

REPORTER

REGION XI MEMBERSHIP SOARS TO 1,013

Region XI not only reached its goal of 1,000 members by June 30, 2015, but surpassed it by 13 members. The growth for this year was 80 members for an 8% increase. There were many players who played vital roles in reaching this milestone.

Blanca Cavazos, our 2014-2015 Region XI President, along with the five Charter Presidents, were very instrumental in reaching our membership goal.

Each of those ACSA leaders placed membership as an important agenda item at their various Board Business Meetings. Kings, Tulare and West Kern Charters sponsored Networking Social Events which focused on both fellowship and membership.

Kings Charters's Annual Fall Conference in September, 2014 and Tulare Charters Annual Spring Conference in February 2015 conducted ACSA Membership booths.

David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director, was a key player in our reaching the 1,000 membership goal. His reports at each Charter and Region meeting focused on membership. He continually featured a "Push" for increasing our ACSA membership.

Other significant players were Jeffery Vandernoor, Region XI Membership Services Representative, Michael Hernandez, Region XI State ACSA Recruiter, and the five charter's membership chairperson.

Visalia Unified, under the leadership of Dr. Craig Wheaton, had an outstanding increase in its ACSA membership.

Region XI will conduct a special drawing of all new members. \$1000 will be awarded to a lucky recipient that will go toward the new member's ACSA dues.



"State ACSA is very grateful to Region 11 leaders for their dedication to growing membership at the local level. The region's success has a direct impact on whether or not Member Services reaches its statewide recruitment goal for the year as well," said Member Services & Support Director Margarita Cuizon. "It is only with this kind of support from our valued members across the state that we have managed to hit our goals and then some! To date, we are at 16,781 members and we are closing in on the 2008 membership high of 16,787. I am confident that we will continue to grow and am very excited about collaborating with Region 11 leaders this year to ensure that we do," said Cuizon.

Margarita Cuizon , Director of Member Services and Support



"Reaching our goal of over 1,000 members says that more and more administrators are realizing the value of being a member of a professional organization is a strong benefit to them professionally and personally. The value of learning and networking options over time support your leadership and growth as an educator."

David Francis , Region XI Representative on State ACSA Retirement Committee



"I am pleased that we have reached this membership milestone. Active participation from our Region's 1,000 plus members will enable us to maintain a vibrant purposeful network and will strengthen our voice at the state level."

Lisa Horne , Region XI Treasurer

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Presidents Message



Region XI is excited to have achieved its goal of over 1,000 members in 2014-15.

During our summer planning session, we identified three goals for the year focusing on maintaining vibrant purposeful networks, cultivating transformative technologies and

dedicating our budget and resources to attaining our goals.

Our year began with a visit from Ralph Porras, ACSA Vice President, who encouraged the Region to continue its advocacy and ended with President, Randy Deiling who welcomed the new Board for 2015-16. Region XI members also served as the first audience for advocacy training by Sal Villaseñor, and later in the year, for Nicole Anderson and our EADS representative, Frank Silveira, to conduct the first equity training session in the state. The Region sponsored Terri Rufert as a candidate for Vice President of Legislative Action.

In November, over 40 Region members attended the Leadership Summit and overwhelmed and entertained the audience by taking the stage to share what makes our Region special. During the school year, we practiced maintaining vibrant purposeful networks by starting our meetings with a 1minute networking activity. The activity learned at the Leadership Summit required members to pair with someone they didn't know well to discuss a pertinent education topic.

In addition, each meeting provided opportunities for members to interact with the presenter and/or one another. Each charter sponsored successful membership networking activities in their respective counties which resulted in the attainment of our membership goal. The 2014-15 term was an exciting and educational year for Region XI members and predicts even greater success for 2015-16.

Dr. Blanca Cavazos
Region XI President

Region XI Membership Scoreboard

Charter	June 2014	June 2015	(+/-)
East Kern	60	70	(+10)
West Kern	310	325	(+15)
Kings	113	122	(+9)
Tulare	414	457	(+43)
Inyo/Mono	25	27	(+2)
CSUB Student	4	10	(+6)
Non-Assigned	7	2	(-5)
TOTALS	933	1,013	(+80)

Congratulations: Region XI has surpassed its membership goal of 1,000 with a current membership of 1,013 members. During the past two years, the Region's Membership has increased by 180 members or 22%. . . That is certainly very significant growth!

"WHAT THEY SAID"

"As I reflect on the past year advocating for students and serving as your State President, I am thinking about all of you I have met, spent time with, and received your love and affection. It has been an honor and privilege, and spending the time with you has been one of the highlights of my life. We all share a common bond as advocates for students."

Randall Delling, 2014-2015 State ACSA President

"I would like to encourage each charter under the leadership of your president, specify each voting delegate and have them or a replacement to represent the Charter at our three Region XI Delegate Assemblies held at Hodel's, Bakersfield in October, February and April. It's important that we have good representation at each one."

David Tonini, Region XI Executive Director

2015 Region XI Planning Meeting, Marriott, Visalia, June 16

"If you are not having fun as a school administrator, you are not doing it right."

Dr. Adolph Brown, Keynote Speaker

2015 Summer Institute Sponsored by TCOE and Tulare Charter, ACSA

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COMMENTS FROM YOUR REGION XI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hope your summer is off to a good start and you find time to get away from your work and relax.

This has been an exceptional year for Region 11 ACSA under the leadership of Blanca Cavazos, your 2014-15 Region 11 President. Membership grew significantly to 1,013, the first time Region membership has ever exceeded 1,000. All Charters scheduled networking events for their members. Charter meetings included a professional development activity, and at least two networking activities for Charter members were held. Region meetings provided opportunities for participants to interact and provide input on important issues facing the state educational issues. Region 11 had one of the largest groups at Legislative Action Day. What a great year!

I would like to acknowledge the great work of all your Region and Charter Officers this year and I look forward to working with our new officers for next year. You might want to email them and thank them for their service. They take time out of their busy work and personal life to serve you.

Congratulations to all the Charter and Region Administrator

of the Year recipients. Two Region winners will be recognized as State Administrators of the Year at the ACSA Summit in Sacramento November 15-17. Plan to attend. The Region has vouchers for the Summit that give you a significant reduction in the cost of registration. Email me for details if you are interested.

The Region Newsletter is emailed to members four times a year. Share it with other administrators. Our newsletter Editor, Dick Schlagel, is recognized for producing the best Region Newsletter in the state.

I look forward to the leadership of your new 2015-16 Region President Val Brown, and serving all of you. Get involved in your Professional Organization. Attend networking activities, join the ACSA Community, check the state and region website for updates, respond to Legislation Alerts, volunteer to serve as a Charter or Region Officer, sign up for the ACSA phone App, tune in to ACSA TV, submit an application to serve on a state council or committee, attend Charter and Region meetings (you don't have to be an officer to attend), and feel secure with your ACSA Liability Insurance.

If I can support you in any way, please contact me.

David Tonini
Executive Director - Region XI

REGION XI's 2015 ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR



John Snavely
Superintendent



Michael Waters
Secondary Principal



Tracey Jenkins
Middle Grades Principal



John Raven
Elementary Principal



Pamela Jones
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REGION XI AWARDS "BEST OF THE BEST"



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Eduardo Cardenas
Every Student Succeeding



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Memorial Award*

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jordan Riccobni..... *Sunnyside High*
- Taylor Slover *Tulare Union High*
- Emily Pierschbacher..... *Tulare Western High*
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TULARE CHARTER SPONSORS 44TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

The beautiful outdoors at the White Horse Inn, Three Rivers was once again the setting for the Tulare Charter's 44th Annual Awards event. This year's recipients included four Golden Apples awards, one media, presentation of five ACSA retirees.

Golden Apple Recipients

Those honored for their outstanding services to their local community of school district received Golden Apples.

Those honored included:

Javier Quevedo, *Cutler-Orosi Unified School District*

- Worked in the Head Start Program for many years
- Involved in the Cutler-Orosi Kiwanis Club
- Started the AYSO Soccer League 19 years ago. It has many state championships
- The important core beliefs of AYSO has positively transformed the Cutler-Orosi community for the past few years

Mario Tamez, *Cutler-Orosi Unified School District*

- Has worked for the Cutler-Orosi, JUSP for several years as a bus mechanic
- Devotes much of his free time to AYSO Organization in the community
- Helped organize the AYSO Soccer League with Javier Quevedo 19 years ago
- This soccer league provided an outlet for the youth of the community and a place where families can congregate and partake in healthy athletic competitions

Kyle Stark, *Exeter Unified School District*

- Has served in law enforcement for 20 years, joining the Exeter Police Department in 2012
- Assigned as the School Resource Officer for the Exeter Union Unified School District
- Plays a critical on serving the site administration in a variety of ways at Wilson Middle School
- Confers with school personnel and parents
- Coordinates a monthly fun lunch that is part of Wilson Middle School's incentive program

Lisa Jacabo, *Tulare Joint Union High School District*

- Program director at Countryside High School for the past 11 years
- Wears many hats while serving the students
- She is a teacher, facilitator, mentor, mediator, guidance counselor and problem solver
- Has made positive and significant impacts on students in Tulare Joint Union High School District, especially those attending Countryside High School

Media Award

Larry Stoneburner, *Porterville Unified School District*

- Was a well-known obstetrician in Bakersfield for his television segment called "You be the Doctor."
- Serves at several high school Pathway Advisory Boards
- Recruits students for Cornell University
- Member of Tulare County Farm Bureau
- Major contributor to the Success of Promotion of Linked Learning within the PUSD
- Serves as a member of the Porterville Charter School Administrative Board
- True champion for public education

ACSA Retirees

The following Tulare County School Administrators, members of ACSA (Associates of California School Administrators) were recognized for their dedicated services to public school education

Kerry Beauchaine, *Oak Valley Union School District*

- Served as District Superintendent and Principal of Oak Valley Union
- One of his greatest blessings has been establishing positive relationships with fellow superintendents, TCOE, personnel, and his own staff
- Served state ACSA Small School Districts Committee for five years
- Very active participant in Tulare County Small Schools District Association
- School's API increased from 690 to an amazing 827

Linda McKean, *Tulare County Office of Education*

- Year 2000 became Manager in TCOE special services division
- Year 2012, she was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the Division
- Strong proponent of behavioral intervention services
- Facilitated the full-time employment status of all Bright Star Teachers.
- Has worked effectively to consolidate special services staff and equipment throughout the county to the TCOE Liberty Center

Mari Kalasian, *Visalia Unified School District*

- Was Paralegal for 11 years prior to entering teaching
- Started as a sub, serving long term assignments at Crestwood and Conyer Schools, then to Goshen School in 1985 as a first grade teacher

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FACES AROUND THE REGION

Q: WOULD YOU SHARE A VERY SPECIAL EVENT, PROGRAM OR HAPPENING THAT TOOK PLACE IN YOUR DISTRICT OR SCHOOL THIS PAST YEAR?



Richard Morosa

Vice Principal/Program Coordinator, Wingland Elementary, Standard School District

"Wingland Elementary in the Standard School District hosted a highly successful "Running with Ronald" charity event this spring benefiting the local Ronald McDonald House. The school raised over \$3,000 which was good enough to be the 3rd most amount raised by a school in Kern County"



Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere

Superintendent, Farmersville Unified School District

"Farmersville Unified is proud to announce that we made the AP Honor Roll nationwide. We are one of 563 honored districts in the Nation!"



Mike Tsuboi

Principal, Bartlett Middle School, Porterville Unified School District

"At Bartlett Middle School, Porterville Unified School District, we implemented and were very excited about the outcome of several changes.

The greatest change by far was the institution of a modified block schedule. This change allowed for the return of a full year of science and social science instruction. The time shift also allows students to participate in additional elective courses, many of which are focused on PUSD's High School Pathways Programs.

Additionally, PUSD assigned academic coaches to each site district wide. At Bartlett, Noemi Reyes was able to work with our staff to implement teacher/student use of iPads in daily instructions, hands on project raised learning activities and time/classroom management skills for block schedules.

The students of BMS enjoyed a year of change and implementation that provided them with a solid education in preparation for a future in college and of a career."

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CHARTER CHAT



Our charter hosted a spring networking social at Marriott on April 16 which provided opportunity for county administrators to collaborate with friends and colleagues. The annual charter golf tournament took place on April 19th which was a great success raising about \$6,000 for student scholarships. The Every Student Succeeding breakfast took place on April 24 and our annual retirement dinner was held on May 1 at the White Horse Inn in Three Rivers. We presented \$10,000 in scholarships to 21 students at the TCOE Summer Institute on June 17 at the Edison Education Center in Tulare in addition to honoring our administrative of the year award recipients. It has been an productive year for Tulare ACSA Charter!

Donya Wheeler, Tulare County President



Kings Charter had their End-of-Year Elections Social and had a great turnout. We held our Fall Conference in September, we had a Winter Social, and an End-of-Year Social. Our charter membership increased during the 2014-2015 year, and we are planning on having some different events for the 2015-2016 year.

Officers elected during the Elections Social are:

President - Bobby Peters
 President Elect - Darin Parson
 Past President - Greg Henry
 Vice President - Rodney Brumitt
 Secretary - Loretta Black
 Treasurer - Tammy Airheart

Board Members:

Kathi Felder
 Jaime Rogers
 Heiko Sweeney
 Cathlene Anderson
 Lance Dowd
 John Raven

Greg Henry, Kings County President



At our April 27th awards dinner banquet, we celebrated the recognition and accomplishments of the following charter administrators of the year:

Heather Richter, Elementary Principal of the Year, (Golden Hills Elementary, Tehachapi Unified)
 Paul Kaminski, Middle Grades Principal (Jacobsen Middle School,

Tehachapi Unified)

JoAnne McClelland, Continuation Educational Options Administrator (Mesquite Continuation High School, Sierra Sands Unified)

Serving on our 2015-2016 East Kern Charter Board:

President - Lisa Decker
 Vice President - JoAnne McClelland
 Secretary - Heather Richter
 Treasurer - Elaine Janson

East Kern Charter wishes everyone a happy, fun-filled summer!

Melisa Christman, East Kern President



The West Kern Charter had several very well attended and meaningful events the last several months of the school year.

- On April 22nd, the Annual Charter's Administrative Assistants (Secretary's Day) Luncheon was held at the Stars Theater featuring special music, skits, array of door prizes

and delicious meal.

- The Annual Recognition Banquet recognized, student scholarships, Golden Apple recipients, retirees, administrators of the year and the educational leadership award. It was held at the beautiful Rio Bravo Country Club on June 4th.

- Matt Diggle is concluding his second term as Charter President. He has given outstanding leadership and is to be commended for his efforts and achievements these pas two years.

Matt Diggle, West Kern President

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- **Terri Ruffert, Superintendent**, Sundale Union School District, is to be highly commended for her campaign for the office of State ACSA Vice-President, Legislative Action. She missed out on getting this position by just a few votes. We have been told the ballots had to be counted three times to determine the winner. Linda Kaminski, Superintendent, Azusa USD, gained the position and will start her new term on July 1, 2015. The election took place at the May 14 Delegate Assembly in Sacramento.
- **Region XI** welcomes its second student charter. Approximately 40 administrators and potential student charter members were in attendance at a reception and information meeting held at Visalia Unified School District on May 7th. There are presently six members in this new student charter
- **Kings County Charter** held its end-of-the-year social and election at Dowd's Cabana in Hanford on May 15, 2015. Greg Henry, Charter President, announced the following officers and board members elected at the meeting:
President: Bobby Peters
Vice-President: Rodney Brumit
Secretary: Loretta Black
Treasurer: Tammy Airheart
Directors: Cathlene Anderson, Lance Dowd
Region XI Board of Directors: Greg Henry, John Raven
- **Our Region XI is teaming up** with Regions IX, X, and XIII to sponsor a Mid-State Conference on the weekend of March 11, 12, 13, 2016. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo. David Bowling, Region XI Vice-President is Region XI's Representative on the conference four region planning committee. We would encourage District and Site Administrators to put these dates on your school's calendar.
- **West Kern Charter and Tulare Charter** once again sponsored successful Golf Tournaments. The proceeds from this annual event goes toward student scholarships. Terry Wolfe, (West Kern), and Time Hire, (Tulare) are to be greatly commended for once again chairing the tournament for their charters.
- **Congratulations to Matt Diggle, West Kern Charter President and Melissa Christman, East Kern Charter President**, for concluding two very successful terms of office for their respective charter. Their commitment, creative leadership and dedication in leading their charters is greatly appreciated.
- **Tulare Charter** sponsored its second networking social. It was held on April 16th at Marriott Hotel, Visalia. The Charter also recently conducted two presentations of District's Best Practices. Tulare Joint Union High School presentation at the April 17th Board meeting focused on "Paths to Success".
- **Lora Haston, Superintendent**, Alta Vista School District's Presentation at the May 22nd Board Meeting, featured "The All-American Student Classic. This event focuses on grades 5-6 and grades 7-8 competing in both academics and athletics. Alta Vista just completed their 3rd Classic in May.
- **Congratulations to Regina Green and Dr. Fernie Marroquin**. Regina's new promotion is serving as Assistant Superintendent in the Tehachapi School District. She was formerly Principal at Thomas Jefferson School in Wasco. Fernie is leaving his position as Principal of Redwood High School in Visalia to his new assignment as Superintendent, Oak Valley Union School District in Tulare County. Both of these administrators are very active ACSA members in their local Charters and also in Region XI.
- **Kings Charter and West Kern Charter** go all out in sponsoring annual luncheons for their secretaries, administrative assistants, and office personnel. Each Charter's luncheon is a first-class event, recognizing these special staff members. They were held on April 22, 2015.
- **2015 Region XI Planning Sessions**, Region XI's leadership team members, under the leadership of **Valerrie Brown**, our 2015-2016 Region XI President, conducted a very outstanding two day event. **Dr. Randall Delling**, our 2014-2015 State ACSA President, addressed these groups on State ACSA's nine strategies. **Frank Silveira**, Region XI Representative and State ACSA Equity, Achievement and Diversity Committee, also reported on ACSA's Equity project and his committee's work, goals, resources, etc. Approximately 30 Region XI administrators were in attendance on day two of the planning session. The first day was spent with the Executive Board, planning for the new year. The 2015-2016 calendar of events along with next year's budget were two major topics. The Fall issue of the newsletter will give a more comprehensive report along with the region goals for 2015-2016 and other pertinent information.

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- Administrative positions were: Assistant Principal, Goshen School and mt. View, first Principalship at Washington School in 2004.
- Has continued in this assignment until her retirement
- Worked very closely with service groups, non-profits, and churches in a variety of partnerships

Felix Mata, Visalia Unified School District

- Began his career in Hemet Unified as a 4-6 grade English as a second language teacher
- Continued career as a Bilingual Teacher in Hanford Elementary
- Has served in a variety of administrative positions in Hanford Elementary, Golden Plains, Visalia, Delano and back to Visalia
- Served as Principal at Mineral King Elementary from 2002 to 2007
- Has served as Principal at Fairview since 2007

Mike Waters, Visalia Unified School District

- From 1991 to 2000, served as the Chief Executive Officer of Kings View Mental Health System
- Began his teaching career at La Joya Middle School in 2000
- Transferred to El Diamante High School in 2002 as a Health Service Teacher
- Administrative positions have included: Learning Director, Assistant Principal and Principal
- Returned to El Diamante as Principal in 2008

TULARE CHARTER RECOGNIZES ESS RECIPIENTS

Mimi Bonds, Tulare Charter Board Member and once again chairperson of the Annual “Every Student Succeeding” Breakfast, reports 16 students in Tulare County High Schools were honored this year.

Eduardo Cardenas, Senior, Porterville High School, was the recipient of this year’s Region XI’s top award and will be honored at the State ACSA’s Annual Leadership Summit at the Sacramento Convention Center.


The following students were this years recipients:

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bernardo Baeza | Woodlake High School |
| Eduardo Cardenas | Porterville High School |
| Ezra Monroy | Redwood High School |
| Sarah Rodriguez | Tulare Union High School |
| Stephen Case | Mission Oak High School |
| Jezelle Alcalá | Visalia Charter Independent Study |
| Jose Castro | La Sierra Charter Military Academy |
| Joseph Sannar | El Diamante High School |
| Cindy Bautista | Orosi High School |
| Marc Ochoa | Lindsay High School |
| Mitchell Hensley | Monache High School |
| Hope Pearson | Golden West High School |
| Alejandra Salcedo Vaca | Tulare Western High School |
| Joseph Mendoza | John J. Cairns High School |
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGION XI . . . VALERIE BROWN, PRESIDENT

- Region Board Meeting, September 3, 2015, 8:30 am, Hodel's, Bakersfield
- Region Delegate Assemblies, October 1, 2015, February 4, 2016, April 7, 2016
- ACSA Mid-State Conference, (Regions IX, X, XI, XIV), March 11-13, 2016, Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo, CA
- Annual Awards Luncheon, May 12, 2016, 12:00pm, Hodel's, Bakersfield
- Annual Planning Meeting, June 13-14, 2016, TBD

STATE ACSA . . . TOM ARMELINO, PRESIDENT

- Leadership Summit, November 4-7, 2015, Sacramento Convention Center
- Legislative Action Day, April 3-4, 2016, Sacramento
- State Delegate Assemblies, October 15-16, 2015 (Los Angeles), February 18-19, 2016, TBD, May 4-5, 2016 (Sacramento)



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