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# Advance Newsletter

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## President's Message

### "Spring Fling"

Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and regrowth according to Wikipedia. As we reflect on the recent school issues with violence around the nation we still have 3-4 months in this school year to internalize the ideas of "Spring." Let's focus on *rejuvenating* and *renewing* ourselves as educators while we simultaneously work to *resurrect* and *regrow* our ability to pour even more into our students, staffs, and families. The tasks before us can be daunting as we attempt to meet the needs of every student and keep them safe while they are under our leadership.

According to the American Psychological Association, "Empirical research on acts of targeted violence has shown that many school and other attacks were carried out by individuals motivated by personal problems who were at a point of desperation. In their troubled state of mind, these individuals saw no viable solution to their problems and could envision no future. The behavioral threat assessment model is used not only to determine whether a person is planning a violent attack but also to identify personal or situational problems that could be addressed to alleviate desperation and restore hope." Let's continue to be diligent in watching over all of our students; those that are troubled need us more than ever.

At the region level, we recently completed a Superintendents' Vetting Session for the Contra Costa County Office of Education position on February 22, 2018. Three candidates: **Lynn Mackey**, **Ron Leone** and **Cheryl Hansen** were asked a series of questions with a panel and general audience viewing their responses. Their hope is to gain the endorsement by Region 6.\*\* The Women's Leadership Network has an event coming up on Thursday, March

22, 2018 from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM at the Orinda USD around **Using Digital Tools to Increase LEADERSHIP**. In addition **Our Annual Administrator of the Year Awards** and **Thriving on the Vine Leadership Summit** will also be coming up on June 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>.

Our Executive Committee continues to support our local charters and work to grow our membership and advocacy efforts. In fact, we have our annual **Legislative Action Day** happening in Sacramento on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Several representatives from both Alameda and Contra Costa along with administrators from all of California districts will converge on the state capital to be a voice for students, administrators and schools. The group will be organized by Lynn Mackey our current VP of Legislative Action and support on policies that affect us will be guided by Lisa Murphy–Oates our Legislative Policy Representative. Look for updates and highlights around upcoming events and news through our Flash Newsletters.

Happy spring!

Regards, [Essence J. Phillips](#)

\*\* On March 9, the Region 6 Executive Board voted to endorse Lynn Mackey. Her platform and goals are most in line with ACSA priorities.



## Leadership Summit - Thriving on the Vine: Changing the World through Local Leadership

**June 20-21, 2018**

**Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton**

Don't miss this outstanding conference with a lineup of presenters including:

**Dr. Jessica Hannigan** - *Please Don't Suspend Me*

**Weston Kieschnick** - *Old School Wisdom + New School Technologies = Blended Leadership*

**Dr. Wesley Smith** - *Collaboration to Improve CA School Funding*

**Nicholas Zefeldt** - *Harnessing Student Voice for Tomorrow's Leaders*

**Dr. Tracy Cataldo** - *Inoculating Student Mental Health*

**Carlos DaSilva** - *Compassionate Dialogue*

**Paula Fynboh & Mark Barden** - *Sandy Hook Promise*

**Parvin Ahmadi** - *Vision for an Inclusion Community*

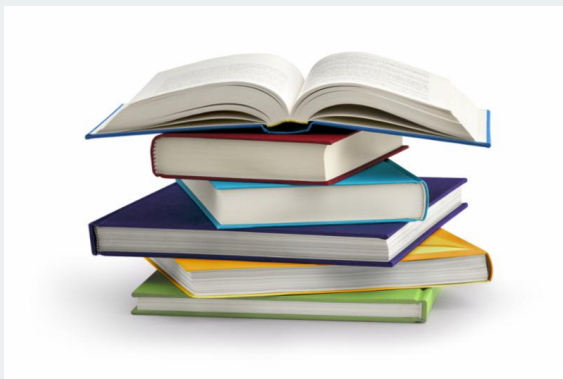
**Anise Cavanaugh** - *Courageous Leadership*

**Dr. Melissa Chabran** - *Putting Your Dashboard and Other Data to Work*

**Zahra Billoo** - *Women's Leadership and Intersectionality*

[Click here](#) for Summit flyer

[Register Now](#) on Eventbrite  
Early Bird Registration Ends on April 13



### Book Exchange at the Summit

Many of us have cherished professional book collections that are hard to part with. Consider sharing them with other educational leaders. Bring these professional books (relatively current) to the Summit. We will have a table set up so attendees can give and take these valuable resources.



## 2018 Mini-Grant Winners

Congratulations to the following mini-grant winners! Each grant was awarded \$1,000.

- Jeffrey L Carr (West Contra Costa USD) - Eye on Engineering Unit
- Roxana Mohammed (Livermore USD) - African American Scholarship Project
- Kristan Martin Meyer (Mt. Diablo USD) - Math Lesson Study
- Cindy Hicks-Rodriguez (Fremont USD) - Student News Broadcast
- Annie Flores-Aikey (John Swett USD) - News Site License for Current Events Class
- Kathy LaCome (San Lorenzo USD) - Literature Project
- Tom Doppe (Martinez USD)- Robotics Club materials
- Erin Roberts (Oakley Union ESD) – Game Club Intervention
- Evan Powell (San Ramon USD) – Made with Pi (Career Tech)
- Libby Kleiman (West Contra Costa USD) - Student Mindfulness Project materials



## 2018-19 Region 6 Leadership

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Region 6 Leadership:

### Executive Board

- President - Sonja Neely-Johnson (West Contra Costa USD)
- Past President - Essence Phillips (Antioch USD)
- President-Elect - Pam VandeKamp (Pleasanton USD)
- Vice President Staff Development - Hilary Dito (Contra Costa COE)
- Vice President Programs - Cindy Matteoni (Mt. Diablo USD)
- Vice President Membership - Kris Martin Meyer (Mt. Diablo USD)
- Vice President Legislation - Lynn Mackey (Contra Costa COE)
- Secretary - Pam Hughes (Newark USD)
- Treasurer - Pam VandeKamp (Pleasanton USD)
- Comptroller - Lorianne Ventura (Dublin USD)
- State Board of Directors - Parvin Ahmadi (Castro Valley USD)
- Representative At-Large, Alameda County - Kathy LaCome (San Lorenzo USD)

- Representative At-Large, Contra Costa County - Bruce Burns (Moraga SD)
- Representative At-Large, Alameda County - Kevin Grier (Livermore Valley JUSD)
- Representative At-Large, Alameda County - Tracie Noriega (New Haven USD)
- Equity Chair - Tovi Scruggs (Partners in School Innovation)

#### Region 6 Representative to ACSA State Councils and Committees:

- Adult Education - Susie Passeggi (Castro Valley USD)
- Business Services Committee - Annette Heldman (San Lorenzo USD)
- Career Technical Education - Julie Duncan (Tri-Valley ROP)
- Classified Educational Leaders - Kandi Gravenmier (Contra Costa COE)
- Co-Administrators - Jonathan Fey (Mt. Diablo USD)
- Educational Options - Darrel Avilla (Livermore USD)
- Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability - Carol Loflin (San Ramon USD)
- Equity - Tovi Scruggs (Partners in School Innovation)
- Elementary Education - Terry Dunn (Pittsburg USD)
- Human Resources - Melanie Jones (San Ramon USD)
- Legislative Policy - Lisa Murphy-Oates (Mt. Diablo USD)
- Middle Grades Education - Mistee Guzman (Livermore Valley JUSD)
- Retirees - Luann Duggan
- Student Services/Special Ed - Felicia Stuckey Smith (Mt. Diablo USD)
- Small School District - Molly Barnes (Sunol Glen SD)
- Secondary Education - Kibby Kleiman (West Contra Costa USD)
- Superintendency - Dana Eaton (Brentwood SD)
- ACSA/CAPEA - OPEN



## Women's Leadership Network

### How to Use Digital Tools to Increase Productivity

**Dr. Karina Gerger**

March 22, 2018

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Orinda Union School District Boardroom

Download the [flyer](#) for this networking event

You can still Register at [Eventbrite](#)

Refreshments and Door Prizes

Topics were selected based on survey done last spring. All school leaders, men or women, are welcome. For updated information, check Region 6 website. [Click here](#).



## What's Happening in Our Charters?

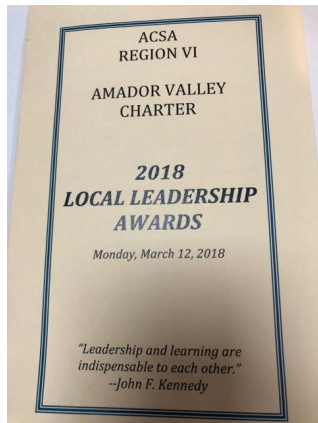
### ***Diablo Valley Charter – Matt Chamberlain, President***

On February 1, 2018, the ACSA Diablo Valley Charter hosted our winter gathering event at Faz Restaurant in Danville. We had a wonderful late afternoon discussion on *Harnessing Student Voice for Tomorrow's Leaders* with CCCOE Instructional Technology Coordinator Nick Zefeldt.

The Diablo Valley Charter is looking forward to hosting our spring gathering and awards on April 26<sup>th</sup> at The Cobra Experience in Martinez (a wonderful museum dedicated to Shelby Cobra autos)

## ***Amador Valley Charter - Jacob Berg, President***

On March 12, administrators from Pleasanton USD and Dublin USD came together to celebrate outstanding leadership. This year, six of Region 6's Administrators of the Year were selected from this Charter. Congratulations to Sheryl Sweeney, Middle Grades Principal; Lorraine Ventura, Elementary Principal; Jennifer Friesen, Secondary Co-Administrator; Kristen Candaux, Elementary Co-Administrator; Beth Cutter, Adult Education; and Micaela Ochoa, Business Services.



Over 30 administrators were recognized at the Charter's Local Leadership Event



## Welcome to new ACSA members

Region 6 welcomes the following new members:

**Alameda USD**

Melodi Dewey

**Castro Valley USD**

Patrinia Redd, Gilma Paz-Cedillos

**Contra Costa County Office of Ed**

Christen Schwartz

**Dublin USD**

Maureen Byrne, Lenni Velez

**Fremont USD**

Angela Bianchini, Katherine Carter

**Liberty UHSD**

Nichole Cecil, Hugh Bursch, Geraldine Leonardis

**Livermore Valley JUSD**

Mark Cameron,

**Moraga SD**

Adrienne DeWolfe, David Lanuza, Stephanie Richards, Brian Sullivan

**New Haven USD**

Judith Aleala-Reveles, Raquel Bocage, Ravia El-Sioufi, Amity Defaii

**Oakland USD**

Joe Dominguez

**Oakley Union ESD**

Carol Brooks, Renee Stewart, Cindy Peterson, Jose Ibarra

**Orinda Union SD**

Patricia Templeton

**Piedmont USD**

Julia Valdez

**Pleasanton USD**

Ann Jayne, Andrea Withers

**San Ramon Valley USD**

Demetrius Ball, Lauren Falkner, Jenn Alakoff, Annabel Hurlburt, Jana Johnson, Namita Maunder,  
Nicole Chaplan

**West Contra Costa USD**

Julio Franco, April Hawkins

**Retirees**

Gail Drake

**Kudos to the following ACSA members for recruiting new members this quarter:**

Darrel Avilla, Bruce Burns(3), Tracy Corbally, Nicole Joyner(2), Rose Lock(3), Carolyn Parker, Krista Taylor(2), Moira Zacharakis, Raul Zamora, Ann Heaney, Hilary Dito, Christine Huajardo, Julie Johnson, Jacob Berg, Dan Moirao, Pamela VandeKamp



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[Bob Giannini](#), Executive

[Rose Lock](#), Consultant

**Region 6 Leadership**

President: Essence Phillips

President-Elect: Sonja Neely-Johnson

Past President: Steve Collins

Vice President, Staff Development: Pam Comfort

Vice President, Programs: Cindy Matteoni

Vice President, Legislation: Lynn Mackey

Vice President, Membership: Kris Martin-Meyer

Secretary: Pam Hughes

Treasurer: Pam VandeKamp

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela*

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