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March 1, 2021

ACSA Region 6 Election

2021 Slate of Candidates Election Open March 1 - March 8, 2021

Eligible ACSA members will be receiving an email from Election Runner on March 1 with link to the ballot.



President-Elect

Tracie Noriega
Assistant Superintendent
San Lorenzo USD

Tracie Noriega has been an educator for 25 years and currently serves the students of San Lorenzo USD as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Tracie previously worked in New Haven USD as a teacher, site administrator, and district office administrator for 23 years. Tracie became an ACSA member in 2003 when she began her Administrative journey as an assistant principal. She then became Co-Chair of the New Haven Charter in 2006. At the Region level, Tracie helped to build the R6 Women's Leadership Network, has served as VP for Programs, At-Large Rep on Executive Committee, and is the current Equity Chair since 2018. She is also the R6 rep to ACSA State Equity Committee and Anti-Racism Task Force. She is active in ACSA's Asian American Pacific Islander Network and a frequent presenter.

As President-Elect, Tracie hopes to continue to build on the foundation of "bold and courageous" leadership in Region 6, by continuing to not only support, but push on the equity consciousness of our region thereby moving our membership from "equity advocates" to "anti-racist activists."

Vice President of Staff Development



Lorianne Ventura
Principal
Dublin USD

Lorianne currently serves as the principal of Cottonwood Creek School in Dublin USD. Her administrative tenure also includes Elementary School Principal, High School Assistant Principal, Manager of Curriculum and Instruction as well as Director of Assessment and Accreditation. She has been a member of ACSA since 2008. During this time, she has gotten to know amazing, talented and dedicated ACSA members. She has served ACSA in various roles and capacities including President and Vice President of Amador Valley Charter (AVC), Comptroller for Region 6, a delegate for the ACSA Leadership Assembly, and a participant in Legislative Action Days. She has also been a regular presenter in the ACSA Principals Academy in our Region.

Throughout her career, Lorianne has organized and presented at workshops and conferences as well as implemented and facilitated various committees. She is well prepared for her role in planning learning opportunities for educators and community members. The many opportunities offered by State ACSA, Region 6 and AVC have also contributed to her own professional growth. She would be excited to work with Region 6 in order to continue developing high quality professional learning opportunities to meet the changing demands of members' roles.



Vice President of Programs

Pamela Hughes
Principal
Fremont USD

Pam has been an elementary principal for 15 years. When she first made the move from teacher to administrator the isolation of the job was a difficult adjustment. Luckily, ACSA was there to help her make connections and continue her professional growth. She actually joined ACSA as a student member while earning her administrative credential. Over the years ACSA has enriched her professional life and she is grateful to be part of an organization so committed to equity, professional learning, and advocacy.

Pam is in a new position this year as the Principal of John Gomes Elementary School in Fremont. Previously, she was a principal in Newark for 14 years. While in Newark she served as the Charter Vice President and Secretary for the Newark Management Association. For Region 6, Pam was the Secretary for 4 years and is currently the Vice President of Programs. The VP of Programs works on the Administrator of the Year Awards and the Women's Leadership Network. Both events have been meaningful to her throughout her career. Pam wants everyone to celebrate the wonderful administrators we have in Region 6 and to continue the learning, camaraderie, and growth that the Women's Leadership Network events bring.



Secretary

Christy Glaser
Principal
San Ramon Valley USD

Christy Glaser is the principal of Country Club Elementary in San Ramon Valley USD. She started in education teaching 4th grade for eight years, spent three years as a middle school assistant principal, and has been the Principal of Country Club since 2014. Christy is committed to maintaining a close relationship with students and building a community that focused on equity and making every student feel seen and valued. She is currently engaged in her dissertation research to explore racial identity and institutional racism and inspiring administrators to make positive change.

Christy has been her District's rep on the Diablo Valley Charter Board for the past few years and the Region 6 secretary for the past two years. She brings experience in keeping accurate records of executive and board meetings.



Secretary

Kelly Manke
Principal
Liberty UHSD

Kelly has over 23 years of experience and has had many opportunities to gain knowledge and skills that have prepared her for this position. She was a high school Spanish teacher for 10 years, a middle school assistant principal for 3 years, a middle school principal for 4 years, and has been the Principal at Freedom High School for the past 6 years. Each of these positions gave her insight and a greater understanding of the complex role of leadership and positively affecting school communities.

During her tenure as an ACSA member, Kelly has been selected as the Delta Charter Principal of the Year twice and has enjoyed the professional development that ACSA provides. She credits ACSA in helping her further her leadership capacity to better support entire communities and would welcome the opportunity to support administrators in the role of Region 6 Secretary.



Representative to State Board of Directors

Daryl Camp
Superintendent
San Lorenzo USD

Daryl began serving as the Superintendent of the San Lorenzo USD in 2019. Previously, he served as the superintendent of the Riverbank USD for seven years. Prior to that, he served as the

assistant superintendent of educational services for the Riverbank USD. Daryl is very familiar with ACSA's governance structure and the diversity of interest within the various regions throughout the state. After serving for three years as an at-large director, he would be honored to represent Region 6 on the ACSA Board of Directors.

Daryl has been an ACSA leader at all levels - charter, region and state. He has served as a Charter and Region President. He was a representative to the Secondary Council, a member of the Core Planning Group for ACSA's Strategic Plan, and the Co-Chair of the 2019 ACSA Leadership Summit. This year, he is Director of the Superintendents' Academy in San Lorenzo. Daryl has written articles in ACSA's Leadership Magazine that conveyed his passion and commitment: "Attracting, Recruiting and Retaining Teachers of Color" and "Talking about Racism in Our Schools." He has presented at the ACSA Leadership Summit and Negotiator's Symposium and contributed as a planning committee member to the annual ACSA Superintendent's Symposium.

Daryl is also highly regarded in the educational community across the state and holds leadership positions in other educational professional organizations. He served on CSBA Superintendents' Advisory Council for three years and currently serves as the President of California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA). He earned his bachelor's degree at Morehouse College, his master's degree at California State University, Hayward, and his doctorate degree in educational leadership at California State University, Sacramento. He is most proud to have received the ACSA Region 7 Valuing Diversity Award in 2008.



Representative to State Board of Directors

Sonja Neely-Johnson
Director of Special Ed - Secondary
West Contra Costa USD

An educator for over 30 years, Sonja has worked in Oakland USD and West Contra Costa USD. She has been an elementary teacher, mentor teacher, teacher on special assignment, principal, coordinator, Curriculum Director of Pre-K Adult Educational Operations and is presently the Director of Special Education Secondary. She is the recipient of numerous educational awards. While teaching she received the OUSD Teacher of the Year, that same year she also won the National Council of Negro Women's Excellence in Teaching Award for the Far Western Region. As an award winner she met the distinguished educator Dorothy Height. She was named Who's Who in Teaching for 2 consecutive years. Sonja was a recipient of the Region 6 Administrator of the Year award twice, first as a Principal and second as a Central Office Administrator. She is an advocate for all students especially those who are historically underserved.

Sonja has been active in ACSA for 27 years joining as a student in 1994. She has served on the Region 6 Board of Directors and served as Region 6 President Elect, President, and Past President. She is currently the Charter President for her district. Sonja has participated in professional development

through ACSA – attending the UCLA Principal Institute and numerous conferences. Sonja has also attended 4 Legislative Action Days representing Region 6 but advocating on behalf of all students.

Sonja continues to participate in community service and political advocacy through her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sonja’s wealth of experience and steadfast commitment to equity and her belief that education is the key for all students to reach their potential makes her an ideal candidate for the State Board. Sonja attended Peralta Elementary, Claremont Junior High and Skyline High school in Oakland California. She has a BA in English from UC Davis and Masters of Education from Mills College. She is a wife and mother of an eighteen-year-old child with special needs. She and her husband Noah Johnson were born and raised in Oakland, California and are products of OUSD.

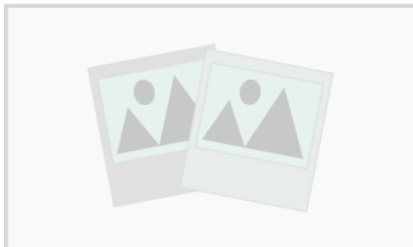


At-Large Representative (Alameda County)

Nanette Gray
Senior Director
Tri-Valley SELPA

Nanette is the senior director for the Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) serving Dublin USD, Livermore Valley Joint USD, Mountain House SD, Pleasanton USD, Sunol Glen USD and the Alameda County Office of Education. She has dedicated her entire 26-year career to serving students with disabilities and their families. For the past 13 years she has been a special education administrator in various capacities within Alameda County.

Nanette credits ACSA as instrumental in her growth as a leader. She has attended numerous ACSA events including workshops on master scheduling and leadership coach training. Her current position as a SELPA director keeps her regularly connected with other leaders and agencies throughout the state of California. She believes that her educational background, experience, strengths and abilities would make her an excellent candidate to serve on the Region 6 Executive Committee representing the Alameda county educational leadership community.



At-Large Representative (Alameda County)

Valerie Nebo
Vice Principal
Livermore Valley JUSD

Valerie, a high school Vice Principal in the Livermore Valley JUSD, joined ACSA when she became a school leader and has been actively involved with her Charter ever since. She is currently finishing her two-year term as Charter President. Last year, she was a presenter at the Region 6 Equity Symposium, providing trauma awareness training to educators. During the pandemic, she has worked to share timely and relevant ACSA resources

with school leaders in her district.

Her professional work centers around equity--she is involved with the school district's Coalition for Change and the City of Livermore's Equity and Inclusion Working Group--and trauma-informed, restorative approaches to discipline. She will bring her experience with equity work and trauma informed approaches to Tier 1 PBIS implementation to the role of Rep-At-Large for Alameda County, and hopes that in this role, she will be able to gain meaningful insight to the good work being done in Charters throughout the county, as well as to the unique challenges each face, in order to build our capacity to draw on each-others' strengths to make all of our schools places where all students and educators truly can thrive.



At-Large Representative (Contra Costa County)

Christina Filios Yiannakopoulos
Site Administrator
Mt. Diablo USD

Christina is the proud administrator of Crossroads High School in the Mt. Diablo USD. Crossroads is a small alternative high school program serving pregnant and parenting teens, as well as their children through an on-site childcare, a partnership with Contra Costa County Head Start. She currently serves on the Region 6 Executive Committee as an At-Large Representative and as the Alternative Education representative in her charter. She has previously served the DMA Charter as the co-administrator representative and Secretary for several years.

In her 14 years as an administrator in middle schools, high schools, and now alternative education, she has learned how important leadership is to our students. As a leader with broad perspective, Christina believes in leadership as service, prioritizing student needs and success over adult comfort, building relationships, listening vs. responding, approaching all situations with love and compassion, and the critical examination of our own practice. She values ACSA's commitment to advocacy for students, equity, and high-quality professional development. Appointed to fill a vacant position this year, Christina has worked with the Region 6 Executive Committee to explore ways that we can support our ACSA members to reimagine and redesign our school systems for success for all students.



At-Large Representative (Contra Costa County)

Evan Powell
Principal
San Ramon Valley USD

Evan is the Principal of Dougherty Valley High School in the San Ramon Valley USD. He previously served as Principal of Los Cerros Middle School and Assistant Principal at Monte Vista High School. He taught Physical

Education and was the athletic director at Dougherty Valley High School prior to becoming an administrator.

Evan currently serves as the Diablo Valley Charter Vice President/President-Elect. He looks forward to the opportunity of being elected as an At-Large Representative for ACSA Region 6. He believes building relationships and collaborating with colleagues throughout our region and state are needed in order to learn and enhance opportunities for our communities. Evan is committed to bringing positive engagement and integrating new strategies and methods in our schools. The pandemic has taught us as leaders that change is needed; students and staff have exceeded expectations and we must continue to provide opportunities for growth and adjustment in our communities.



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