

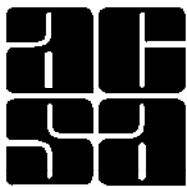
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## Region 18 President's Message

**Tracy Thompson**

Region 18 is a dynamic group of classified and certificated administrators/leaders from two of the geographically largest and diverse counties in California – Imperial and San Diego. We are committed to carrying out the Mission of ACSA; Supporting California's educational leaders, ensuring all students have the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel, and champion public education.

As your Region 18 President, it is an honor to be able to serve such a diverse, educated and dedicated group of professionals who are committed to the same goals and priorities; to raise academic achievement and provide the best possible education for all students. During my term, I look forward to meeting and collaborating with you in addressing ACSA's core purpose; to preserve and improve the quality of life through public education.

Although we are facing many challenges that will foster opportunities for the 2012-13 school year, the Cabinet has identified several goals that will be attained by working together and supporting one another. These goals are in accordance with State ACSA's huge goal of being the most influential, respected, student-focused and service-oriented educational association in existence. Our Region 18 goals for 2012-13 are listed on Page 2.

As we approach the new year, I look forward to a challenging and rewarding year representing you at the State and local level as your new Region 18 President.



New Officers and Representatives were sworn in by outgoing President Jon LeDoux, at the May Leadership Forum meeting

## *Region 18 Goals for 2012-13*

The Region 18 goals are, but not limited to, the following:

1. ACSA Region 18 and State ACSA will strive to increase membership and retain members by implementing a membership action plan. The plan will include the following action steps:
  - a. ACSA Region 18 Cabinet members will make presentations at college administrator training programs.
  - b. Contact school district human resources administrators to see if they will place membership materials in their hiring packet.
  - c. Region 18 and State ACSA will periodically contact non-members about participating in ACSA activities and joining ACSA.
2. Continue to support and strengthen our Region Charters by offering financial incentives and a rebate program.
  - a. Region 18 members who bring two new members into State ACSA, will receive one (1) free Leadership Summit registration fee voucher.
  - b. Charters who complete beginning and year-end reports receive \$500.
  - c. If Charters have a special activity or event, they may request financial support from the Region to be approved by the Cabinet.
  - d. State ACSA gives a \$25 gift card to members who recruit a new member.
  - e. Quarterly statewide, the State ACSA organization gives an iPad to the member who recruits the most new State ACSA members during the previous quarter.
3. Continue to improve communication through e-mailing and U.S. mailing the “Communicator” newsletter and maintaining the Region web site.
4. Continue to expand a student scholarship and recognition program focusing on community service, student achievement, a career in education goal and financial need. Continue to search for ways to fund the student scholarship program.
5. Plan a 2012-13 Region Leadership Conference or professional development training. Work toward providing professional development at Leadership Forum’s by bringing in speakers. Develop a professional development calendar and post on our Region website.
6. Continue to improve social networking opportunities for our members, both within and outside our Region.
7. Continue to promote equity and diversity in Region 18.
8. Provide information and support for implementation of the State ACSA Mentoring Program. Develop a plan of action to train mentors and identify potential mentees using Region 18 and ACSAR members.
9. Continue to support Region 18 involvement in the ACSA Women’s Leadership Network.

Check out our Region 18 website at [www.acsaregion18.org](http://www.acsaregion18.org) and the State ACSA website at [www.acsa.org](http://www.acsa.org) for Professional Development opportunities and Academies.

# 2012-2013 Region 18 Leadership Forum



## Cabinet Members

President - **Tracy Thompson**, JCCS-Metro Region SDCOE  
President Elect - **Joe Austin**, San Diego USD  
Immediate Past President - **Jon LeDoux**, Holtville Unified SD  
Vice President for Legislative Action - **Stephanie Pierce**, Santee SD  
Service Director for Ways & Means - **Shannon Hargrave**, Valley Center-Pauma USD  
Service Director for Communications - **Amanda Brooke**, McCabe UESD  
Service Director for Membership - **Bryan Farmer**, Mountain Empire USD  
Vice President for Committees/Programs - **Yolanda Rogers**, Lemon Grove SD  
President Appointed At-Large Member - **Deborah Burke**, Retired  
President Appointed At-Large Member - **Ruben Castro**, Seeley Union ESD  
President Appointed At-Large Member - **Teresa Palzkill**, Poway USD  
ACSA State Board Rep - **Steve Van Zant**, Mountain Empire USD  
Past ACSA State Board Rep - **Pat Crowder**, San Diego USD

## Charter Presidents

ACSA-18 Retired Charter - **John Bley**  
Greater San Dieguito Charter - **Julie Norby**, Solana Beach ESD  
Heartland Charter - **Steve Neimeyer**, Grossmont Union HSD  
Imperial County Charter - **Denise Smith**, Imperial County Office of Ed  
Fallbrook-Bonsall-Vallecitos Charter - **Diane McClelland**, Fallbrook UESD  
Oceanside Charter - **Julie Johnson**, Oceanside USD  
Palomar Charter - **Mary Gorsuch**, Valley Center-Pauma SD  
Poway Charter - **Mike Tarantino**, Poway USD  
San Diego City(AASD) - **Juan Romo**, San Diego USD  
San Diego County Office - **Violeta Mora**, SDCOE  
San Diego County Office - **Susan Yamate**, SDCOE  
Southwest Charter - **Sergio Quintero**, Sweetwater UHSD

## Council Rep

Adult Education - **Steve Niemeyer**, Grossmont UHSD  
Business Services - **Karl Christensen**, Santee SD  
Career Technical Education - **Dom Gagliardi**, Escondido USD  
Classified Educational Leaders - **(vacant)**  
Curr., Inst. & Accountability - **Joy Ceasar**, Holtville Unified SD  
Educational Options - **Roberto "Beto" Carrillo**, JCCS, SDCOE  
Elementary Education - **Ruben Castro**, Seeley UESD  
Human Resources - **Minnie Malin**, Santee SD  
Middle Grades Education - **Linda Solis**, Ramona USD  
Secondary Education - **(Vacant)**  
Student Services & Sp. Ed. - **Heather DiFede**, East County SELPA  
Superintendency - **Lou Obermeyer**, Valley Center-Pauma SD  
Superintendency - **William Kowba**, San Diego USD

## Committee Rep

ACSA/CAPEA - **Mark Nicholson**, Oceanside USD  
Co-Administration - **Teresa Palzkill**, Poway USD  
Equity, Ach & Div., for Success - **R. Vernon Moore**, San Diego USD  
Legislative Action - **Stephanie Pierce**, Santee SD  
Legislative Policy - **Amanda Brooke**, McCabe UESD  
Member Services - **Bryan Farmer**, Mountain Empire USD  
Retirement - **Larry Marquand**, Retired

## State Appointed

ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Eric Lehew**, Poway USD  
ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Devin Vodicka**, Carlsbad USD  
ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Jennifer Walters**, Escondido Union SD  
Business Services Council - **Gina Potter**, Lemon Grove SD  
Retirement Committee - **Charles Ballinger**, Retired

## Calendar of Events

**September 18-21, 2012**

*PLC At Work 2012 Institute*

**September 26, 2012**

*Region 18 Leadership Forum*

**October TBD, 2012**

*Octoberfest Event - North  
Location TBD*

**November 7-10, 2012**

*Leadership Summit  
San Diego*

**December 10, 2012**

*Nomination Forms Due  
"Administrator of the Year" and  
"Every Student Succeeding"*

**January 23, 2013**

*Region 18 Leadership Forum  
(Elections)*

**February 4, 2013**

*PDK/ACSA Superintendent Dinner  
San Diego*

**March TBD, 2013**

*March Madness Membership Event  
Location TBD*

**March 17-18, 2013**

*Legislative Action Day  
Sacramento*

**April 26, 2013**

*"Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner  
San Diego*

**May 1, 2013**

*Region 18 Leadership Forum*

# "Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner

On April 20, 2012, over 400 educators and school board members, friends and family attended the 10th Annual "Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner held at the Sheraton San Diego Resort & Marina. Congratulations to the 32 awardees who received recognition for excellence in their field! Our sponsors played a major role in the success of the event. Thank you for continuing to support our awards dinner!

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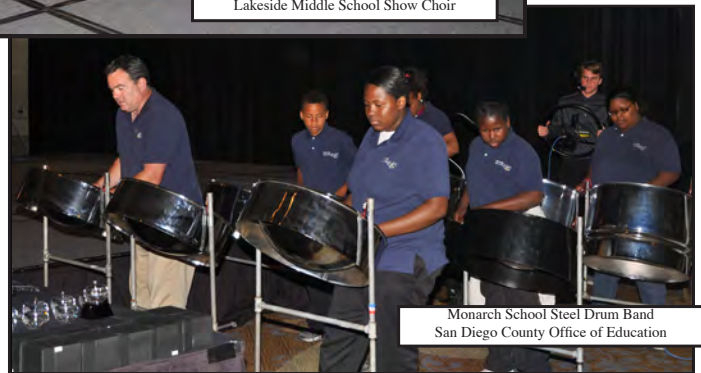
Southern California Schools VEBA



Co-Hosts Penny Ranfile, SDCSCBA President and Jon LeDoux, Region 18 President



Lakeside Middle School Show Choir



Monarch School Steel Drum Band  
San Diego County Office of Education



More Thank You's go to Doug Green and the Carlsbad TV students for providing the live-feed during the event; Betty Patterson-Del Sol's Southwestern College Floral Design students for the flower arrangements on the tables and on stage; the Ramona High School Navy Junior ROTC Color Guard for the Presentation of Colors; Monarch School Steel Drum Band students for the dinner entertainment; and, to the Special Entertainment performance by the Lakeside Middle School Show Choir! You all helped to make the evening special for the awardees and guests!

A special Thank You goes to Boyd Anderson Photography who took pictures during the event, individual and group photos before and after the dinner. Please contact Cindy at [acsaregion18@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acsaregion18@sbcglobal.net) if there is a picture you would like emailed to you.

**"Honoring Our Own"**

**Administrators  
of the  
Year 2012**



**Phyllis Munoz**

Principal, Ramona Elementary, Ramona Unified SD  
Elementary Principal Category



**Julie Johnson**

Project Director, Gear Up  
Oceanside Unified SD  
Education Options Category



**Agin Shaheed**

Program Manager, Race Human Relations  
& Advocacy  
San Diego Unified SD  
Central Office Category



**Steve Niemeyer**

Principal/Director Grossmont Health  
Occupations Center, Grossmont Union High SD  
Adult Education Category



**Cece Bostrom**

Administrative Assistant  
San Pasqual Union School District  
Classified Leader Category

**"Honoring Our Own"**

**Administrators  
of the  
Year 2012**



**Renato Montano**  
Associate Superintendent, El Centro Elementary SD  
**Curriculum & Instruction Category**



**Kelly Burke**  
Assistant Principal, Del Norte High School  
Poway Unified SD  
**Secondary Co-Administrator Category**



**Ron Koenig**  
Superintendent/Principal, Warner Unified SD  
**Career Technical Ed Category**



**Joy Ceasar**  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Program Improvement  
Holtville Unified SD  
**Curriculum & Instruction Category**



**Peter Schroeder**  
Retired San Diego Unified School District Educator  
**Retired Category**

**Administrators  
of the  
Year 2012**



**Mary Rose Peralta**  
Principal, Granger Junior High School  
Sweetwater Union High SD  
**Middle Grades Principal Category**



**Brad Callahan**  
Principal, Lewis Middle School  
San Diego Unified SD  
**Middle Grades Principal Category**



**Carolyn Nunes**  
Senior Director, Special Education  
San Diego County Office of Education  
**Special Education Category**



**Steve Ahle**  
University Adjunct Professor,  
California State University, San Marcos  
**Professor of Education Category**



**Enriqueta Lugin**  
Business Manager  
Mountain Empire Unified School District  
**Business Services Category**

**"Honoring Our Own"**

**Administrators  
of the  
Year 2012**



**Deann Jeffreys**  
Director of Human Resources and Pupil Services  
Alpine Union SD  
**Pupil Personnel Category**



**Jose Brosz**  
Principal, Otay Ranch High School  
Sweetwater Union High SD  
**Secondary Principal Category**



**Bob Leon**  
Deputy Superintendent, Escondido Union SD  
**Personnel/Human Resources Category**



**Janet Wilson**  
Superintendent/Principal, Dehesa SD  
**Superintendent/Principal Category**



**Jane Gawronski**  
**ACSA Region 18 Robert E. Kelly Award**



***“Honoring Our Own”***



***Superintendent of the Year***



**Steve Van Zant**  
Superintendent  
Mountain Empire Unified SD



Mountain Empire Unified School District

***School Board Members of the Year***



**Zoe Carpenter**  
School Board Member, Escondido Union SD



**Katie Dexter**  
School Board Member, Lemon Grove Union SD

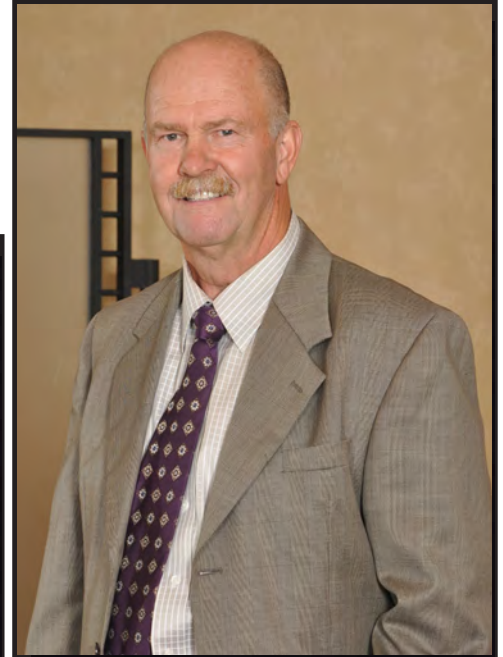
# San Diego County School Boards Association Awards



**Lois Wray**  
Parent Volunteer  
Vista Unified SD  
**Parent Volunteer of the Year**



**Linda Vail**  
Executive Secretary to the Superintendent  
Santee SD  
**Confidential/Administrative Staff  
Member of the Year**



**Richard Smith**  
Board Member, Bonsall Union SD  
**Rookie School Board Member of the Year**



**Vince Scimone**  
Food Services Director,  
Grossmont Union High SD  
**Staff Member of the Year**



**Baba Olaogun**  
Parent Volunteer, Sweetwater Union High SD  
**Parent Volunteer of the Year**

# *San Diego County School Boards Association Awards*



**Marc Davis**

School Board Member, Poway Unified SD  
Rookie School Board Member of the Year



Ramona Community Library  
Community Partner of the Year



**Patti McFall**

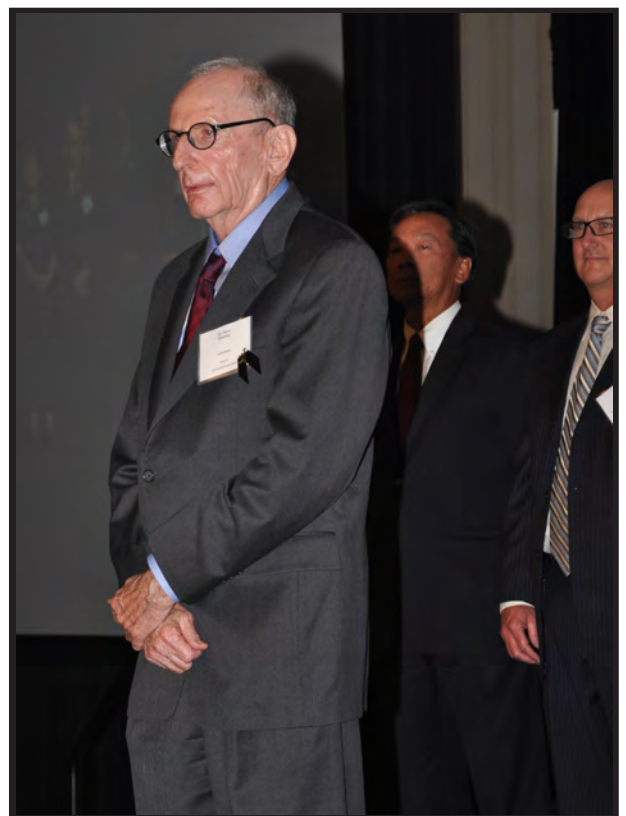
School Secretary, Jamul-Dulzura Union SD  
Staff Member of the Year

## *The Dede Alpert Award*

### **Dr. Harry Weinberg**

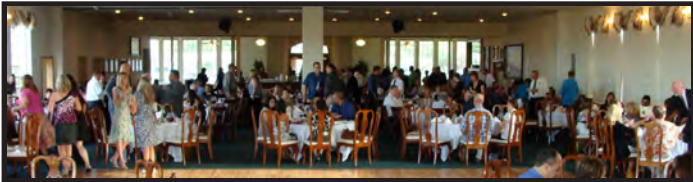
Faculty, California State University at San Marcos

The Dede Alpert Award is bestowed on very special individuals who have made a significant contribution to public education. Dr. Harry Weinberg has dedicated his adult life to public education. He has taught at every grade level, served as a school superintendent for 16 years, been an assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent of the San Diego County Office of Education. Harry was also a successful high school basketball coach. As a founding partner of "Leadership Associates", a management consulting firm, he has conducted leadership and board workshops in more than 100 school districts. Congratulations to Dr. Weinberg on this well-deserved honor!



# Imperial County Awards

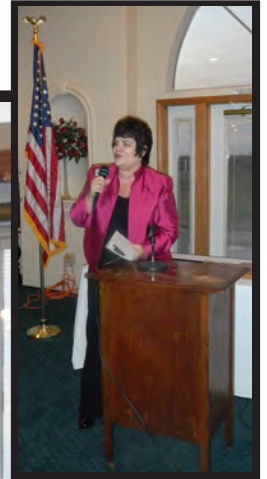
On May 24, 2012 at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse, educators, friends and family gathered to honor ACSA Region 18 Administrators of the Year, Joy Ceasar and Renato Montano; as well as the Imperial County Teachers of the Year for 2012! Recognition was also given to all retiring administrators. Ron Riedberger, Region 18 Member Services Representative for State ACSA, was given a special "Thank You" recognition for his many years of service to both San Diego and Imperial County.



Old Eucalyptus School House



Renato Montano, Associate Superintendent El Centro Elementary SD and co-recipient of the Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year for Region 18



Amanda Brooke,  
Charter President



Jon LeDoux congratulates Joy Ceasar, co-recipient of the Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year for Region 18



Jon LeDoux, Region 18 President, and Tom Teagle, Region 18 Executive Director/Consultant award Ron Riedberger for his service to the region.