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Long-time ACSA Region XI leader David Itzenhauser, 90, passes away

David Itzenhauser, 90, of Porterville, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2017. Itzenhauser was a charter member of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) and served as Consultant/Executive Director for Region XI for 22 years. He retired from this position on June 30, 2010.

Current Region XI Executive Director David Tonini had this to say about his predecessor, "David loved his work as Executive Director for Region XI ACSA. He defined that position over the 22 years he served as Executive Director. He will be missed, but never forgotten."

"As Newsletter Editor for Region XI's 'Reporter,' I had the remarkable opportunity of working with David for 22

years," said Richard "Dick" Schlagel. "I have known him for 63 years. Thirty of those years, we were administra-



Left to right: David Itzenhauser, Richard "Dick" Schlagel, and Don Irwin, all former Region XI presidents from Porterville. This photo was taken at a party honoring Schlagel's retirement as Region XI Newsletter Editor.

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Membership Scoreboard

Remember, membership is everyone's business.

Member-to-member recruitment ensures that ACSA remains the authoritative advocate for all matters pertaining to education and its leaders.

Each One ... Reach One

Recruitment Tip:
Personal contact helps identify missing members

Welcome New Members

East Kern Charter

Lora J. McGuire

Director/Finance
Sierra Sands

Recruited by: Lisa Decker

Kings Charter

Carol J. Gallegos

Curriculum & Professional Dev.
Hanford Elementary

Recruited by: Lucy Gomez

Estela Jimenez

Principal
Reef-Sunset

Recruited by: David East

Rafaela Llamas

Student Support
Reef-Sunset

Recruited by: David East

Silvia Maldonado

Assistant Principal
Reef-Sunset

Recruited by: David East

Lucinda Sledge

Student Support
Reef-Sunset

Recruited by: David East

Tulare Charter

Stacey H. Curschman

Coordinator/Instructor
Visalia Unified School District

Recruited by: Melanie Stringer

Serena M. Rodriguez

Student Services
Visalia Unified

Recruited by: Ben Dillon

Stephanie N. Rocha

Vice Principal
Pixley Elementary

Recruited by: Heather Pilgrim

West Kern Charter

Leticia L. Canales

Assistant Principal
Raffaello Elementary

Recruited by: Margaret Bergman

Michelle M. Laser

Assistant Principal
Wayne Van Horn

Recruited by: David Tonini

Annamarie M. Sanchez

Principal
Nuevo Vista

Recruited by: Christine Chapman

CSU Bakersfield

Jacqueline M. Gomez

Student
Buttonwillow Elementary

Recruited by: Heidi Witcher

Katherine Scheler

Student
Bakersfield City

Recruited by: Jose Morales

Kim Paz, Visalia Unified, and David East, Reef-Sunset Unified, are leading our recruiting efforts with four each. Be a leader and recruit one member this month. State ACSA will send you a gift card for each person you recruit and the person who recruits the most members in our Region this year will win a prize!

Charter	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2017	+/-
East Kern	81	83	+2
Inyo/Mono	26	29	+3
Kings	121	129	+8
Tulare	470	488	+18
West Kern	333	339	+6
CSUB Student	15	20	+5
Unassigned	2	3	+1
TOTAL	1048	1091	+43

Did You Know?

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To become a Protege or Mentor, go to acsa.org, click on Member Services, then Mentor Program

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President's Message

Greetings Region XI!

We are making continued progress on meeting our 2017-2018 region goals aligned to ACSA's strategic plan.

Goal 1:

We will increase Region XI involvement with state and local legislators.

Under the leadership of Dr. Craig Wheaton and charter presidents, numerous local and state legislative representatives have visited region and charter meetings to discuss their priorities and receive feedback from our membership. Terri Rufert, Vice President of Legislative Action for state ACSA, has voiced that Region XI is taking a lead in the state for being legislative advocates on behalf of our students and staff.

Our voice is being heard loud and clear as our charter and region continue to confirm various legislature visits for the second half of the year.

Delaine Eastin, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) and candidate for Governor, will be speaking to Region XI leaders at our March 1 board meeting. Eastin served as SPI from 1995 to 2003, accomplishing real results during this time. *"Easton championed public libraries, wiring schools for technology, and stronger technical and vocational training for students. She worked to create statewide standards and systems to increase accountability. I worked with Governor Pete Wilson to successfully reduce class sizes in every K-3 classroom in California, but I also joined the successful lawsuit against Prop 187 that would have seen us target immigrant students in our classrooms."* It is an honor to welcome a gubernatorial candidate who is highly focused on improving K-12 education to our region.

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Did You Know?



ACSA and Lozano Smith present Title IX workshops

The all-important topic of sexual harassment has taken center stage on a national level, and school districts are faced with exceedingly high obligations for addressing claims of sexual misconduct, including harassment and sexual violence under Title IX. To help districts navigate Title IX compliance, Lozano Smith has developed a comprehensive workshop centered on proactive and preventative measures. Workshops are scheduled for: Los Angeles (Feb. 27), Fresno (Feb. 28) and Orange County (Mar. 19). To register, go to www.lozano-smith.com and click on Events.

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Tulare County's John Werner will complete term as president of California Council of Adult Education - Central Section this year



Werner

The California Council of Adult Education (CCAIE), Central Section will be electing a new board this spring. Tulare Charter's John Werner, Executive Director of Sequoias Adult Education Consortium, is currently the president. The next president will

be Dr. Jose Reyes from Central Learning/Alternative School Site (C.L.A.S.S.). Dr. Reyes is the current President-Elect. The remaining board positions will open. Those include President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Leg Chair, Member Elect and Membership Chair. All are two-year terms. The Central Section is composed of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne counties. Anyone interested in filling one of these positions should contact Werner directly at 559.967.5342 or sequoiasadulthooddirect@gmail.com. Werner also serves as the ACSA Region XI rep on the ACSA Adult Education Council. Take a few moments to get to know more about this dedicated individual, how he serves the adult ed community, and how his membership in ACSA has helped him accomplish his goals.

Tell us about the career path that lead you to your present position as Executive Director of the Sequoias Adult Education Consortium.

I have worked in education for about 17 years now. I started as a high school English teacher in 2000 or 1999 — I honestly can't remember the exact year. I joined Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) in 2009 as an assistant principal. In 2013 I became an assistant principal at Visalia Adult School (VAS), a position I held for two

years. I became principal at VAS in the summer of 2015 and then the executive director of Sequoias Adult Education Consortium (SAEC) in January of 2016. The last transition was a difficult decision as I had just become the principal at VAS and love the school. The students and staff are incredible. However, I had also been deeply involved with the building of our regional adult ed consortium and felt deeply about continuing in a leadership role in its establishment for the region. Ultimately, I knew I would still be serving the adult ed cause and made the move. I am still employed through VUSD, but serve the SAEC board which consists of 11 district members represented by their superintendents.

As you prepare to end your term as president of CCAIE, Central Section, explain the council's mission and your proudest accomplishments during your tenure.

The mission of CCAIE is to take a leadership role in promoting adult education, providing professional development, and effecting change to best serve the needs and interests of adult education, the CCAIE membership and the people of California. Our greatest accomplishment in the Central Section has been the continued advocacy for quality adult education programs in our 10-county area. We advocate to local and state leadership and have maintained a unified voice in that advocacy. We have also increased membership and participation throughout the Central Section. This year we are hosting the CCAIE State Conference in May. That's a big deal.

How has your ACSA membership helped you to accomplish your goals?

You know the first time I ever heard about ACSA was a long time ago in an admin masters class, and I thought, "Meh, not for me." Then my district facilitated membership for me. That started my journey. The two greatest things ACSA membership has provided to help me accomplish my

goals is professional development and networking. ACSA has helped me become a better educator, advocate, and leader. I firmly believe that my improvement as a school leader started with my ACSA membership. Soon I was attending ACSA conferences, then an ACSA academy. I started meeting more and more great leaders through ACSA. I observed them and I counseled with them. I learned from them. Then I got involved as a representative on a council and my sphere of influence magnified further. ACSA has really helped me grow and I am better at what I do because of my involvement with ACSA. I cannot stress that enough. ACSA helps you become a better educational leader and our students need that. Our communities need that and our state needs that. Every school administrator should join. No question.

What is the most rewarding part of the work you do?

Watching students succeed.

What is the best advice you have given to others?

Each day is an opportunity. Be ready for it.

Tell us about your family and what you enjoy doing in your free time.

I really cherish time with my family. My wife, Cindy, and I will have been married for 12 years come this June 3rd. Our oldest is Laine and he will be 11 in April. Caitlin just turned 9. Braiden will be 6 in February. We live in the country and farm just over a hundred acres. We grow olives, figs, peaches, and some seasonal field crops. My kids have goats, pigs, chickens, dogs, and one stray cat that adopted us. The kids are very involved with 4-H. We all enjoy shooting sports. We also like spending time at the lake. My wife's family is Portuguese, and we spend a lot of time participating in traditional events. I also really enjoy building things.

Are you a
Leadership
Delegate?

When all delegates for your Charter attend the Leadership Assembly, your Charter benefits in the form of a cash reward. But, more important, are the benefits for you personally. Exciting and informative things happen at Leadership Assemblies, along with networking opportunities. Make plans now to attend the remaining Leadership Assemblies, 8 a.m., at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield — February 1 and April 5.



Comments from your Executive Director

As I write this article, I am thinking about the leadership and support David Itzenhauser provided Region XI ACSA for twenty-two years as Executive

Director. David passed away in November. He worked behind the scenes insuring that the bylaws were followed, the region was financial stable, and all members were well served by the association. David worked closely with the leaders of the region, supporting each president's leadership style and focus for the year. He was only a phone call away with region leaders and members needed support or had a question. When I visited with his wife after his passing, she talked about how much David loved ACSA and his work with this members. She said he loved the travel and going to the meetings. My

hope is that I can live up to the legacy of David Itzenhauser and serve all of your at the level he did.

One of the focuses for the region and charters this year is developing important working relationships with those that represent us in the State Legislature and Congress. We need to hear from those that are running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) and Governor. Marshall Tuck, SPI candidate, who has received ACSA's endorsement, will speak at the Region Leadership Assembly in April and has already spoken to Kings Charter. Andy Vidak will speak at the Kings Charter meeting in February. Delaine Easton, candidate for governor, will speak at the March Region Board Meeting. Jim Patterson, Devon Mathis, and Jean Fuller have already spoken

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Tulare Charter hosts Supervisor Steve Worthley

Steve Worthley was the guest speaker at Tulare Charter's



Worthley

January meeting, held at Apple Annie's in Tulare. Worthley (District 4) is the

Chairman of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. He spoke about issues concerning Tulare County, then answers questions put to him by those in attendance. His visit is part of an ongoing effort by Region XI ACSA to connect with our elected officials.

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At right, Assemblyman Devin Mathis with Dr. Craig Wheaton, Region XI Vice President of Legislative Action.

Mathis visits Region XI, Tulare Charter meetings

Assemblyman Devin Mathis visited the November Region XI meeting and the October meeting of Tulare Charter. Region XI Vice President of Legislative Action welcomed the assemblyman to the Region XI meeting. Mathis shared highlights of what's going on at the state capital, followed by a question and answer session. Subjects addressed included rural versus urban needs, the three-year tenure proposal, and the teacher shortage. Wheaton said, "When we talk about grassroots advocacy, Devon Mathis' visit here today is what we're talking about."



Left to right: Region XI President Dr. Donya Wheeler, Dr. Craig Wheaton and Assemblyman Devin Mathis.

Itzenhauser

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tors in the Porterville Unified School District. Dave gave incredible leadership while serving as Consultant and Executive Director for Region XI ACSA. He was a mentor to scores of administrators who served in various leadership roles within the Region."

He was always well-prepared and highly organized. He certainly displayed a very deep passion for Region XI ACSA," Schlagel said. "He never missed a meeting! We traveled together thousands of miles attending various state, regional, and the five local charters' business meetings, conferences, and other events.

Region XI recognized Itzenhauser and Schlagel several years ago by giving an annual life membership in ACSA, to a retiring administrator in Region XI. The Itzenhauser-Schlagel

- **David was an iconic leader ...**
- **his impact will continue to**
- **resonate within this region.**

— Tom Addington
Superintendent

Central Union School District

ACSA Superintendency Council Representative

- **David had a huge influence on**
- **our region. He was a member**
- **of ACSA the very first year it was formed. He was definitely a man of integrity and will be greatly missed.**

— Terri Rufert
Superintendent

Sundale Union Elementary School District

ACSA State Vice President of Legislative Action

his church, Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Porterville. He served as Sunday School Superintendent, delegate for many annual conferences and local church committees. He served on the Porterville Unified School District Board of Trustees for 18 years.

He was well-respected and had a number of very close friends as he served in a number of leadership roles.

Former Region XI President (1995-1996) John Bogie said. "I first met David in the last eighties when he was president of

Award is presented at the Region's Annual Awards Luncheon, held each spring.

Itzenhauser was extremely active in a vast array of organizations, including Porterville Chamber of Commerce, Porterville Exchange Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and



Left to right: Richard "Dick" Schlagel, Don Simon, David Itzenhauser and Bob Line, all former Region XI Presidents, taken at an ACSA conference.

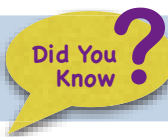
Region XI, and had the privilege of working with him when I served as a region and state officer/employee. As I reflect on my multitude of memories, there are several that always come to the forefront. David was ALWAYS ON TIME, regardless of where or when the meeting took place. He ALWAYS WAS PREPARED and ALWAYS CARRIED A BRIEF CASE ... THE CANDY AT STATE MEETING AND THE DRAW PRIZES AT OUR REGION ACTIVITIES — TOILET PAPER (upgraded from two to four ply to appease the members, after reflection/discussion. Truly a man for all seasons and situations.

Dr. Carolyn Kehrli, retired Superintendent of the Cutler-Orosi School District and a former Region XI President, said, "When I was involved in the Tulare Charter as a director and then as an officer, I never realized how important David Itzenhauser was to the charter and Region XI - until I became President of the Tulare Charter. He was so supportive, calling me frequently and making sure I understood the finances and by-laws of the charter. This support from him became even more important when I served as Region XI President. David was the backbone of my service, and for that I am forever grateful."

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Maxine, his son, John and wife, Selina, and grandchildren, Jonathan, Julie, Nicholas and Vincent, of Monterey; and his daughter Diane, of Los Osos.

A memorial service was held at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Porterville on Monday, Nov. 27. Six former Region XI presidents attended the service. They included Tom Addington, Dr. John Bogie, Dr. Carolyn Kehrli, Terri Rufert, Dick Schlagel and Dr. Craig Wheaton.

As you read through this newsletter, keep an eye out for this icon. It is meant to point out benefits you receive as a result of your ACSA membership — professional development, networking, leadership opportunities, and more.





Next State Leadership Assembly in two weeks

The State Leadership Assembly will be held on February 15 in Garden Grove. Highlights of the Assembly include:

- Revisit and approve the second reading of the revisions to ACSA Bylaws related to the Governance Task Force recommendation in relation to the Board of Directors and Officers
- Ratification of the 2018 One Voice for Students legislative platform
- Introduction of Vice President candidates and their presentations
- Equity presentation by Tovi Scruggs, *Mindfulness as an Equity Tool*
- Next steps in creating ASCA's Strategic Plan (regions will be facilitating feedback from members)
- Update from the Leadership Development Committee
- Update on Superintendent of Public Instruction Endorsement
- Governor's budget and legislative update
- Update on Legislative Action Day activities - April 15-16

Prior to the Leadership Assembly, region representatives will be preparing for the meeting by gathering input regarding the draft of the ACSA values statement, and organizational alignment and accountability.

On January 27, the announcement of ACSA's endorsement of Marshall Tuck for Superintendent of Public Instruction was sent out to all members. Prior to the endorsement, the candidates attended ACSA meetings at local and statewide events. A committee of the Board of Directors then began the vetting process by reviewing the candidates' responses to an extensive questionnaire, conducting in-person interviews and then discussing their impressions and recommendations with the 28-member board. ACSA President, Lisa Gonzales, summarized the board's endorsement by stating, "Tuck's vision for California Schools is consistent with ACSA's commitment to putting the interests of students above all. Every one of his guiding principles maintains the objective of prioritizing California students."

Dr. Blanca Cavazos

State Director, ACSA Region XI

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Superintendent of Public
Instruction endorsement

On January 17, 2018, ACSA announced its endorsement of Marshall Tuck in the 2018 statewide election for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction. ACSA President Lisa Gonzales said, "Tuck's vision for California schools is consistent with ACSA's commitment to putting the interests of students above all." Tuck went through an extensive process to gain this endorsement which included several meetings, as well as a formal interview. Tuck has committed to meeting with our Region in the near future!

Grassroots Advocacy

Policy change starts at home. The Grassroots

Advocate!
Legislative
Action Update

Advocacy effort is alive and strong in Region XI. Continue your efforts to make contact with your local legislators as we prepare for our annual Legislative Action Day. I believe our local efforts will make our visit to Sacramento much more productive.

Legislative Action Day

It is time to make your plans to attend Legislative Action Day. It will be held May 16-18 in Sacramento. Contact your Charter President if you are interested in attending.

Craig Wheaton
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Region XI Legislator Visits

Region XI and its charters are making great strides toward achieving their goal of increasing involvement with state and local legislators.

AUGUST

Kings Charter
Marshall Tuck
Superintendent of
Public Instruction Candidate

Inyo/Mono Charter
Delaine Eastin
Gubernatorial Candidate

SEPTEMBER

Kings Charter
Tony Thurmond
Superintendent of
Public Instruction Candidate

OCTOBER

Tulare Charter
Devon Mathis
State Assemblyman (26)

NOVEMBER

Region XI
Devon Mathis
State Assemblyman (District 26)
Tulare Charter
Jim Patterson
State Assemblyman (District 23)

DECEMBER

West Kern Charter
and Region XI
Jean Fuller
Senator (District 16)

JANUARY

Tulare Charter
Steve Worthley
Chairman, Tulare County Board
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Region XI Calendar

FEBRUARY 2018

1 7:00 AM
West Kern Charter Board Meeting
Hodel's Country Dining, Bakersfield

1 8:00 AM
Region 11 Leadership Assembly
Hodel's Country Dining, Bakersfield

2 7:00 AM
Kings Charter Board Meeting
Brandman University, Hanford

14 and 15 2-DAY EVENT
State Leadership Assembly
DoubleTree Hotel, Oxnard

15 4:00 PM
West Kern Social/Mixer
La Cabana Restaurant, Bakersfield

16 7:00 AM
Tulare Charter Board Meeting
Apple Annie's, Tulare

27 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Tulare Charter Annual Conference
Apple Annie's, Tulare

28 6:30 PM
Wes Smith Reception
TBD

MARCH 2018

1 7:00 AM
West Kern Charter Board Meeting
Hodel's Country Dining, Bakersfield

1 8:00 AM
Region XI Board Meeting
Hodel's Country Dining, Bakersfield

2 7:00 AM
Kings Charter Board Meeting
Brandman University, Hanford

9 7:00 AM
Tulare Charter Board Meeting
Apple Annie's, Tulare

16 3-DAY EVENT
17 Mid-State Conference
18 San Luis Obispo

Want to get more involved in ACSA?

ACSA's effectiveness in shaping education policy at both the state and federal level lies in its grassroots strength. To that end, ACSA is structured with issue-focused committees and job-alike councils made up of education leaders. The following committee/councils will have open positions next year:

- Business Services Council
- Human Resources Council
- Member Services Council
- Retirement Committee

Applications will be available in the spring. Go to <https://www.acsa.org/About-Us> to view descriptions of each of council/committee and contact information if you would like to learn more.

Did You Know?

Special Guest Speakers

WES SMITH
*State ACSA
Executive Director*



DELAINE EASTIN
*Candidate for
Governor*



Coming in April ...

Marshall Tuck

*Candidate for State Superintendent
of Public Instruction*

Tonini

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at charter and region meetings and more opportunities are being planned to hear from our representatives and candidates. Our hope is that the relationships we establish will result in increasing our influence when bills are written regarding educational issues and votes on such issues are taken. Asking our representatives to visit schools and school districts are also being considered. Let your charter president know if you would be interested in having your school or school district visited or would like to represent your charter at Legislative Action Day, April 15 and 16, in Sacramento.

Get connected to your association. If you haven't already, put the ACSA app on your phone. That way you can quickly and easily access resources and upcoming events. Let us know if you want us to continue mailing the region newsletter. Plan to attend the Mid-State Conference in San Luis Obispo. Consider attending an ACSA Leadership Academy. Get to know other administrators in the region by attending social/networking events. Give me a call or text me if you need support or need information/resources to support your work.

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ACSA's Leadership Summit is California's premiere professional development event

ACSA President Lisa Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Dublin USD, was pleased to welcome attendees of the 2017 Leadership Summit to her hometown, San Jose. The event, "Leading Beyond Limits," was held Thursday, Nov. 2 through Saturday, Nov. 4, and featured a unique mix of workshops, speakers, hands-on activities and events.

Region XI's own Kevin Silberberg, Superintendent, Panama-Buena Vista UESD, and Kevin Tallon, Principal, Wasco High, were on the Summit planning committee, with Silberberg serving as co-chair.

Early arrivals were treated to an evening of networking and entertainment at the Kick-Off Reception at San Pedro Square Market, just a few blocks from the conference hotels, on Wednesday evening.

Gonzales opened the First General Session on Thursday morning by asking all those impacted by the fires, floods, and Las Vegas mass shooting, which had just happened a month before, to stand in order to recognize them for their extraordinary service. She said, "Every one of you had a leadership experience that the rest of us haven't experienced." She explained that this is a pivotal year for ACSA, as they will endorse candidates for Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction, do LGBTQ work in Orange County, start charter school task force, and embark on a brand new strategic plan.

Gonzales introduced Keynote Speaker Margaret Wheatley. For more than 40 years, Wheatley has worked globally in many different roles, as a speaker, teacher, consultant, advisor, formal leader. From the deep and varied experiences, she has developed an unshakable conviction that leaders must learn how to evoke people's inherent generosity, creativity, and need for



Wheatley

As the world tears us apart, sane leadership on behalf of the human spirit is the only way forward.

community. She is author of nine books, from the classic "Leadership and the New Science" in 1992 to her newest book "Who Do We Choose To Be? Facing Reality, Claiming Leadership, Restoring Sanity," June 2017. She continues to be honored for her groundbreaking work by many professional associations, universities and organizations.

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Top: Left to right, David Bowling, Kelly Richers, Unidentified, and Brad Maberry. Center: Left to right, Blanca Cavazos, Unidentified, and Kevin Silberberg. Bottom: Left to right, Matt Diggle, Regina Green, Unidentified, Sharon Heitman, and Rebecca Rocha.



John Werner, left, and Steve Johnson and Brad Grumbles, right, represented Region XI as breakout session presenters at the Leadership Summit.



West Kern Charter Mixer set for Feb. 15

Join West Kern Charter from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 at La Cabana Restaurant, 5725 White Lane in Bakersfield, for their Mixer and “Appy” Hour. The featured presentation, “Fostering Anytime, Anywhere Professional Learning with Social Media and G Suite” will be presented by Stephen Johnson, Panama-Buena Vista Union School District Ed Tech Specialist and Curriculum Coordinator. Appetizers and beverages will be provided, with a no-host bar available. Come network and learn more about the benefits of ACSA membership ... and bring a friend!



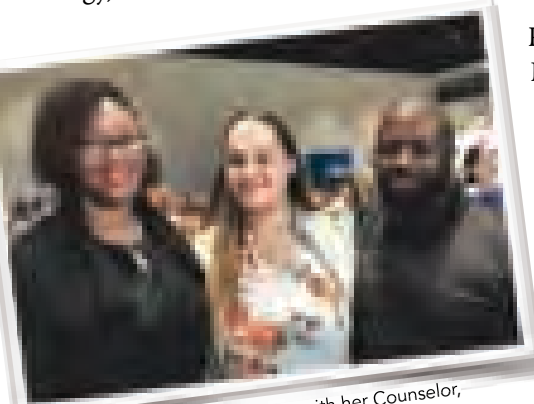
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Wrapped around the featured events of the Summit were many excellent breakout sessions, opportunities to participate in mock interviews for various administrative positions, and a chance to visit vendors/exhibitors and the book store in the exhibit hall. For those in need of some down time during the Summit, the Membership Lounge provided a place where attendees could sit a while, network with other attendees, listen to music or participate in one of the many activities offered.

Region XI members served as breakout session presenters:

- **Career Pathways in AEBG:** John Werner, Executive Director of the Sequoias Adult Education Consortium
- **Bringing Coherence to Future Ready Planning:** Steve Johnson, Curriculum Specialist, and Brad Grumbles, Coordinator Assessment/Curriculum and Instructional Technology, Panama-Buena Vista USD



Nathalie Uribe, center, with her Counselor, Nicole Williford, and Coach, Samuel Sherman.

Region XI's Nathalie Uribe, California City High School, was one of 21 students recognized during the Every Student Succeeding Luncheon on Thursday. ACSA's Every Student Succeeding Recognition Program honors students who succeed expectations and the educators who support them along the way. Uribe's counselor, Nicole Williford,

and coach, Samuel Sherman, traveled with her to the event. She describes the experience like this, “As I received the Every Student Succeeding Award I couldn't help but feel all types of emotions, as it was an honor accepting the award. In the back of my mind I was thinking, ‘I really am here ... this is really happening.’ It felt so surreal standing behind the curtains watching everyone in front of me go, one by one accepting their award. To stand back and watch the beauty in their struggle made me driven to do the things I want in life. You only get to where you want to be or get through things if you set your mind to it and that's exactly what I did. No matter the difficulties I experienced I found the good in the bad. If it weren't for those hardships I wouldn't have been on that stage accepting the Every Student Succeeding Award. It was a great feeling and I and just thankful for the people that recommended me for this award; it was truly an honor and great experience. It was an overall great feeling that I've had ever experienced.”

Thursday evening, it was standing room only as Region XI hosted a reception in support of Craig Wheaton's candidacy for State ACSA Vice President. Massive thanks to Region XI Executive Director David Tonini and his wife Ann for hosting.

Trinese Robinson was the guest speaker at the Womens' Leadership Breakfast on Thursday morning. Her story is a tale of how gun violence



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At right, Michael Hulsizer, Chief Deputy for Governmental Affairs, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, with East Kern Charter President Bonny Porter and Mike Yancey.

Legislative analyst speaks at East Kern Charter meeting

Michael Hulsizer, Chief Deputy for Governmental Affairs with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, spoke at East Charter's November meeting on Monday, Nov. 27 in Mojave. He shared information and thoughts regarding what's happening legislatively in education at the state level, then opened up the floor to an excellent question and answer period.

Jim Patterson is guest speaker at Tulare Charter

Assemblyman Jim Patterson, representing District 23, was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Tulare Charter, held at Apple Annie's in Tulare.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to hear about what is going on in the state capitol and to discuss issues of importance to them.



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affected her life, with the murders of her husband and grandmother, as well as being a five-time cancer survivor. She shared stories dark stories of her life and how that dark tunnel, at the end of her life is shining bright with hope.

Linda Kaminski, ACSA Vice President and Superintendent with Azusa USD, opened the Second General Session on Friday morning. She talked about the development of the new ACSA Vision Statement. She said, "Our vocation is to open doors to the future. Leaders change children's lives for the better ... our expectations for students must be higher because the expectations of the future will be higher."

Keynote Speaker Michael Bonner said that school climate can become toxic and suffocate the life out of teachers. In his



Bonner

It begins with teachers' decisions to change classrooms into an engaging learning environment.

from working within a Title 1 school — 100% free and reduced lunch — to understanding the value of not discarding ideas.

On Friday evening, distinguished award winners were announced and applauded during the Association Awards Presentation. Three Region XI administrators were honored:

- **Superintendent/Principal of the Year:** Jeremy Powell, Superintendent/Principal, Sequoia Union School District. Powell said, "I am humbled and honored to be the recipient of this prestigious award. I have been blessed to be mentored, both professionally and personally, by the amazing leaders in my Tulare Charter and Region XI ACSA family every step of the way."
- **Retired Administrator of the Year:** Gary Bray, Management Consultant, Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

- **I am overwhelmed and extremely honored to be recognized in the same category as such an amazing man as Marcus Foster.**

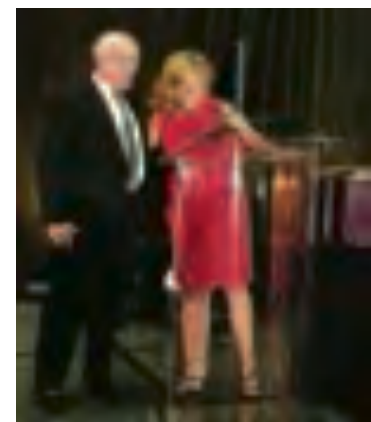
— Terri Rufert

Award is a particularly prestigious award. It recognizes

entertaining upbeat presentation, he told the group how he utilized the power of self-reflection to evaluate his qualities as a teacher, navigate negative criticism and stereotypes



Lisa Gonzales presents Administrator of the Year Awards to Jeremy Powell, Superintendent/Principal of the Year, left, and Gary Bray, Retired Administrator, right.



outstanding leadership and significant contributions to education by a school administrator. It was established to honor the memory of Marcus Foster, the highly respected first African American superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District. Foster was murdered at the age of 50 in 1973 by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army as a political statement against police on campus and student identification cards. The Marcus Foster Award honors educators who model the vision of Marcus Foster. Recipients receive a \$5,000 grant for a designed high school senior or seniors.

The awards presentation was capped off by the President's Dinner Dance, an elegant dinner and dancing to the lively music of Groove Nugget.

Running ... and walking enthusiasts were up early Saturday morning for the Summit Fun Run/Walk through downtown San Jose, benefiting the Every Student Succeeding Program.

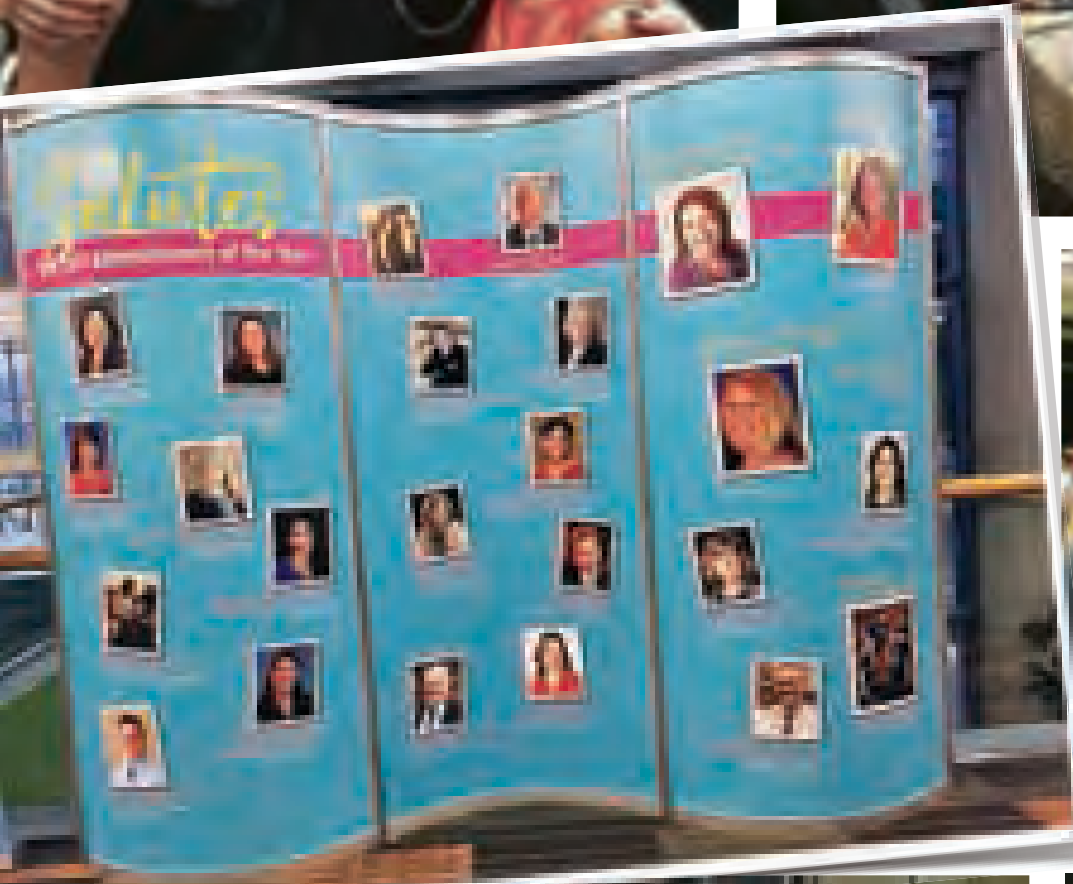
Holly Edds, ACSA President-Elect, closed the Summit on with the Third General Session and Keynote Speaker José Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, filmmaker,



Vargas

At this moment of confusion and crisis, this question of allyship is important. What are you doing?"

and media entrepreneur. He is the founder and CEO of Define American, the nation's leading non-profit media advocacy organization that uses storytelling to humanize the conversation around immigration, citizenship, and identity in a changing America. He also founded #EmergingUS, a production company that focuses on race, immigration, and the emerging American identity. As a creator and curator of stories, he produces the annual Define American Film Festival, a traveling event that showcases content and conversations focused on America's changing demographics.



Top left: Terri Rufert with ACSA President Lisa Gonzales' daughters, who helped their mother present Rufert with the Marcus Foster Memorial Award. Top right: The Region XI table at the Association. Awards Presentation and President's Dinner Dance. Far left: A banner in the lobby depicting all the Administrator of the Year Award winners. Left: Jeremy Powell, winner of the Superintendent/Principal of the Year Award, and his wife. Bottom left: Gary Bray, winner of the Retired Administrator of the Year Award, and his family. Bottom right: Terri Rufert, winner of the Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence, and her family.





State Senator Jean Fuller addresses the West Kern Charter on Thursday, Dec. 7.

State Senator Jean Fuller stopped by West Kern Charter, Region XI meetings

State Senator Jean Fuller began her presentations at the West Kern Charter and Region XI meetings on Thursday, Dec. 7 at Hodel's in Bakersfield with a walk down memory lane. She said that she had worked with several people in the room during her years as an educator. She shared her opinions about various legislative issues of interest to those in attendance, including CalSTRS, charter schools and pensions. She said that who the next governor is will make a difference as to the direction that will be taken in regards to education.



Left to right: Dr. Craig Wheaton, State Senator Jean Fuller and Terri Rufert.

Tulare Charter Retired Administrators hear from former State ACSA President Bob Lee



Former State ACSA President Bob Lee was the guest speaker at the November breakfast meeting of the Tulare Charter Retired Administrators. Lee shared stories of his experiences over the years as a member of ACSA, what's going on at the state level, and the value of continuing membership after retirement. He said the experience brought by a retired administrator enables one to mentor and provide calmness to the life of new administrators. He said, "We need your voice, your stories, it's really about your role as a leader." Miguel Granillo, Dave Francis and Gary Ingraham were winners of a drawing for gift cards to Apple Annie's

Tulare Charter Retired Administrators listen as former State ACSA President Bob Lee explains the value of continuing membership after retirement.

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With ACSA's recent endorsement of Marshall Tuck for SPI, it is exciting to welcome his visit to our leadership assembly on April 5. Tuck has been involved in public education for 15 years and highlights the following work if elected: *"Champion every child's right to free, safe, and high-quality public schools, ensure an effective teacher in every classroom, and a strong principal in every school, do more to help students who need help the most, empower teachers, principals, and parents to make more school decisions, fully fund our schools with strict transparency and accountability for every tax dollar and give every child class work that prepares them for the 21st Century economy and inspires them to pursue their dreams."*

Goal 2:

We will increase support from top administrators to build meaningful involvement for members and districts.

In addition to providing a variety of academies to our Region XI members, charters are also providing conference and social and networking opportunities for administrators to collaborate and discuss local challenges and potential solutions. Our region believes in the power of building and sustaining these professional relationships, therefore helps to fund high-quality event to increase involvement. Kings Charter hosted their Winter Social on January 22. West Kern Charter will be holding a social/mixer on Feb. 15. Tulare Charter's Annual Conference, featuring Dr. Timothy Kanold, mathematics educator and author, will be held February 27 at the Visalia Marriott.

Region XI continues to partner with Regions 9, 10 and 13 to host the 3rd Annual Mid-State Conference, "Leading from the Inside Out," March 16-18 in San Luis Obispo. Keynote speakers include Dr. Terry Deal, "Leading with the Soul," and Dr. Trudy Arriaga, "Equity and Diversity in our Schools." A pre-conference will be offered on Friday, featuring Kelly Rizzi, presenting information about trauma-informed practices.

Goal 3:

We will increase accessibility of information and visibility of ACSA brand to all members.

This newsletter has been a huge advancement for our region to meet this goal. Information presented is accurate, timely, and highlights the various events happening throughout the five charters. We made the decision this year to mail hard copy newsletters to our members, instead of only offering it digitally. The feedback received has been positive as people appreciate having the newsletter easily accessible when they wish, in this format. In addition to continued social media use via Facebook and Twitter, information is also available through the ACSA mobile app, powered by Blackboard, which is easily downloadable to most devices. By clicking on Region Resources, you can find Region XI information about legislative action, charter events, awards and administrator recognition, our region calendar, and more.

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