held its annual Secretary's Day Luncheon for its administrative professionals recognition on Wed., April 26 at the Stars Dinner Theater in Downtown Bakersfield. Over 130 members and their administrator assistants enjoyed a scrumptious lunch accompanied by the Bakersfield High School Driller Band performing various music pieces, followed by the Magic of Ron Saylor. A fun time was had by all!



Left: Event organizer and West Kern Charter President Richard Morosa takes a selfie with part of the Bakersfield High School Band. Right: Magician Ron Saylor brought volunteers up on stage to help with the act.



Kings Charter's Administrative Assistant Luncheon

Kings Charter provided administrators a great way to treat their administrative assistants to lunch, away from the workplace, today with the Administrative Assistant Luncheon at Tachi Palace. Magician Kyle Ender provided the entertainment. Thanks to EECU and FAST, everyone in attendance received a door prize. Special thanks to Barbara Zaino and Crystal Marroquin of the Kings County Office of Education, and Jamie Rogers, Pioneer Middle School, who put the event together.



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Summer Institute gives Tulare County admins much-needed chance to relax and re-charge

Magic was in the air as the Tulare Charter and the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) presented the 2017 Tulare County Summer Institute for Tulare County School Administrators. The event was held at the Edison Energy Education Center on Thursday, June 15. Attendees enjoyed a relaxing and inspirational day which included Featured Speaker Adam Christing, informational breakout sessions, entertainment by the TCOE Theatre Company and Tulare Charter award presentations.

Christing, one of the world's premiere interactive entertainers, used "MAGIC" to amuse and inspire the audience.

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Generosity

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Imagination

"If you can imagine it, you can do it."

Coordination

"Our main job is the coordination of people toward a common goal."

Tulare Charter Student Scholarships were presented to:

- **Joslyn Buckley**, Monache High School
- ***Madeline Budz**, University Prep High School
- **Maya Calvert**, Reedley High School



Featured Speaker Adam Christing led the audience through an exercise aimed at challenging them to choose happiness.

- **Aubrey Cardozo**, Mission Oak High School
- **Steven Chapman**, Porterville High School
- **Amos Dixon**, Lindsay High School
- ***Natalie Garcia**, Monache High School
- ***Brayden Nunley**, Tulare Union High School
- ***McKenna Pace**, Exeter Union High School
- **Courtney Patel**, Monache High School
- **Clarissa Ramirez**, Mt. Whitney High School
- **Lilanee Patricia Suarez**, Porterville High School
- **Hannah Seymour**, Golden West High School
- **Zack Shin**, Redwood High School

Institute/25



Above: Jim Vidak reacts as Christing's magic trick seemingly goes wrong. (Note: All was well in the end.) Center: With the help of Dr. Donya Wheeler, Christing taught the crowd a secret of magic. At right: Dr. Guadalupe Solis provided entertainment.





Above: Tulare Charter Administrators of the Year (front row, left to right) Angela Sanchez, Dr. Chastity Lollis, Micaela Macareno, Melissa Trujillo-Delgadillo, Terri Rufert, Tony Velásquez, Anthony Felix, Tara Houston, Alisha Magaña (Every Student Succeeding), Dick Schlagel, (back row, left to right) Dr. Jeremy Powell, Brian Hollingshead, Carli Hawkins, Sarah Hamilton, Dr. Sarah Koligian, Darin Pace, Tony Casares and David Tonini. At left: Tulare Charter's Every Student Succeeding Award Winner Alisha Magaña with her boyfriend, her counselor Erik Gonzales, Lucy Van Scyoc, left, and Yolanda Valdez, right. At right: Tulare Charter Scholarship Recipients: (front row, left to right) Amos Dixon, Clarissa Ramirez, Aubrey Cardozo, Hannah Seymour, Madeline Budz, (back row, left to right) Lilanee Patricia Suarez, Brayden Nunley, Natalie Garcia, McKenna Pace, Estrella Velásquez, and Joslyn Buckley.

Institute

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- ***Estrella Velásquez**, Golden West High School

Administrator of the Year Awards were presented to:

- **Dr. Sarah Koligian**: Superintendent of the Year
- **Angela Sanchez**: Secondary Principal of the Year
- **Dr. Chastity Lollis**: Middle School Principal of the Year
- **Anthony Felix**: Elementary School Principal of the Year
- ***Tony Velásquez**: Central Office Administrator of the Year
- ***Carli Hawkins**: Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year
- **Melissa Trujillo-Delgadillo**: Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year
- ***Rebecca Petersen**: Classified Manager of the Year
- ***Micaela Macareno**: Confidential Employee of the Year
- ***Tony Casares**: Adult Education Administrator of the Year
- ***Bill Davis**: Career Technical Ed Administrator of the Year
- **Sarah Hamilton**: Special Ed Administrator of the Year

- ****Dr. Jeremy Powell**: Superintendent/Principal of the Year
- ***Brian Hollingshead**: Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year
- ***Darin Pace**: Continuation/Ed Options Administrator of the Year
- ***Tara Houston**: Professor of Education of the Year
- **Tom Byers**: Retired Administrator of the Year

Special awards were presented to:

- **Richard Schlagel**: Ferd J. Kiesel Memorial Award
- **David Tonini**: Itzenhauser/Schlagel Award
- **Terri Rufert**: Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence
- **Alisa Magaña**: Every Student Succeeding Award

• "I appreciate this award very much and I want to give a big thank you to my counselor Erik Gonzales."

Alisa Magaña
Tulare Charter Every Student Succeeding Award winner

*Also Region level recipients. **Also Region and State award recipient.

Kings Charter Summer Getaway

Kings Charter members held their Summer Getaway on Friday, May 12 at Dowd's Cabana in Hanford. Everyone enjoyed networking, food, beverages, prizes and fun. All current members were encouraged to bring a non-member. New members were entered into a special drawing for a \$50 gift card, which was won by Delbert Ray. The May drawing for new members was held. Nicole Mora won a \$25 gift card in that drawing. Elections for board members for the coming year were held and awards were handed out.



Nicole Mora, left, won the May monthly drawing for new members. Delbert Ray, right, won the drawing for all new members who attended the Summer Getaway.



Top: Incoming Kings Charter President Rodney Brumit presents the President's plaque to outgoing President Darin Parson. Below: Darin Parson presents the President's plaque to Bobby Peters, 2015-2016 Kings Charter President.



Administrator Recognition

By David Bowling, President ACSA Region XI

The goal of an effective school administrator is to lead a "mission of empowerment" to ensure that children served are exposed to the skills needed to build a culture of lifelong learning. Administrators are also charged with the more mundane obligations of leadership that many times hold a negative perception such as student discipline, attendance compliance, teacher evaluations, and management of state mandated activities, but at the heart of even these difficult tasks, administrators are empowering people. A skilled school administrator challenges and engages all stakeholders of their school and community in an unending quest to improve learning, teaching, involvement, and academic success. The holistic role of a school administrator requires the acknowledgement that he or she is only one small part of the sum in the whole effort to lead a culture of academic achievement and lifelong learning. Passionate school administrators embrace a "We NOT Me" mentality that demonstrates close personal relationships with everyone around them.

ACSA Region XI and its member charters recognize and celebrate the work of their administrative leaders in the larger context of their duties. In the past few months, Region XI and your local ACSA Charters have been demonstrating appreciation to hard working members through random drawings that provided many of you with a special surprise.

Check out the next few pages to see who's won and to learn more about the outstanding administrators in your neighborhood and across the Region. You can also follow us on our new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/acsaregionxi to see the fun and gather relevant news and information regarding the events and business of Region XI.



West Kern Charter
Paul Meyers
Superintendent
 Standard Elementary
 School District

Mr. Meyers appreciates being able to make a difference in the life of kids. His primary goal is to support teachers and encourage that teacher/student relationship. He has been married for 26 years and when he's not impacting kids through his job as the Superintendent, he likes to "fix and repair" things. Meyers was recognized with a gift certificate to the Temblor Brewing Company for a nice meal and complementary tour and tasting.



West Kern Charter
Victor Hopper
Superintendent
 McFarland Unified
 School District

Mr. Hopper was recognized for leading his district forward. He has been the Superintendent of MUSD for three years. He enjoys making decisions that impact students on many levels. When he is not at work, he is busy enjoying time with his wife and two daughters and riding his Harley. Hopper was recognized with a gift certificate to the Temblor Brewing Company for a nice meal and complementary tour and tasting.

Administrator Recognition

West Kern Charter

Mary Highfield
Assistant Principal /
Program Coordinator
Highland Elementary



The highlight of Mary's job is the amazing staff and the wonderful kids that she gets to interact with daily. She is also an avid reader. Highfield was recognized with a gift certificate to the Temblor Brewing Company for a nice meal and complementary tour and tasting.

West Kern Charter

Jennifer Lambert

Director of Special Education

Richland Union
Elementary School District



Jennifer works with special education students and the staff who help them. She has been with the district for 12 years, and has been the director for nine years. She feels honored to be able to help the students with the greatest needs and to make an impact in their lives.

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Administrator Recognition



West Kern Charter
Erica Andrews
Superintendent
Edison School District

Erica has been serving students in Kern County since 1990. Her true passion is for serving students. This is what brings her to work each and every day. She is very appreciative of her staff and acknowledges how vital their support and dedication is to the success for students.



West Kern Charter
Debra Craig
Principal
Nichols Elementary School
Bakersfield City
School District

"My educational belief is that every child deserves a caring adult in their lives. I hope that I have been able to be that person for the children I've encountered during my 30-plus years in education."



West Kern Charter
Jazmine Frias
Dean of Students
Pioneer Elementary School

Jazmine says, "It is such an honor to work with so many professionals who are as dedicated to supporting student success as I am on a daily basis."



West Kern Charter
Abigail Rattay-Miller
Vice Principal
Special Education
Kern County
Superintendent of Schools

Abigail has the privilege of working for Richardson Center, who provides a variety of educational and support services for children from birth to five years of age. She says, "My goal as a special education administrator is to be the catalyst of student success through collaborative leadership."



West Kern Charter
Georgia Rhett
Assistant Superintendent
Arvin Unified Elementary
School District

Georgia is hesitant to admit it, but has been serving our Kern County students for 29 years. She enjoys coming to work every day because her district office staff strives for excellent and brings joy to their daily work. Georgia loves making a difference in the lives of children!

Your contribution to the ACSA Political Action Committee (PAC) has an ongoing impact on a host of education policy segments. With the participation of more than 17,000 members, the ACSA PAC can create a cycle of success when it comes to education policy, grassroots advocacy and even putting forth candidates for public office. For more information, go to acsa.org

Administrator Recognition



West Kern Charter

Toni Smith
Chief Administrator,
Assistant Superintendent
Of Human Resources
Kern County Superintendent
of Schools (KCSOS)

Toni has committed many years to KCSOS, moving into her current role three years ago. Her position allows her to work with many kinds of people, challenges, and situations. She appreciates being able to help the educational community of Kern County — knowing in her heart that by helping her colleagues she is facilitating learning for our local children.



West Kern Charter

Jennifer Long
Assistant Principal
Standard Middle School

Long has been the program director at Standard Middle School for two years and is very interested in changing students lives. When she

is not working, she enjoys reading and photography. Long was recognized with a gift certificate to the Temblor Brewing Company for a nice meal and complementary tour and tasting.



West Kern Charter

Melissa Mabry
Assistant Principal
Longfellow Elementary School

Melissa is fairly new to this leadership role, but is highly regarded by her Principal, Mr. Barella, who commented, "She's awesome!" Melissa loves the challenges of the leadership role. She states that she is learning something new every day and every day brings a new situation.



Assembly

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of Bakersfield City School District, who talked about his district's plan to close the equity gap.

A reworked version of the ACSA Mission Statement was presented by the Board to the Assembly for approval. It is a more concise vision statement intended to clearly communicate what ACSA is all about. The new vision statement is: ***We serve educational leaders in the pursuit of equity and excellence to meet the diverse needs of all California students.***

In addition, several minor changes were made to the mission statement.

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found herself all alone, Nathalie enrolled in short term independent study while clearing out the house. She moved in with family and friends so that should would be able to finish her high school career. Nathalie has raised

her grades and has become a dominant track athlete. Encouraged by her academic success, she plans to attend college and attain a degree in criminal justice with the goal of becoming a police officer. Whereas she could have folded through the many tragedies she has faced, Nathalie took the initiative to reclaim her life.