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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 2013-14 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 Strategic Plan and the huge goal of being the most influential, respected, student-focused and service-oriented educational association in existence. Our Region 18 goals for 2013-14 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 Region 18 President.

New Officers and Representatives were sworn in by President Tracy Thompson, at the May Leadership Forum

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Region 18 Goals for 2013-14

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. Plan a 2013-14 Region Leadership Conference or professional development training. Work toward providing professional development at Leadership Forum's by bringing in guest speakers. Develop a professional development calendar and post on our Region website.

4. Continue to improve social networking opportunities for our members, both within and outside our Region.

5. Continue to promote equity and diversity in Region 18.

6. 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.

7. Continue to support Region 18 involvement in the ACSA Women's Leadership Network and promote the Women in School Leadership forum to be held October 17-18, 2013 in San Diego.

8. Communicate and support State ACSA's strategic plan. Region 18's primary focus will be on Strategies 3 & 4.
   #3 We will initiate and build dynamic alliances with others of common purpose.
   #4 We will build and maintain vibrant, purposeful networks of educational communities.

Check out our Region 18 website at regions.acsa.org/18 and the State ACSA website at www.acsa.org for Professional Development opportunities and Academies.

2013-2014 Region 18 Leadership

Cabinet Members

President - **Tracy Thompson,** JCCS-Metro Region, SDCOE
President Elect - **Joe Austin,** San Diego USD
Immediate Past President - **Jon LeDoux,** El Centro Elementary SD
Vice President for Legislative Action - **Stephanie Pierce,** Santee SD
Service Director for Ways & Means - **Shannon Hargrave,** San Pasqual USD
Service Director for Communications - **Amanda Brooke,** McCabe UESD
Service Director for Membership - **R. Vernon Moore,** San Diego USD
Vice President for Committees/Programs - **Yolanda Rogers,** SDCOE
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 - **Lou Obermeyer,** Valley Center-Pauma SD
Past ACSA State Board Rep - **Pat Crowder,** Retired, San Diego USD

Charter Presidents

Region-18 Retired Charter - **John Bley,** Retired, LaMesa-Spring Valley SD
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 - **Phyllis Morgan,** Oceanside USD
Palomar Charter - **Mary Gorsuch,** Valley Center-Pauma SD
Poway Charter - **Teresa Palzkill,** Poway USD
San Diego City(AASD) - **Donis Coronel,** San Diego USD
San Diego County Office - **Susan Yamate,** SDCOE
Southwest Charter - **Sergio Quintero**, Sweetwater UHSD

Council Rep

Adult Education - **Susan Yamate,** SDCOE
Business Services - **Karl Christensen**, Santee SD
Career Technical Education - **Dom Gagliardi**, Escondido USD
Classified Educational Leaders - **Peter Johnson,** San Diego USD
Curr., Inst. & Accountability - **Joy Ceasar,** El Centro Elementary SD
Educational Options - **(Vacant)**
Elementary Education - **Kim Phifer**, South Bay Union SD
Human Resources - **Anisha Dalal,** San Diego USD
Middle Grades Education - **David Lorden**, Lakeside Union SD
Secondary Education - **Michael Dodson,** San Diego USD
Student Services & Sp. Ed. - **Kurt Leptich,** ICOE
Superintendency - **Brian Marshall**, LaMesa-Spring Valley SD

Committee Rep

ACSA/CAPEA - **Rebekah Barakos-Cartwright**, Coronado USD
ACSA/CAPEA - **Julie Johnson,** MiraCosta College/Oceanside USD
Co-Administration - **Teresa Palzkill**, Poway USD
Equity, Ach & Div., for Success - **(Vacant)**
Legislative Action - **Stephanie Pierce**, Santee SD
Legislative Policy - **Amanda Brooke,** McCabe UESD
Legislative Policy - **Nancy Lynch,** Solana Beach SD
Member Services - **R. Vernon Moore**, San Diego USD
Retirement - **Larry Marquand**, Retired, Grossmont UHSD

State Appointed

ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Eric Lehew**, Poway USD
ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Devin Vodicka**, Vista USD
ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Jennifer Walters,** Escondido Union SD
Business Services Council - **Gina Potter,** Lemon Grove SD
Co-Administrative Committee - **Teresa Palzkill**, Poway USD

Calendar of Events

October 2, 2013
Region 18 Leadership Forum
San Diego

October 17-18, 2013
Women In School Leadership
San Diego

November 14, 2013
Novemberfest Event - North
Old Spaghetti Factory
San Marcos

December 13, 2013
Nomination Forms Due
"Administrator of the Year" and
"Every Student Succeeding"

January 15, 2014
Past Presidents' Meeting
San Diego

February 3, 2014
PDK/ACSA Superintendent Dinner
San Diego

February 5, 2014
Region 18 Leadership Forum
(Elections)

March 11, 2014
March Madness Membership Event
Old Town Cafe
San Diego

April 6-7, 2014
Legislative Action Day
Sacramento

April 30, 2014
Region 18 Leadership Forum
(Delegate Appreciation)

May 2, 2014
"Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner
Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego

"Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner

On April 26, 2013, over 400 educators and school board members, friends and family attended the 11th Annual "Honoring Our Own" Awards Dinner held at the Sheraton San Diego Resort & Marina. Congratulations to the 30 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 Ranftle, SDSCBA Past President and Tracy Thompson, Region 18 President

Tha Main Attraction
Chula Vista High School

Oceanside High School
Jazz Ensemble

Penny Ranftle thanks Cindy Allen, Kathy Bowers, and Kimberly Roberts for their support.

More Thank You's go to Doug Green and the Carlsbad TV students for providing the live-feed during the event; Debra Peterson, Chaparral ROP Floral Design Classes, Grossmont Union High School District for the flower arrangements on the tables and on stage; the Lakeside Union School District Tierra Del Sol Drum Line for entertainment; the Grossmont Union High School District Mt. Miguel JROTC for the Presentation of Colors; the Oceanside High School Jazz Ensemble for the dinner entertainment; and, to the Special Entertainment performance by the Chula Vista High School-Main Attraction 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@gmail.com if there is a picture you would like emailed to you.

"Honoring Our Own"

Administrators of the Year 2013

Shannon Hargrave
Principal, Lilac Elementary
Valley Center-Pauma Unified SD
Elementary Principal Category

Patricia Marcial
Principal, Heber School
Heber Elementary SD
Elementary Principal Category

Julie Nydam
Vice Principal, Junipero Serra High School
San Diego Unified SD
Secondary Co-Administrator Category

Roberto "Beto" Carrillo
Principal, JCCS, SDCOE
Educational Options Category

Douglas Kline
Superintendent/Principal, Calipatria Unified SD
Superintendent/Principal Category

"Honoring Our Own"

Administrators of the Year 2013

Ronald Lopez
Director Special Services, Sweetwater UHSD
Special Education Category

Lisa Stoffel
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Mountain Empire Unified SD
Confidential Employee Category

Mary Gorsuch
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District
Curriculum & Instruction Category

Carla Rayon
Human Resources Director
El Centro Elementary School District
Personnel/Human Resources Category

Charles Ballinger
Retired Educator
San Diego County Office of Education
Retired Category

"Honoring Our Own"

Administrators of the Year 2013

Christina Becker
Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations
Santee School District
Classified Leader Category

Caroline Brown
Director of Technology and New Facilities
Solana Beach School District
Technology Category

Lora Duzyk
Assistant Superintendent/Business Services
San Diego County Office of Education
Business Services Category

Karl Mueller
Principal/Director ROP/Adult Education
Coronado Unified School District
Career Technical Education Category

Robert Gravina
Chief Technology Officer
Poway Unified School District
Technology Category

"Honoring Our Own"

Administrators of the Year 2013

Marian Kim-Phelps
Area Superintendent
San Diego Unified School District
Central Office Category

Delores Lindsey
Associate Professor of Education Leadership
California State University San Marcos
Professor of Education Category

Melanie Brown
Senior Director, Special Education,
Poway Unified SD
Special Education Category

Steve Hargrave
Director of Student Support Services
Vista Unified School District
Pupil Personnel Category

Leonard Rodriguez
Principal, Potter Junior High School
Fallbrook Union Elementary School District
Middle Grades Principal Category

"Honoring Our Own"

Administrators of the Year 2013

Linda Solis
Principal, Olive Pierce Middle School
Ramona Unified School District
Middle Grades Principal Category

Tony Newman
Principal, Ramona High School
Ramona Unified School District
Secondary Principal Category

Superintendent of the Year

Coronado Unified School District

Jeffrey Felix
Superintendent
Coronado Unified School District

San Diego County School Boards Association Awards

Dawn Charrette
Parent, Jamul-Dulzura Union School District
Parent Volunteer of the Year

Matt Koumaras
Executive Director
Boys and Girls Club of Vista
Partners in Educational Excellence Award

Ann Givens
Administrative Assistant
Oceanside Unified School District
Confidential/Administrative Staff Member of the Year

Andrienne Loree
District Auditor
Grossmont Union High School District
Staff Member of theYear

Jim Zortman
Northrop Grumman Corporation
Community Partner Award

School Board Member of the Year

Sue Hartley
County Board Member
San Diego County Office of Education
School Board Member of the Year

The Dede Alpert Award

Ron Bennett

President and CEO
School Services of California, Inc.

The Dede Alpert Award is bestowed on very special individuals who have made a significant contribution to public education. Ron Bennett is responsible for projects ranging from facilities issues, to district organization and operation, to fact finding and executive searches, as well as legislative services and strategic planning. He is involved in shaping the state's most critical public policy issues, but is also a key participant in resolving issues within school districts both large and small. Congratulations to Ron Bennett on this well-deserved honor!

Granger Ward, Ron Bennett, John Collins, and Penny Ranftle

Imperial County Awards

On May 23, 2013 at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse, over 250 educators, friends and family gathered to honor teachers, retirees and administrators from throughout Imperial County.

Old Eucalyptus School House

Douglas Kline, Calipatria Unified SD

Patricia Marcial, Heber Elementary SD

Carla Rayon, El Centro Elementary SD

Imperial County is ACSA Territory!

Mary Camacho, Retiring CTE Superintendent