



ACSA Region 6 Thriving on the Vine Leadership Summit Breaks Records

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Over 540 tickets were purchased to attend either one or both days of the Region 6 Leadership Summit, and annual awards dinner on June 17 & 18. The Casa Real event center at Ruby Hill Winery was filled with educational leaders and aspiring leaders eager to learn about and discuss critical topics presented by the slate of top tier authors, researchers and speakers.

Tom Armelino, incoming ACSA State President, kicked off the event and noted the impressive size of the group, quality of the program, and beauty of the venue. Educational leaders from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin and other counties attended to hear from Michael Fullan, Anthony Muhammad, Jim Knight, Patricia Madsen and other outstanding speakers at a fraction of the normal cost for such a high caliber line-up. Furthermore, a vast majority of those in attendance at the full summit paid the discounted “early bird” price by registering before March 20.

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Multiple districts sent large teams, or their entire leadership team to learn together over the two days. Following the close of the summit, a reception led up to the start of the 2015 ACSA Region 6 Awards Dinner. Nearly 400 people attended the dinner to honor our own outstanding administrators from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The summit and dinner were presented with support from Contra Costa County Office of Education, Alameda County Office of Education, Teacher's Pension and Insurance, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Brandman University, Scholastic, Opterra, VALIC, Lexia, Corwin, Bloomsbury, McGraw Hill, California Casualty, Curriculum Associates, Total School Solutions, and Moore Educational Resources/Mimeo. As is their custom, our friends at Lifetouch provided photography for attendees at the dinner.

Next year's summit and dinner will take place on June 15-16, 2016 in the same location. Peter Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline* (1990), *The Dance of Change* (1999), and *Schools That Learn: a Fifth Discipline Fieldbook for Educators, Parents and Everyone Who Cares About Education* (2013), is confirmed to present.





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ACSA Innovative Tech Academy

Contra Costa County Office of Education

October 17, 2015; December 5, 2015; February 6, 2016, Saturdays, 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Education leaders are now required to be digital leaders, and there's no better way to obtain the skills needed to lead schools to digital success than through ACSA's Innovative Technology Academy.

The upcoming academy is a blended learning experience, incorporating face-to-face and online instruction. It offers state-of-the-art training to build the capacity for administrators to apply their understanding of how technology changes teaching and learning. The focus of this academy is to create 21st century school leaders effective in the implementation of technology in K-12 learning environments.

Upon completion of all coursework, participants earn Leading Edge Certification. LEC for Administrators is a national certification program in educational technology and curriculum innovation. It is a pedagogy-focused, not technology-focused, professional development program. Information about Leading Edge Certification for the Administrator can be found at: <http://www.leadingedgecertification.org/administrator.html>

Scheduled as three in-person meetings over an approximate fifteen week period during the school year, participants will spend an average of 8 - 10 hours per week online between class meetings, for the length of the academy, completing assignments including reading course materials and exploring examples, completing projects and assignments, and sharing and reflecting with class participants in online discussion forums.

The academy uses a learning management system for discussions and assignments. The curriculum is hosted on a Google site. The use of free Web 2.0 tools provides a wide range of options and tools to explore and use. Past participants have created presentations to move their school forward with 1:1 implementation, added digital citizenship resources to school websites, and created professional learning presentations for staff.

Program modules include: Leading the Learning, Millennial Learning Environments, Infusing Innovation, Systemic Improvement Informs Leadership, Digital Citizenship, Online Learning, Mobile Learning, and Technology and the Common Core.



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The Academy is led by LEC lead trainers also experienced as school administrators. Trainers work closely with participants during class and online between class meetings to carefully and conscientiously support all participants in successfully preparing their portfolios to earn Leading Edge Certification. Trainers are only an email or Google hangout away to help participants.

Past participants have said the academy is a very valuable experience and would encourage colleagues to sign up.

“This experience has broadened my vision of technology integration in our school. The exposure to new and different tools, the chance to re-look at old tools through a new lens, and the assignments that have made me engage with the tools have helped expand my vision, and given me tools to help my teachers expand theirs as well.” School Principal from Oroville Academy, Fall 2014

“The Innovative Technology Academy provided me with many effective, efficient, and affordable tools to share with my staff as we implement a 21st century learning environment for our students.” School principal from San Jose Academy, Winter 2015.

“This academy forced me to try things that I wouldn't have done on my own and increased my knowledge level.” District Administrator, Oroville Academy, Fall 2014.

“The opportunity to participate in a blended learning style professional development opportunity was really useful. My instructional strategy tool box now has some useful web 2.0 tools.” School administrator, San Jose Academy, Winter 2015.

To register: <http://www.acsa.org/academies>



Region 6 Executive Bob Giannini Can Help You

In what ways can we help you as a member of our Region 6 ACSA professional organization?

These are the ways your Region 6 Executive Bob Giannini can help you:

- Questions about the yearly Region 6 calendar
- How to get involved in Region 6 leadership and activities
- Information about mini-grants, scholarships, and every student succeeding grants.
- Questions about yearly elections and nominations process
- Questions about awards night and annual Region 6 conference
- Questions and help with job related issues and whom to seek for help
- Questions and ideas about web-site
- Questions about Region Diversity issues and strategies
- Questions related to financial matters or Region charters
- I am available to help you with questions, issues, information, or concerns from Region 6 members
- Questions about retirement issues and the retirement charter

Rose Lock , Consultant, is our expert on Charter support and involvement within Region 6. He is also available to get you connected within our region for a successful experience as an administrator.

We are both here to help and support you whenever needed.

Take an active role in our region or your ACSA charter and it will pay off for you in many ways.

Call me: 925-216-9430 or Email me: bobgiannini@comcast.net



How do you get involved with ACSA?

Do you want to :

Support California's Educational Leaders?

Ensure all Students have the Essential Skills and Knowledge to Excel: and
Champion Public Education

If the answer is **yes**, then you will want to get actively involved in the Association of California School Administrators.

How do you go about getting involved?

Start at your charter level. Contact you charter President and ask to get involved the charter leadership or activities. Participate in a Region/State Administrative (job alike) Committee or Council. Contact Bob Giannini, Executive Region 6, for councils and committees. (bobgiannini@comcast.net)

Get involved in Region 6 Leadership (Executive Committee or Board of Directors)
Contact Bob Giannini at (bobgiannini@comcast.net)

You will be a better administrator and leader if you take advantage of all the services, professional development and networking that active participation in ACSA provides.

“Leadership Matters”



ACSA Region 6 Leadership Positions

Executive Committee

President
 Past President
 V.P. Legislation
 V.P. Staff Development
 V.P. Programs
 V.P. Membership
 Comptroller
 Treasurer
 State Board of Directors
 Community Liaison
 At Large State Rep.
 Secretary
 President Elect

Board of Directors

Executive Co.
 Charter Presidents
 Committee/Councils

Committees/Councils

Adult Ed
 Business Services
 Classified Education
 Co- Administration
 Education Options
 Curriculum/Instruction
 Div-Equal Education
 Elementary Education
 Human Resources
 Legislation Policy
 Middle Grades
 Student Ser./Special Ed.
 Retirement
 Career Tech. Education
 Secondary Ed
 Superintendency

Region 6 Charters

Alameda	Livermore
ACOE	New Haven
Amador Valley	Newark
Castro Valley	North Alameda
Delta	Oakland
Diablo Valley	San Leandro
Diablo Manag.	San Lorenzo
Hayward	Student Charters
Fremont	West Contra Costa
Retirement	

Other Positions

Executive
 Consultant
 Newsletter Editor