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Region XI's 2011 Administrators of the Year



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Superintendent



Yolanda Valdez
Secondary Principal



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Middle Grade Principal



Steve Duke
Elementary Principal



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Central Office Administrator



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Adult Education



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Special Education



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Business Services



Diana Graziani-Orton
Pupil Personnel



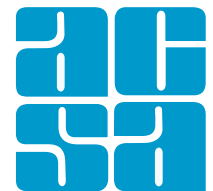
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Curriculum & Instruction



Sandi Lowe
Continuation/ Education Options



Dr. Scott Meier
Professor of Education



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REGION XI MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

Charter	May 2010	May 2011	(+/-)
East Kern	62	58	(-4)
West Kern	334	321	(-13)
Kings	121	105	(-16)
Tulare	334	327	(-7)
Inyo/ Mono	22	19	(-3)
CSUB Student	4	7	(+3)
Non-Assigned	15	15	(0)
TOTALS	892	852	-40

"WHAT THEY SAID"

"Our Secretary Day Luncheon was really good - a packed house."

Dave Bowling, West Kern Charter President

(West Kern Charter Board Meeting, Hodels, May 5, 2011)

"My goal is to have 200 Region XI ACSA Members attend this year's Fall Conference to be held in Visalia on Sept. 24, 2011."

Tom Addington, Region XI Vice- President, 2011-2012

(Region XI Delegate Assembly, Hodels, May 5, 2011)

"I want to thank each of you on behalf of ACSA for the work you did this year. It is very exciting to see what is happening in each charter and it is appreciated."

Rebecca Mestaz, Region XI President, 2010-2011

"I have been your Executive Director for nearly a year now.

It is really a pleasure to work with you in Region XI.

I feel we have made progress and a number of good things have happened in our charters and Region."

David Tonini, Executive Director Region XI
(Region XI Delegate Assembly, Hodels, May 5, 2011)



AROUND THE REGION

- Nick Kouklis, Superintendent, Lakeside Union School District, will be employed by the Kern County School's Office.
- Tom Addington, Region XI Vice-President 2011-2012, has announced that the Region XI Annual Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia. Region XI ACSA is partnering with CUE to sponsor this event. (Refer to page 10)
- Horace Mann's Program focusing on incentive programs for schools was not successful and is no longer associated with ACSA.
- Dr. Carl Rose, District Superintendent, Fruitvale School District, will be representing Region XI on the state Superintendency Council. Dr. John Snavelly will be representing Region XI on the state ACSA Board of Directors. It will be a three year term.
- Special commendations to Ruscel Reader, Principal, Caesar Chavez Elementary School, Bakersfield City School District, was recognized by receiving the Educational Leadership award presented at West Kern Charter's Annual Awards Banquet held at the Rio Brovo Country Club on June 9, 2011. Tim Fulenwider made the presentation.
- Region XI had approximately 90 New Members for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Diana Graziani - Orton, Deputy Superintendent, Exeter Public Schools has been awarded the Pupil Personnel Administrator of the Year for State ACSA. She will be recognized at the Annual Leadership Summit Conference to be held in Sacramento in November 2011. She will also be retiring in June 2011. Diana has been a very active ACSA member at the Local Charter, (Tulare), Region XI, and State ACSA.
- David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director, was the featured speaker at East Kern Charter's final meeting of the year. The event was held at Jakes Steak House, Tehachapi on April 25, 2011.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR REGION XI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"I look forward to working with Jose Morales in increasing membership, expanding networking opportunities for ACSC members and providing strong professional development opportunities through Region and Charter Conferences"

David Tonini,
Region XI Executive Director

It has been a good year for ACSA and Region XI. The Region attracted sixty plus new members. Four successful Professional Development conferences were sponsored by the Region or Charters this year. New job like networking opportunities are in the planning stages for Region ACSA members. State ACSA continues to have a strong presence in Sacramento and has developed a strong working relationship with Education partners and the governor. Hopefully, the result will be an improved financial situation for Public Education so we can provide students the top quality education they deserve.

It would not have been a great year if it weren't for the great leadership of our Region President Rebecca Mestaz and her Executive Board, our Charter Presidents Bonnie Kaufman, Diane Cox, Dr. Joe Santos, and Dave Bowling, and our Past President and Vice President of Legislative Action Terri Rufert. I would also like to acknowledge our state council and committee representatives. Their attendance at state meetings was consistently strong and reports at Region Board Meetings were detailed and informative. In addition, their reports were submitted and placed on the Region Web Site and in the Region Newsletter. This was all done as our effort to improve communication and keep you informed.

If you have any thoughts or ideas as to how ACSA can better serve you and your students email me at davidto02@comcast.net. I look forward to continue to serve you as your Executive Director.

Something I forgot to mention – Richard Schlagel, our newsletter editor, has written an inspiring book highlighting his life titled: From Poverty to Prime Time. Check it out. Email Richard for a copy.

TULARE CHARTER SPONSORS 40TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

The beautiful outdoor setting at the White Horse Inn, Three Rivers was the location of Tulare Charter ACSA's 40th Annual Recognition Dinner.

Approximately 120 were in attendance at the May 6, 2011 event. This year's program recognized four Golden Apple recipients, four retirees and the media award. Priscilla Arroya received her Golden Apple from the Lindsay Unified School District.

"Priscilla is a great advocate of not only Jefferson Elementary School, but Lindsay Unified School District," Janet Kliegl, Superintendent, Lindsay Unified School District said. She is vice president of the School Site Council, active member of the PTO and served on the Citizen's Board Oversight Committee.

James Howell, representing Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District, received his Golden Apple for his outstanding leadership of the "Orosi Explorers". This group of 14-19 year olds meet twice a week for physical training, law enforcement code and regulation training, group activities and peer tutoring.

Howell has organized an annual PAL trip to Pismo Beach for approximately 100 students in grades 4 and 5.

"James Howell makes a difference in the lives of kids in Cutler and Orosi," Dr. Carolyn Kehrli, Superintendent, Cutler-Orosi Unified School District, said.

Jane Kleinkramer was nominated by the Exeter Public Schools for the Golden Apple Award. She has served on the Exeter Union School District Governing Board, current Treasurer, Rocky Hill School PTO and participates on a number of other projects and activities in her school district.

"Jane is extremely deserving of this Golden Apple Award", Jessica Bradshaw said. "She is a tremendous supporter to Rocky Hill School and to Exeter Union School District as a whole."

Mary Scott received her Golden Apple Award from Exeter Union High School District. Over eight years ago, a group of Exeter parents led by Mary Scott started a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter on the Exeter Union High School campus.

"Mary's dedication to our F.C.A. Chapter and the students of Exeter Union High School is immeasurable," Kirsten Lamb and Steve Garver said in their nomination letter.

Four retirees of the Tulare County Charter ACSA were recognized at this year's annual event. Barbara Xavier, Principal, Garden Elementary, Tulare School District, started her teaching career at Maple School in 1974. She has also been an administrator at several other schools in Tulare City. She has been an ACSA member since 1987.

Katy Haas, Principal, River Bend School, Visalia Unified, has been an educator for 32 years. Prior to coming to Visalia Unified, she worked with the Tulare County Office of Education. She also served as Director of Special Education in Visalia Unified from 2001-2010.

Ramon Oyervidez, Assistant Superintendent, Cutler-Orosi Unified School District, began work with the Cutler-Orosi JUSD in 1974. He has served in a number of administrative assignments in the district such as Special Projects Director, Interim Superintendent for Student Services, Principal, Sierra Elementary School and currently, Assistant Superintendent.

"To me, the most important goal of a good school is to teach tomorrow's leaders to live intelligently in a rapidly changing world," Ramon said.

The fourth retiree recognized was Diana Graziani-Orton, Deputy Superintendent, Exeter Public Schools. Diana began her administrative career in 1989 when she became assistant principal at Wilson Middle School in Exeter. She was promoted to principal in 1992. She continued to advance in her career when she was promoted to Director of State and Federal Projects in Exeter Public Schools in 1993, and then to Deputy Superintendent in 1995.

She is the 2011 ACSA Region XI and State Pupil Personnel Administrator of the year. She has also been recognized in past years as administrator of the year in the following: Curriculum and Instruction, Central Office and Career Technical.

"Diana's retirement from Exeter Public Schools will be felt throughout the District; her expertise, experience and energy will leave a vacancy that will be hard to fill." Renee Whitson, Superintendent, Exeter Public Schools, said.

This year's Media Award was presented to Keven Geaney, Educational Reporter, with The Dinuba Sentinel.

Kevin has the responsibility of covering the Cutler-Orosi Unified School District. He is faithful in attendance at board meetings and school activities. He is present at as many sports events as possible. He is an advocate for students, whether they are excelling in sports or academics.

"Cutler-Orosi JUSD appreciates Kevin's responsible reporting and his attention to details." Dr. Carolyn Kehrli, Superintendent, Cutler-Orosi JUSD, said. "Through his efforts, Cutler-Orosi shares the spotlight with Dinuba in the weekly news paper."

Dr. Joe Santos has served as the 2010-2011 Charter President. Steve Tsuboi, Charter President-Elect, was this year's Program Chairperson.

TULARE CHARTERS 40TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER



Retiree... Diana Graziani - Orton

(r) was recognized at Tulare County Charter's
40th Annual Recognition Dinner.

Renee Whitson, Superintendent, Exeter Public Schools,
made the presentation. Diana was currently serving as
Deputy Superintendent for Exeter Public Schools



Media Award... Kevin Geaney

Educational Reporter (Left)

The Dinuba Sentinel was this year's recipient for the
Charter's Annual Media Award

Craig Drennan Assistant Superintendent,
Cutler-Orosi Joint United School District made the presentation

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REGION XI ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

This annual event was conducted at Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield, on May 5, 2011

Following the buffet luncheon and entertainment by the Robert F. Kennedy High School Folkloric Group, the awards ceremony was conducted.

19 administrators were recognized as Region XI's 2011 "administrator of the year." Other special awards included:

"Every Student Succeeding" (ESS) Tiffany Jeanes, Strathmore High School.

Fred J Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Michael D. Lingo, Superintendent, Bakersfield City School District.

Partners in Education Excellence Award, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit.

Marcus Foster Memorial Award, Joanna Rummer, Superintendent, Sierra Sands Unified School District

Robert E. Kelly Award,
William "Bill" Black
Retired Superintendent, Lemoore Union High School District.

THE BEST OF THE BEST



Fred J. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award:
Michael/ D. Lingo (Center) Tom Addington, Kirsti Smith - Presenters



Marcus Foster Memorial - Administrator Excellence Award:
Joanna Rummer (Center) Tom Addington, Kirsti Smith - Presenters



Robert E. Kelly Award:
Bill Black (Center) Tom Addington, Kirsti Smith - Presenters



Partners in Education Excellence Award:
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From the Region

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Tulare County Charter ACSA's annual "Every Student Succeeding" Breakfast was held at the Visalia Unified School District's Board Room on April 29, 2011

This year ESS recipients were:

High School	Recipient
Citrus High School	Conner Grigsby
Dinuba High School	Gaby Caballos
El Diamante High School	Michael Mori
Exeter High School	Cynthia Montano
Exeter Kaweah School	Mike Morris
Farmersville High School	Rubicela Farfan
Golden West High School	Leslie Cheyenne Gonzalez
Granite Hills High School	Yajaira Garcia
Harmony Magnet Academy	Austin Della
La Sierra Military Academy	Donavon Thompson
Lindsay High School	Omar Espinoza
Mission Oak High School	Eddie Romo
Monache High School	Joshua Resurreccion
Mt. Whitney High School	Arian Aguirre Lucatero
Orosi High School	Elisa Ramos
Porterville High School	Elizabeth Wells
Redwood High School	Cristian Escareno
Sequoia Continuation HS	Jeffrey Barbour
Tulare Union High School	Keysha Reedom
Tulare Western High School	Adrian Jones
Woodlake High School	Devin Trexler
Strathmore High School	Tiffany Jeanes

Program:

Jeremy Powell, Principal of Bartlett Middle School, was this year's chairperson of the ESS event.

Various High School Counselors and Administrators presented the awards.

Tiffany Jeanes, Strathmore High School, will be recognized as Region XI's ESS Student of the Year at the annual ACSA Leadership Summit Conference.

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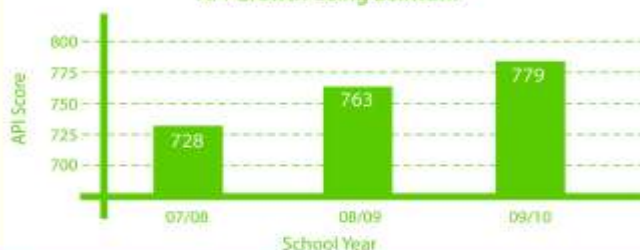
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LOOKING AHEAD IN REGION XI

REGION XI ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

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