

Congratulations to all our educational leaders! You can look back at the 2021-22 school year with great pride. Our students, families, staff, and community could not have done it without you. Thank you!



Advance Newsletter

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President's Message

***"Be the Leader....
Show others the path to success"***

Hello Everyone,

As our esteemed Past-President Jacob Berg said at this same time last year, "There is nothing I can say about this school year that has not already been said." I'm sure we could all find a few other things to say, but I'll start with "We Survived!"

As tough as it was, we still found reasons to celebrate. Being back in the classroom, being able to hold meetings in person made things a little easier, but being able to hold our sold out Region Awards Dinner in person was definitely a highlight for the year.

We should applaud all of the great things that we were able to do, in spite of the difficulties and challenges. We worked hard to support all of our students in our schools through a variety of changes in COVID guidelines and policies. I'm not sure if we'll look back fondly on this year, but I can promise, we'll never forget it. We've had two of the most tumultuous years in the history of education and when you deal with that level of discomfort for so long, it changes you. In my case, and hopefully yours, it was a change for the better. The frustration of this year allowed me to refocus, allowed me to recognize there's more than one way to get things done, allowed me to realize we don't always have to do it "this way" just because we've always done it "this way", it allowed me to really focus in on the social/emotional needs of students and staff because we're all going through something, but we just have different ways of dealing with it. Hopefully, all of this recognition will make me a better leader next year and I hope the same things for all of you.

The month of June has us all living in two worlds, finishing off this

year while simultaneously planning for next year. But, once it's all done, we all need to let it go, relax mentally and physically, and just rejuvenate. Please make the most of your summer, no matter how much time you have off, enjoy yourself!! I'll see you all next year!

[Mark E. Neal](#)
ACSA Region 6 President
Principal, Dublin USD



Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner 2022



The Region 6 Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner on August 28 was a sold-out event and drew almost 300 attendees. The group was excited to be at our in-person celebration at the San Ramon Marriott to recognize almost 70 administrators of the year and a dozen Region 6 leaders.



2022 Awards Dinner Program



Guests gathering during the cocktail hour



Checking in



Posters of winners were printed by our Partner Shoob Photography



A beautiful room set up ready for our guests



Attendees enjoying the festivities



Looks like attendees enjoying



President Mark Neal recognizing



R6 Leaders Tracie, Pam, Mark,

each other as well

Past President Jacob Berg

Jacob



Contra Costa Schools Superintendent Lynn Mackey presenting the Partners in Ed Excellence Award



Mark Neal and Stefanie Phillips, Executive Director of Chamberlin Ed Foundation



Alameda County Associate Superintendent Ingrid Roberson presenting the Valuing Diversity Administrator Award



Jason Reimann receiving the Valuing Diversity Award



Amy Wallace, state ACSA and R6 Career Technical Administrator of the Year



Lisa Gonzales, state ACSA and R6 Business Services Administrator of the Year



Dick Lloyd receiving R6 President's Award from Mark Neal



Parvin Ahmadi presenting Nels Nelson Award to Sonja Neely-Johnson



Vice President Pam Hughes congratulating all honorees



2022 Virtual Legislative Action Days



2022 Legislative Action Day

ACSA Legislative Action Week was held virtually on April 4-8, 2022. This was an important opportunity to discuss issues facing our students today as well as the importance of school leadership in improving student achievement. 437 virtual attendees representing all 19 regions participated. Some of the issues members advocated on this year included: declining attendance and enrollment, increased pension cost, the expansion of transitional kindergarten and staffing shortages. Another big theme was the need to invest in the "core functions" of TK-12 education following two years of schools performing health protocols during the coronavirus pandemic.

Our VP Legislative Action, James Parrish, coordinated small team meetings with our local legislators during the week. Almost 20 Region 6 members participated and shared their stories as administrators active in the field.

This event is held every year in April. This is one of the best ways to get more involved in ACSA. Advocacy does make a difference! Most of us come into education to make a difference.



Every Student Succeeding

For the third year due to the pandemic, Region 6 was unable to hold an awards luncheon to celebrate our student scholarship recipients, mini-grant recipients and Every Student Succeeding nominees. We hope to reinstate this celebration in 2023.

We would like to thank all the nominators of Region 6 ESS nominees and winner for recognizing their students at their district or school.

ACSA believes every student deserves equal opportunities to succeed. On every school day throughout California, dedicated educators and courageous students overcome tremendous obstacles to reach their goals of academic excellence.

Congratulations to all these courageous students!



Region 6 Winner

Carmelo Santiago, a GED student in Livermore Valley JUSD will also be recognized at the annual ACSA Summit in November. So proud of you, Carmelo!



Jessica Reyes Farjardo
San Lorenzo USD



Anissa Maria Haro
New Haven USD



Noemi Salazar
San Leandro USD



Abedel Yousef Eid
New Haven USD



ACSA Leadership Assembly



Do you wonder about how our professional association governs?

The ACSA governance structure includes a Board of Directors and a Leadership Assembly which are made up of representatives from regions. ACSA's 19 regions divide the state geographically.

The Leadership Assembly elect officers, approve bylaw changes, approve the association goals and objectives, receive and review information from task forces, ratify ACSA's legislative platform, make

recommendations to state Board members relating to issues brought before the Leadership Assembly, advise state board members concerning major policy issues, statewide ballot measures, and on statewide candidate endorsements, and serve as liaisons to regions.

Each region's delegates are the president, president-elect, and vice president for legislative action. An additional delegate will be added to the base number of three for each additional 200 regular/consolidated members in the region. Selection of additional delegates is determined by the region. In addition, votes are derived from committee chairs, council presidents and the Board of Directors.

Our Region 6 delegation for 2021-22 is made up of Mark Neal, Tracie Noriega, Jacob Berg, James Parrish, Matt Chamberlain, and Sonja Neely-Johnson.



From Your Region Executive Director



2022-2023 Region 6 Leadership

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Region 6 Leadership Team!

Executive Committee

President: Tracie Noriega

President-Elect: Raul Zamora

Past President: Mark Neal

Vice President of Leg Action: Kathy LaCome

Vice President of Membership: Renee Lama

Vice President of Programs: Pam Hughes

Vice President of Staff Development: Lorianne Ventura

Secretary: Christy Glaser

Treasurer: Annette Heldman

State Board Rep: Sonja Neely Johnson

Equity Chair: Tracie Noriega

Communication Chair: Marcus Walton

At-Large Rep: Christina Filios

At-Large Rep: Nanette Gray

At-Large Rep: Evan Powell

At-Large Rep: Harvey Yurkovich

Committee/Council Reps:

ACSA/CAPEA: Michael Cubacub

Adult Education: TBD

Business Services: Annette Heldman

Career Technical Ed: Amy Robbins
Classified Leaders: Nicole Joyner
Co-Administrators: Roxana Mohammed
Educational Options: Erik Taylor
Curriculum Instruction Assessment: Jennifer Sachs
Equity: Tracie Noriega
Elementary Ed: David Thornley
Human Resource: Norma Gonzalez
Legislative Policy: Raul Zamora
Middle Grades: Jon Ovick
Small School District: Harvey Yurkovich
Student Services/Special Ed: Kirsten Zazo
Retirement: Gail Yothers
Secondary Ed: Matt Chamberlain
Superintendency: VACANT

The Region 6 Board of Directors is made up of the Executive Committee, ACSA Committee/Council reps and Charter Presidents. Some of our charters are in the process of electing their president. We will announce those names in the next issue.

If you are interested in being involved at the region level, please contact me.

[Rose Lock](#)

Region 6 Executive Director



In honor of our association's big birthday in 2021-22, ACSA is inviting members to help celebrate by sending in photos, videos and memories from the last five decades of educational leadership. Visit acsa.org/acsa-50 all year long to see how we're celebrating.



Welcome to new ACSA members



Region 6 welcomes the following new members in the last quarter:

Brentwood UESD
Alexandra Torres

Hayward USD
Andrea Wilson

Mt. Diablo USD
Laurie Clark

Oakland USD
Annie Cahoon

Oakley UESD
Avani Mody

Orinda UESD
Piedmont USD
Suzanne Binder

Pittsburg USD
Jose Gutierrez

Pleasanton USD
Brendon Nelson

Retiree Charter
Elaine Brady

Student and Associate Members
Tanisha Herndon

Thank you to ACSA member for continuing to recruit new members:
Molleen Barnes, Kimberleigh Watts



Region 6 Partners Corner



Diamond Partner

SPG Therapy and Education, our Diamond Partner, hosted the cocktail hour preceding the awards dinner on April 28. President Susan Stark and staff were on hand to meet our members and share their expanded services.



Platinum Partner ACOE showcasing their services and products



Christina St. Clair from new silver partner Elevo Learning exhibiting



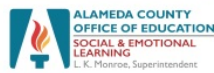
Long time silver partner Curriculum Associates is represented by Angela Barth

Thank you to all our 2022 Partners for continuing to support educational leaders. Our partners' donations allowed us to offer high quality professional development and programs that support our members. Learn more about these partners on our website [Partners page](#).

Alameda County Office of Education, Elevo Learning, Curriculum Associates, and SPG Therapy and Education were on hand to meet our members and guests at the R6 Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner on April 28 at the San Ramon Marriott.



2022 Partners



AIG Retirement Services

Resources from Partners:

R6 Bronze partner, California Consulting, features two Stop School Violence Grants released by the U.S Department of Justice. You can view here <https://conta.cc/3FDmXma>



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We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

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