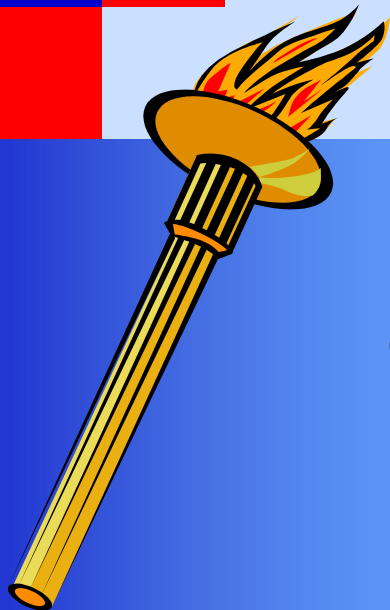




ACSA REGION IX
2014 ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE YEAR



“ACSA Olympians”
Carrying the Torch of Excellence





Region IX

Charter Presidents'

Choice Awards



Fresno Consolidated Charter

Susan Bedi, President



Debra Odom

Coordinator School Choice/Charter Office

Fresno Unified School District

Mariposa/Madera County Charter
Diane Gischel-Lingo, President

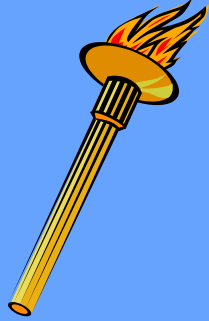


Dennis Lingo
Networks Development Coordinator
Madera County Office of Education

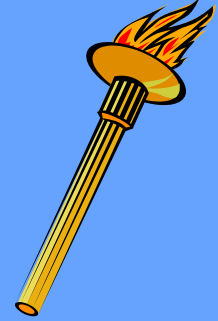
Student/Associate Charter
Barbara Woodard, President



Michele Pecina
University Advisor, Core Adjunct Faculty
National University



Region Retiree Scholarship Award



Retiree Charter

Kathleen Lopes, President

Barbara Woodard

Jackie Dugan

Secondary Principal



Jim Volkoff

**Director Secondary Education
Kerman Unified School District
Fresno County Charter**

- Instrumental in bringing stability to the high school campus
- Perfect example of a team player
- Outstanding leader and role model
- Has earned the respect of teachers, parents and administration
- Nurtures collaboration between elementary and secondary
- Has developed a comprehensive campus rich in athletics, the arts and career tech education

Middle Grades Principal



Terry Hirschfield

Principal

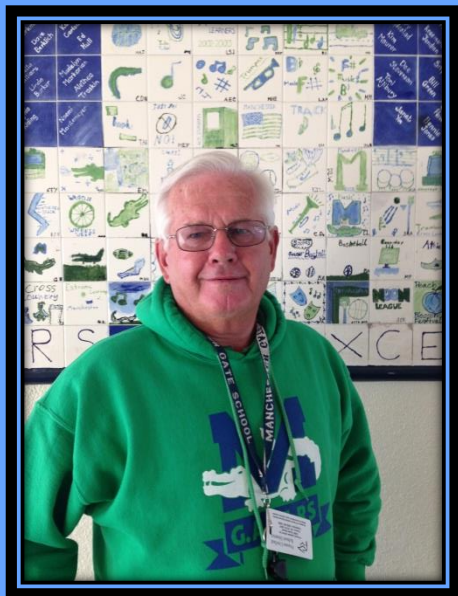
Laton Elementary/Conejo Middle School

Laton Unified School District

Fresno County Charter

- Promotes an environment of collaboration
- Is a leader of impeccable moral standards and professional character
- Is an excellent problem solver
- Is someone staff and students can go to when they need to talk
- Trusted by staff, students and the community
- Has developed working relationships with the community to support collaborative learning

Elementary Principal



Russ Painter

Principal, Manchester GATE

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- An all-time legendary elementary school principal
- Establishes a culture of excellence for all students
- It's his mission to prepare career-ready graduates/world class leaders
- A gifted staff recruiter
- Inspires the minds and hearts of every student to reach their goals
- Highly visible around campus
- Well respected and admired school leader

Central Office Administrator



Katie Russell

Assistant Superintendent

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- She is the go-to school supervisor
- Demonstrates outstanding relational capacity
- A trusted and respected school supervisor
- A bright, articulate, passionate and resilient leader
- Invests her energy and time wholeheartedly
- Is an intelligent, positive, innovative team player
- Represents the epitome of a leader

Elementary Co-Administrator



Denise Romero

Vice Principal/Program Manager

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- A dedicated leader committed to improving student achievement
- Believes every child has the potential to succeed
- Is committed to ongoing personal and professional growth
- Sets high educational standards for her staff and students
- Believes in a balance between rigorous academics and healthy social emotional development

Classified Leader



Teresa Plascencia

Executive Director

Constituent Services

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- **Drives for results every day**
- **Leads by example**
- **Believes in doing the right thing all of the time**
- **Volunteers in various capacities to better enhance the community**
- **Founder of the Central California Latina Network**
- **Possesses a broad knowledge of State and Federal regulations**
- **Skilled in mediating concerns**

Confidential Employee



Sheli Klein

Executive Secretary

Central Unified School District

Fresno County Charter

- Is an effective leader through her quiet power of suggestion
- Exhibits unwavering loyalty to the children and families in the community
- Her input is valued and appreciated by all with whom she comes in contact
- Her insistence on perfection, work ethic and desire to serve are unparalleled
- She makes the people around her better

Personnel/Human Resources Administrator



Kevin Wagner

**Administrator Human Resources/
Child Welfare and Attendance
Central Unified School District
Fresno County Charter**

- Has unwavering compassion and respect for others
- He has built lasting and nurturing relationships in the community
- Demonstrates outstanding personal and professional integrity
- He is a life-long learner with a passion for knowledge
- He shows the utmost kindness to everyone he comes in contact with
- Actively participates in community outreach efforts

Adult Education Administrator



Paul Birrell

Director 7-12/Adult Education

Central Unified School District

Fresno County Charter

- Goes the extra mile to remove obstacles so all children can learn
- He is an advocate for children
- He is a teacher at heart
- Bases all decisions on helping children learn
- Has a passion for preparing students for the future
- Embraces challenge
- Focuses on teaching children
- Leads by example

Career Technical Education Administrator



Pang Vangyi

CTE Counselor

Fresno Adult School

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- Keeps the needs of students and staff in the forefront
- Is respected by staff
- She is a bright, articulate, hardworking administrator
- Always willing to take the extra step to benefit students
- Has a profound influence in the success of graduates
- Offers her expertise and assistance to anyone who needs it

Special Education Administrator



Sossie Djabrayan

**Regional Instruction Manager/
Program Specialist**

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- Maintains her composure in the most difficult situations
- Brings a calm and reflective approach
- Always encourages staff to do their best
- She is an important source of support for everyone
- Is always available to provide quality, creative assistance
- She is a creative problem solver

Superintendent/Principal



Shelley Manser

Superintendent/Principal

Monroe Elementary School District

Fresno County Charter

- Understands the importance of positive relationships with staff and students
- A leader with passion and intense desire to create the best possible world for her students and staff
- Her instructional leadership could serve as a model for small school leaders everywhere
- Possesses keen insight and courage
- Takes time to listen to others and support them in their efforts
- Continually seeks personal growth

Business Services Administrator



Jacquie Canfield

Executive Officer

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- Has continuously supported diverse needs
- She is passionate and relentless to ensure fiscal solvency
- Is a strong advocate for providing what is right and necessary for students, parents and staff.
- She's a leader in the forefront of fiscal and legislative issues
- Has been instrumental in maintaining instructional stability
- Her guidance and leadership is invaluable

Pupil Personnel Administrator



Erica Hasenbeck

Manager I, Restorative Practices

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- She's a “Rock Star” when it comes to team building and creating successful learning environments
- Uses enthusiasm and strength-based practices to inspire colleagues to take on challenges
- Has a passion for working with people and bettering lives
- Inspires everyone to remember what education is all about
- She has a unique ability to build trusting, professional relationships

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator



Val Hogwood

Director Curriculum and Instruction

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- She is a highly motivated, intelligent, thoughtful, student-centered educator
- An integral organizational force
- Gifted in her ability to lead and manage multiple projects simultaneously
- She is a natural problem solver
- Embraces change when required to improve instruction
- She's always looking for creative ways to support teachers and school leaders

Professor of Education



Michele Pecina

University Advisor, Adjunct Faculty

National University

- Professional goal setting is paramount in her career
- Her current role as a university professor is a culmination of her efforts and hard work in education
- She is a contributing author of the textbook *Innovative Educational Leadership Through the Cycle of Change*
- She's committed to professional growth and student achievement
- Her legacy in education lives on through the lives of her students, teachers and staff



Retired Administrator

Marvin Awbrey

Fresno Unified School District

Fresno Consolidated Charter

- Worked as an educator for 38 years
- He is a consummate professional
- He's always cheerful
- He has a vision to meet the needs of all students
- Has been a member of the ACSA Retiree Board for ten years
- Is an impeccable treasurer
- Leads the board in providing scholarship opportunities
- Well respected by colleagues

Technology Administrator



Dennis Lingo

Networks Development Coordinator

Madera County Office of Education

Mariposa/Madera County Charter

- A shining example of how to put children first
- Is in daily contact with districts to guarantee operations run efficiently
- Goes above and beyond to help districts meet their goals
- Welcomes student interns who want to pursue technology
- His commitment allows districts and students to effortlessly access technology

Superintendent



Mike Berg

Superintendent

Central Unified School District

Fresno County Charter

- He is an exceptional leader who has the well-being of children and community at his core
- Is innovative in his approach to improving student outcomes
- He is committed to providing engaging learning opportunities for all students
- Is the epitome of an educator with a never-ending energy for creating partnerships that benefit students
- His mission is to close the “Experiential Gap” for students by providing enriching life and learning opportunities

Every Student Succeeding



Corey Miracle

Hoover High School

Fresno Unified School District

- Cares for his classmates and is always willing to help
- He inspires others to be the best they can be
- Is an extremely passionate, motivated and responsible young man
- He has an extensive list of school and community involvement activities
- He has a huge heart and consistently volunteers to be a mentor
- Is an excellent example of what is right and good about this generation



Congratulations to all of our ACSA Olympians!

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