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The ACSA Region 7 Spring Conference held in South Lake Tahoe proved to be a remarkable event, leaving attendees with a sense of fulfillment and inspiration. With a lineup of exceptional keynote speakers and engaging breakout sessions, the conference provided valuable insights and fostered meaningful connections among ACSA members. Among the highlights, the Kentucky Derby event stood out as one of the most well-attended gatherings in recent years.

Throughout the conference, attendees had the opportunity to engage in thought-provoking discussions and learn from industry leaders. The carefully curated selection of keynote speakers brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the stage, leaving a lasting impact on the audience. Their insights and perspectives resonated with the attendees and served as a catalyst for personal and professional growth.

However, what truly made the conference memorable was the interaction and collaboration among ACSA members. The conference provided a platform for networking, sharing experiences, and learning from one another. It was during these moments of connection that attendees found the most value, as they exchanged ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches to the challenges faced in the education sector.

One standout event during the conference was the Kentucky Derby, which garnered unprecedented attendance. The allure of this traditional American horse race created an atmosphere of excitement and camaraderie among the attendees. The Kentucky Derby event served as a delightful interlude, allowing ACSA members to unwind, socialize, and further strengthen their professional relationships.

The success of the ACSA Region 7 Spring Conference in South Lake Tahoe can be attributed to the commitment and dedication of the organizing committee, speakers, and attendees. Their collective passion for education and their willingness to contribute to a vibrant community of educators truly made the conference a resounding success.

As participants returned to their respective institutions, they carried with them a renewed sense of purpose and a treasure trove of knowledge and connections. The ACSA Region 7 Spring Conference proved to be a catalyst for positive change and growth, empowering educators to make a lasting impact in their schools and communities.

Looking ahead, the conference organizers and ACSA remain committed to building on the success of this event, continually striving to provide valuable experiences and opportunities for professional development. The Spring Conference in South Lake Tahoe has become a hallmark event, eagerly anticipated by ACSA members, and is poised to leave an indelible mark on the field of education for years to come.

Jose M. Aldaco
ACSA Region 7 President
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THANK YOU REGION 7 VENDORS/SPONSORS

Region 7 recognizes the following conference sponsors for their support of this year's event: Shoob Photography, Fisher Insurance Agencies, Modesto City Schools, ViewSonic, Lifetouch, and Chalk Wild. We thank you for being a special part of our conference. Our exhibitors also played a significant role in the success of our conference: Franklin Covey Education Leader in Me; McGraw Hill; CodeStack - SJCOE; Teacher's Pension; Renaissance Learning; Lifetouch; Grand Canyon University; California's Valued Trust; Delta Dental; Horace Mann Insurance; MOCSE; Greenfield Learning-Lexia CORE5; California Casualty; California Healthy Kids Resource Center; Shoob Photography; Scholastic; Imagine Learning; Left Coast; and Subject. Thank you for your support and for the raffle prize donations.



Region Scholarships

Congratulations to our region scholarship winners. Each year our Region awards three \$1,000 scholarships to assist children of ACSA members to pursue post high school educational endeavors.

Allie Peterman – Central Valley High School – daughter of Dr. Amy Peterman
 Elijah Malamed – Calaveras High School – son of Rene Rodriguez Malamed
 Kendall Shroyer – Grace Davis High School – daughter of Michael Shroyer



Mark Your Calendars

Our next Region 7 Spring Conference is May 3-5, 2024, at the Lake Tahoe Resort in So. Lake Tahoe. Registration information will be available after the first of the year. We hope to see you in May to celebrate our profession and our Administrators of the Year.



The nomination window for ACSA's 2024 Awards Program will open in August. Don't leave it to the last minute – start thinking about the person(s) you would like to nominate. Nominations are due January 18, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. The award winners will be honored on Friday evening, May 3rd, at the Spring Conference.

Retired or Retiring Soon?

Through the years ACSA has played a major role in your professional career, advocating for you, your staff and students. It has provided multiple opportunities for professional growth, collaboration, and social interaction. These opportunities can continue after retirement. The ACSA Region 7 Retired Charter (RAC) provides the opportunity to keep in touch with what is happening in education, while at the same time focusing on opportunities to continue socializing with former colleagues and learning about what is changing in retirement benefits, the best Medicare programs, travel opportunities, etc. RAC members enjoy luncheon meetings, wine tasting, take in a play, meet for dinner, or any other opportunity that provides retired members to get together socially. There are two types of retirement memberships- Full Regular Retired Membership and Emeritus Membership. Visit <https://www.acsa.org/join> for retired membership applications. Contact RAC President Barbara McCleskey at Barbara_McCleskey@comcast.net if you have any questions.



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Bob Price Distinguished Service Award

ACSA Region 7 was pleased to present the Bob Price Distinguished Service Award to Jeff Winfield, Superintendent of Soulsbyville SD. Jeff was the former president of the Tullumne Charter and Region 7. He has a firm devotion and dependability to carry out school administrative tasks successfully. As one of his goals, Jeff always strives to provide extraordinary service. He is known for displaying distinguished qualities as seen by his clear vision. He balances creativity and innovation effectively, to produce optimal results in the Soulsbyville School District. Leading with agility and optimism, Jeff is compassionate, confident and resilient, which supports all of the team members in Soulsbyville.



In addition, Jeff is the Small School Region 7 Representative for ACSA and has been since 2022. Beginning in 2017 as the ACSA Region 7 President-Elect, Jeff has held board positions throughout the years and has contributed his expertise to the team. His longevity and sustained physical and mental health have contributed to a commanding respect as a leader in addition to observable manners of dignity toward the values of people and the work of public education.

The Bob Price Distinguished Service Award is presented to one administrator, classified manager, or confidential employee whose service to education exemplifies strong support for the management team, exceptional leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, and creativity in dealing with issues and problems facing public education. This award was renamed in honor of Dr. Bob Price who passed away on January 7, 2019. Bob enjoyed a long and distinguished career in education and ACSA. In retirement, Bob dedicated himself to mentoring new administrators and leading the ACSA's Superintendents' Academy on weekends. Congratulations, Jeff, on this well-deserved recognition!

Bill Ullom Award



Through the leadership of Christine Facella, the educational community of Riverbank has flourished. Her familiarity and extensive experience in the community has allowed her to understand and set forth a path of student achievement that reflects the needs and desires of the staff, students, and families she serves. She envisioned a plan of support for the return of students to the classroom after the pandemic waned and skillfully directed the strategic use of resources to mitigate the effects of school closures. Her participation in district, county, and state meetings in advocacy for students of Riverbank assured the appropriate application and approaches to provide and increase the levels of student and community engagement with a focus on student success and achievement.

During the pandemic, Christine made sure decisions were student-centered with a high priority on a return to normality. Throughout Christine's leadership in Riverbank USD, the focus has always been to increase the effectiveness and efficiency for students through staff and professional development. As a model, Christine actively participates in learning opportunities alongside principals, directors, and cabinet members. She recognizes that her contributions and engagement in the learning process strengthens the entire team's growth. Riverbank is a diverse and inclusive community, and Christine recognizes the importance of addressing the history and tradition of the community while at the same time applying creative and innovative approaches for the Riverbank educational community. As a testament to her effort and skill in achieving outcomes, RUSD has increased Career Technical Education pathways at the high school to ensure that students attain career-readiness competencies and implemented a coding teacher at the elementary schools to increase student awareness and efficiency of technological applications.

ACSA Region 7 was pleased to present the Bill Ullom Award to Christine Facella at the Annual Spring Conference in So. Lake Tahoe. Christine is retiring at the end of the school year. Congratulations to Christine on receiving this award and her upcoming retirement.

KENTUCKY DERBY SOIREE



Each year the conference celebrates in derby style with the Kentucky Derby Soiree. Attendees cheer on their favorite horse or jockey, participate in the hat contest or join in the derby pool. Proceeds from the derby pool go towards our student scholarships. Next year we will be offering four \$1,000 student scholarships. This was our 9th year for the Soiree and our largest turnout for the event. A special thanks to **FISHER INSURANCE AGENCY**, The Horace Mann Companies, for sponsoring this event.

