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Region 18 President's Message



Joy Ceasar
Director

Learning, Instruction & Accountability
El Centro Elementary School District

I hope this message finds you relaxed, rejuvenated, and ready for another school year. I am proud and honored to be serving as your Region 18 President for San Diego and Imperial Counties for the next two years.

I have been an ACSA member for 20 years and have been active in my local Imperial County Charter Board and our Region 18 Leadership and Cabinet. ACSA has provided me with so many great opportunities that have enhanced my career, supporting me as I have worked as an administrator at the site, district, and county levels. Have you been wondering how you can take that next step to become more involved in ACSA?

Here is my top five list of the best ways to get more involved with your ACSA membership.

Number 5: Join ACSA's Social Media Platforms and Check Out the ACSA Website

All of the ACSA happenings and information is available on social media and the State ACSA website and app.

- Facebook: ACSARegion18, Association of California School Administrators
- Twitter: @ACSARegion18, @ACSA_info
- Instagram: ACSA_info

Number 4: Watch ACSA's Weekly Legislative Lunch Break

One of the most important benefits of being an ACSA member is that you know you can concentrate on your day job because there are talented and skilled ACSA Government Relations staff members working to make sure you are supported at the State Capitol. You can keep up to date on all legislative goings on by watching the weekly updates by ACSA staff live on most Wednesdays at 1pm on YouTube or Facebook. Don't have time for lunch? You can watch later on YouTube and FB, as all episodes are recorded.

- YouTube: ACSA - Association of California School Administrators
- Facebook: Association of California School Administrators

Number 3: Attend the ACSA Leadership Summit

The Annual ACSA Leadership Summit changes location from Northern California and Southern California every other year. This year it is in SAN DIEGO on November 3-5, 2022! Take advantage of an outstanding professional growth opportunity with sessions led by your administrator colleagues from across the state. Registration is open now.

- ACSA.org for more information

Number 2: Participate in an ACSA Academy

New to your position or ready for your next administrative position? Did you know ACSA provides a full range of academies in 10 leadership specializations for school administrators, confidential employees, and classified management? These multiple day training opportunities allow you to learn alongside your colleagues from across the state. There are also summer academy opportunities for principals and new and aspiring administrators. It was my attendance at a Summer Academy in 2002 that gave me the confidence to apply for my first administrative position. I highly recommended this investment in your career!

- www.acsa.org/academies

Number 1: Get Involved with your Local Charter

Each ACSA Region is made up of local Charters. Charters are a great place to start to get more involved in ACSA. Charters allow regular opportunities to network and interact with the ACSA members that work in districts near you and provide leadership positions on the Charter Board. Check out the charters in our region and the districts represented in each charter:

- **Southwest Charter:** Chula Vista ESD, Coronado USD, National SD, San Ysidro SD, Southbay Union SD, Sweetwater UHSD (81 Members)
- **East County School Leadership Charter:** Alpine UESD, Cajon Valley UESD, Dehesa ESD, Grossmont UHSD, Jamul-Dulzura UESD, Lakeside UESD, La Mesa Spring Valley ESD, Lemon Grove ESD, Mountain Empire USD, Santee ESD, Helix Charter High School (80 Members)
- **San Diego City Charter:** San Diego USD (59 members)
- **Imperial County Charter:** Imperial COE, Brawley ESD, Brawley UHSD, Calexico USD, Calipatria USD, Central UHSD, El Centro ESD, Heber ESD, Holtville USD, Imperial USD, McCabe UESD, Meadows UESD, Mulberry ESD, San Pasqual Valley USD, Seeley UESD, Westmorland UESD, Imperial Valley ROP (177 Members)
- **Palomar Charter:** Borrego Springs USD, Escondido UESD, Escondido UHSD, Julian UESD, Julian UHSD, RamonaCity USD, San Pasqual UESD, Warner USD, Valley Center-Pauma USD, (54 Members)
- **Association of Poway School Managers Charter:** Poway USD (35 Members)
- **San Diego County Department of Ed Charter Group (COMET):** San Diego COE (22 Members)
- **Greater San Dieguito Charter:** Cardiff ESD, Del Mar UESD, Encinitas UESD, San Dieguito UHSD, Solana Beach ESD, Carlsbad USD (102 Members)
- **Retired Administrators Charter:** ACSAR 18 (80 Members)
- **North County School Managers Charter:** Fallbrook UESD, Fallbrook UHSD, Vallecitos ESD, Vista USD, Oceanside USD, San Marcos USD, Bonsall USD, Guajome-Park Academy, SIATech, Inc. (106 Members)
- **Student/Associate Charter:** (26 Members)

For more information or how to contact your local charter, please email our Region Service Director of Membership, Gretchen Murphy at gretchen.murphy@santeesd.net or ACSA Member Services Representative, Deborah Burke at dburke@acsa.org

I look forward to working with our ACSA Region 18 Cabinet and Leadership Forum to support all of you as you support our students in the next school year. Together we are ACSA and ACSA puts students first.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about ACSA!

Sincerely,

jceasar@ecsd.org

2022-2023 Region 18 Leadership

Cabinet Members

President - Joy Ceasar, El Centro Elementary School District
 President Elect - Lucio Padilla Jr., McCabe Union Elementary SD
 Immediate Past President - Juan Cruz, Heber Elementary School District
 Vice President for Committees/Programs - Rauna Fox, Brawley ESD
 Vice President for Legislative Action - Ben Churchill, Carlsbad Unified SD
 Service Director for Communications - Jeanette Montano, Imperial COE
 Service Director for Membership - Gretchen Murphy Boykin, Santee SD
 Service Director for Ways & Means - Alex Nguyen, San Diego USD
 President Appointed At-Large Member - Marco Arellano, El Centro ESD
 President Appointed At-Large Member - Joan Faus, Vista Unified SD
 President Appointed At-Large Member - Jennifer Carbuccia, SUHSD
 ACSA State Board Rep - Tracy Thompson, San Diego COE
 Past ACSA State Board Rep - Pat Crowder, San Diego Unified, Retired
 Past ACSA State Board Rep - Jon LeDoux, El Centro Elem SD
 Past ACSA State Board Rep - Joe Austin, Poway Unified SD
 State ACSA Membership - Deborah Burke, Retired
 Region 18 Lead Ambassador - Mary Lawlor, Retired
 State Officer/State Vice President - Legislative Action, Gina Potter, SYSD
 State ACSA Board Member At Large - Julie Vitale, Oceanside USD
 State Appointed Large School Districts Liaison - Lamont Jackson, SDUSD

Charter Presidents

Region-18 Retired - Gayle Olson, Retired from Vista Unified SD
 Greater San Dieguito - Ben Churchill, Carlsbad Unified SD
 East County School Leadership - Patrick Keeley, Mtn Empire USD
 Imperial County - Richard Cordero, Westmorland Union ESD
 North County School Managers - Joan Faus, Vista Unified SD
 Palomar - Luis Ibarra, Escondido Union School District
 Poway - Colin Young, Poway Unified School District
 San Diego City (AASD)- Donis Coronel, Executive Director
 San Diego City (AASD)- Jolie Pickett, San Diego Unified SD
 San Diego County Office - Alicia Gallegos Butters, San Diego COE
 Southwest - Gabriela Llamas, Chula Vista Elementary SD

Council Rep

Adult Education - Stacey Adame, Escondido Union HSD
 Business Services - Lisa Davis, Lakeside Union School District
 Career Technical Education - Joe Austin, Poway Unified SD
 Classified Educational Leaders - Antonio Romayor, Jr., Imperial COE
 Curr., Inst. & Accountability - Linda D. Morse, El Centro SD
 Educational Options - Gary Brannon, Mountain Empire Unified SD
 Elementary Education - Rauna Fox, Brawley Elementary SD
 Human Resources - Bobbi Burkett, San Diego County Office of Ed.
 Middle Grades Education - Rose Flowers, Carlsbad Unified SD
 Secondary Education - Bonnie Munguia, Brawley Union HSD
 Student Services & Special Ed.- Joseph Prosapio, Chula Vista ESD
 Superintendency - Candace Singh, Fallbrook Union Elementary SD

Committee Rep

ACSA/CAPEA - Vernon Moore, Sweetwater Union HSD
 Co-Administration - Julie Steitz, Carlsbad Unified SD
 Early Education Committee - Claudia Montano, Imperial County OE
 Equity, Achievement & Diversity - Gabriela Llamas, Chula Vista Elem SD
 Legislative Policy - Jon LeDoux, El Centro Elementary School District
 Leadership Development Committee - Jay Marquand, Sweetwater UHSD
 Member Services - Gretchen Murphy Boykin, Santee School District
 Retirement - Sandy Clifton, Retired & Past State ACSA President
 Region 18 Superintendents' - Karl Mueller, Coronado Unified SD
 Region 18 Superintendents' Vice Chair - Ben Churchill, Carlsbad USD
 Small School District - Richard Cordero, Westmorland Union Elem SD
 Urban Education Committee - Jennifer Burks, Poway USD

Region 18 Staff

Tom Teagle, Executive Director/Consultant
 Stephanie Napier, Administrative Assistant
 Claudia Harper, Financial Secretary

Calendar of Events

September 21-23, 2022
 Women in School Leadership, San Diego

September 26-28, 2022
 Personnel Institute, Sacramento

October 5, 2022
 Region 18 Leadership Forum Meeting
 Leadership Training Meeting: Mark Ecker Presenting
 San Diego

October 13, 2022
 State Leadership Assembly, Burbank

November 3-5, 2022
 Leadership Summit, San Diego

January 11-13, 2023
 Every Child Counts Symposium, Palm Desert

January 18-20, 2023
 Negotiators' Symposium, San Diego

January 25-27, 2023
 Superintendents' Symposium, Monterey

January 2023
 Past Presidents Meeting, ZOOM

February 8, 2023
 Region 18 Leadership Forum, ZOOM

February 16, 2023
 State Leadership Assembly, Virtual

February 2023
 Classified Educational Leaders Institute, TBD

March, 2023
 March Madness Membership Event, TBD

April 17-18, 2023
 Legislative Action Days, Sacramento

May 3, 2023
 Region 18 Leadership Forum, Imperial County

May 11, 2023
 State Leadership Assembly, TBD

May 27, 2023
 "Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner
 Sheraton, Harbor Island

May 2023
 Imperial County Annual Awards

20th Annual "Honoring Our Own" Awards

May 7, 2022 was not only the 20th Annual "Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner, it was the first "in-person" event since 2019! Over 400 educators including school board members, friends, family and sponsors attended the awards dinner held at the Sheraton San Diego Resort & Marina.

Congratulations to the 28 awardees who received recognition for excellence in their field! Our sponsors played a major role in the success of the event. Thank you for continuing to support our awards dinner!

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National Electrical Contractors Association
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Phase II Systems dba PARS
Thrively

Student Entertainment

Vista Unified High School District
Vista Cats Dance Group

Poway Unified School District
Mesa Verde Middle Jazz Band

Sweetwater Union High School District
Sweetwater MCJROTC

Poway Unified School District
Rancho Bernardo High School
National Anthem/Leah Jabbour

Planning Committee

Darshana Patel, SDCSBA President
Juan Cruz, ACSA Region 18 President
Debra Schade, Marla Strich, Arturo Solis, Tamara Otero, Carmen Aguilar, Claudine Jones, Joy Ceasar, Bobbi Burkett, Alex Nguyen, Mary Lawlor, Joan Faus
Tom Teagle, Stephanie Napier

Production Crew

Lucio Padilla Jr., Antonio Romayor Jr.,
Adrian Ruelas and Fernando Argüelles

Special Thanks!

Floral Design Centerpieces by

Escondido High School Advanced Floral Class

San Diego Padres

Tickets to Diamondback Game

Native Dreams Day Spa

Awardee Gift Boxes

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 27, 2023

HONORING OUR OWN

AWARDS DINNER

SHERATON, HARBOR ISLAND

Student Entertainment

*National Anthem - Leah Jabbour
Rancho Bernardo High School, Poway Unified SD*



*Mesa Verde Middle Jazz Band
Poway Unified School District*



*Sweetwater MCJROTC
Sweetwater Union High School District*



*Vista Cats Dance Group
Vista Unified School District*





Student Recognition



SDCSBA & ACSA Region 18 Student Scholarship Award

Region 18 of the Association of California School Administrators (San Diego and Imperial Counties) and the San Diego County School Boards Association were very pleased to offer ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships as a result of donations made by both organizations and our generous business partners. A special Thank You to HarperRand Education who contributed \$5,000 enabling us to offer an additional five scholarships!

Student awardees met all five criteria areas: 1) Senior attending high school in San Diego or Imperial County; 2) show proven academic success with at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average; 3) involved in community service; 4) who may or may not necessarily qualify for other financial aid; and 5) are pursuing a career in education as a teacher or other certificated employee.

Congratulations to the 2022 Scholarship Winners!

Caitlin Morlett

Calexico High School
Calexico Unified High School District

Jayden Garcia

Central Union High School
Central Union High School District

Caryzma Aguilar

Brawley Union High School
Brawley Union High School District

Jessica Oden

La Costa Canyon High School
San Dieguito Union High School District

Elizabeth Goldberg

Poway High School
Poway Unified High School District

Lesa Ritchie

San Dieguito Academy
San Dieguito Union High School District

Estephany Gonzalez

San Dieguito Academy
San Dieguito Union High School District

Levi Gage

San Dieguito Academy
San Dieguito Union High School District

Izabella Vasquez

Chula Vista High School
Sweetwater Union High School District

Madelynn Rutherford

Valley Center High School
Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District



Region 18

Every Student Succeeding Award

Mario Rader

San Pasqual Academy
SDCOE/JCC

Each year, State ACSA recognizes 19 pre-K to adult students, one from each geographic region, as well as two California adult education students, for overcoming the odds and achieving success. Congratulations to Mario Rader, Region 18's award winner who will receive an award of \$2,000; \$500 from Region 18's Retired Charter, \$500 from Region 18 plus \$1,000 from State ACSA at the Fall Leadership Summit in San Diego.



Congratulations to all the 2022 ACSA Region 18 Administrators of the Year!

“Honoring Our Own”



Tracy Thompson
Executive Director, Juvenile Court/Community Schools
San Diego County Office of Education
Central Office Administrator Category



Roberto Carrillo
Principal, JCCS South/East Region
San Diego County Office of Education
Continuation/Educational Options Category



Yael Bozzay
Assistant Principal, Rancho Bernardo HS
Poway Unified School District
Secondary Co-Administrator Category



Lana Nguyen
Director of Educational Technology
Poway Unified School District
Technology Category



Ricardo Ceceña
Principal, Valley Elementary School
Poway Unified School District
Elementary Principal Category



Candice Ortiz
Director of Human Resources
El Centro Elementary School District
Personnel/Human Resources Category



Ernesto Valenzuela
Principal, ICOE Special Ed. Department
Imperial County Office of Education
Middle Grades Principal Category



Alvaro Ramirez
Coordinator of Safety & Emergency Preparedness
Imperial County Office of Education
Classified Leader Category



“Honoring Our Own”

2022 Administrators of the Year



Bill Dennett

Director, Student Services & Spec. Ed.
Mountain Empire Unified School District
Student Services Category



Angelica Lopez

Assist. Superintendent, Admin Services
Encinitas Union School District
Personnel/Human Resources Category



Rose Tagnesi

Director of Special Education
Grossmont Union High School District
Special Education Category



Celia Ramirez

Retired Principal
San Diego Unified School District
Retired Category



Cesar Mora

Principal, Libby Elementary
Oceanside Unified School District
Elementary Principal Category



Sabrina Lee

Assist. Superintendent, Instructional Services
Solana Beach School District
Curriculum & Instruction Category



Tammy Lee

Assistant Principal, San Pasqual Union School
San Pasqual School District
Elementary Co-Administrator Category



Warren “Drew” Rowlands

Chief Business Officer
San Diego Unified School District
Business Services Category



Sarah Vielma

Director, College, Career & Tech. Ed.
San Diego Unified School District
Career Technical Education Category



“Honoring Our Own”

2022 Administrators of the Year



Francesca Flores
Executive Confidential Admin. Assist.
San Diego Unified School District
Confidential Employee Category

Cynthia Larkin
Principal, Morse High School
San Diego Unified School District
Secondary Principal Category

2022 Marcus Foster Memorial Award Nominee

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Erin English
Executive Director, Innovation
San Diego County Office of Education

Leslie Hardiman
Principal, Tierra Del Sol Middle School
Lakeside Union School District



“Honoring Our Own”

2022 Administrators of the Year

Region 18

Superintendent of the Year



Benjamin Churchill

Superintendent

Carlsbad Unified School District

Superintendent Category

“Honoring Our Own”



School Boards Association Awardees

School Board Member of
the Year



Richard Barerra

San Diego Unified School District



Katrina Young

First Term Board Member
San Dieguito Union High School District



“Honoring Our Own”

School Boards Association Awardees



Cheree McKean
Vista Unified School District
Confidential Employee of the Year



Dorinda Soucek
Poway Unified School District
Parent Volunteer of the Year



Joellen Semo
Coronado Unified School District
Staff Member of the Year



San Diego County K-12 Sector Team
Community Partner of the Year

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