

Congratulations and appreciation for your leadership in an extraordinary year! Thank you for stepping up the way you all did to meet the challenges for the good of our students and community.



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President's Message

Dear Colleagues in ACSA Region 6:

My brother is a Superior Court Judge in Ventura County and his motto is, "there is one word in America that says it all and that one word is...you never know." I've been thinking a lot about this saying lately because it reflects the unexpected times that we are currently in. As school administrators in California we never know what is awaiting us tomorrow, next week or next month. And we continue to show up every day to do our best work, because our moral purpose, our only constant in these times is that our students deserve the best. As one of 18,000+ ACSA members across the state, we can also rely on our ACSA partners to provide guidance and support for us during these times.

I am saddened that we will not be able to meet in person this year at our Annual Leadership Summit in June. This is such a highlight each year as it gives us an opportunity to truly celebrate our collective hard work and dedication to our students. I have enjoyed this year as your ACSA Region 6 President and appreciate all of your efforts to be bold and courageous leaders, now more than ever. Please continue to celebrate and appreciate each other both in your families and in your work environment. Since I am sharing my favorite quotes, I will leave you with one more. In one of my favorite movies, *A League of their Own*, Tom Hanks talks about making choices about playing baseball, but it also applies to our complex, personal and critical work. "If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great." We have chosen to be educators, knowing that it won't be easy, but it will be rewarding.

I would like to wish you a safe and healthy summer, whether

you are able to take a break or not. Continue to follow ACSA both in Region 6 and across the state.
#celebrateboldandcourageousleadership @acsaregion6

In partnership,
[Pam VandeKamp, Ed.D.](#)



2020 Administrators of the Year Awards Dinner and Thriving *off* the Vine!



Due to the current pandemic, the Region 6 Administrators of the Year Awards Dinner has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 22, 2020 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. It will feature comedian Nina G speaking on resilience in learning. We hope to be at the same venue, the beautiful Casa Real, Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite starting August 1. We want this event to be a wonderful celebration of bold and courageous leadership in our Region.

Thriving off the Vine: Envisioning Bold and Courageous Leadership 2020 Virtual Summit Series

The professional learning portion of our annual Leadership Summit is going virtual. It is now *Thriving off the Vine!* We will have most of the outstanding presenters originally scheduled:

- **Jamie Nunez**, Regional Manager of Common Sense Media: *Incorporating Digital Wellness Strategies for the Changing Educational Landscape*. June 23, 2020 - 10:00 to 11:30 am. Register now on [Eventbrite](#).
- **Tovi Scruggs-Hussein**, Dare to Lead Faciliator: *Emotional Intelligence/Mindful Leadership*. TBA in August.
- **Margo Olsen, Nick Zefeldt, and Julie Dooley**, Contra Costa County Office of Ed: *Design Sprint Using Improvement Science Tools*. TBA in August/September.



Region 6 Leadership - Charter Presidents

Congratulations and appreciation to the following ACSA members for their #boldandcourageousleadership in stepping up to be president of their Charter in the 2020-21 school year:

- **Judith Goodwin**, Alameda
- **Rachelle Rogers-Ard**, ACOE
- **Lorianne Ventura**, Amador Valley
- **Dustin Gacherieu**, Castro Valley

- TBD, Delta
- **Matt Chamberlain**, Diablo Valley
- **Theodora Pappas**, Diablo Managers Association
- **Chuck Graves**, Fremont
- TBD, Hayward
- **Valerie Nebo**, Livermore
- **Heather Thorner**, New Haven
- **Eddie Scruggs Smith**, North Alameda
- **Cathreene Ingham-Watters**, Newark
- TBD, Oakland
- **Vernon Walton**, San Leandro
- **Kathy LaCome and Kimberly Noble**, San Lorenzo
- **Peg Winkelman**, CSUEB
- **Sonja Neely-Johnson**, West Contra Costa
- **Dick Lloyd**, Retirees



Congratulations to Two Region 6 Administrators Selected as State Administrators of the Year



Valuing Diversity Award

Amy McNamara
Associate Superintendent of
Administrative Services
Acalanes Union High SD



Student Services Administrator of the Year

Chris Calabrese
Director of Student Services
Brentwood Union SD

Amy and Chris will be recognized along with other 2020 statewide award recipients on November 6 at the Statewide Awards Ceremony at the annual ACSA Leadership Summit in San Diego. See names of all state awards recipients on the ACSA website [here](#).

Look for their stories in upcoming issues of *EdCal*.



We thank our Region 6 Partners for supporting our high quality professional learning events and our Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner. Their sponsorship allows us to offer high quality programs at a discount to our members. Here are some of our partners this year. You can get additional information about them on the [Region 6 Partners](#) page on our website.



From Your Region Executive

Just like all of you, our work at ACSA has pivoted dramatically during the last few months. Region 6 has had to cancel, reschedule, or change the format of all our events, meetings, trainings, and celebrations. It was disappointing that we could not honor our 13 Every Student Succeeding nominees, 7 student scholarship recipients, and 5 mini-grant winners during the annual Region 6 Awards Luncheon. Look for their names and/or photos on our website.

We are still hopeful that we will have an in-person celebration of our region's 2020 Administrators of the Year on October 22. Being realistic, we are also making a back-up plan in case we are not able to do an in-person event.

In the meantime, I hope you have been relying on ACSA online and on social media platforms for the relevant resources and timely communications. Be sure you open emails coming from ACSA. Our Executive Director Wes Smith just sent out an email urging us to contact state representatives to advocate for students and protect education funding. Time is of the essence with this!

Many of you count on ACSA academies as a big part of you own professional development and career advancement. The 2020-21 Academy Schedule will be posted later than usual this year. Check the ACSA website in July.

I also know that the ACSA Member Assistance and Legal Support Team has been quite busy during this time. While they have not been traveling to all parts of the state, they continue to serve our members in various ways. We hope to bring you the cancelled presentations on Administrators Rights

in the near future in some format.

As always, ACSA is here to support you, don't hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, hope you can find some time to catch your breath in the next few weeks. Take care of yourself and be safe.

[Rose Lock](#), Region 6 Executive



Retiring or Know Someone Who Is?

Congratulations to all our school leaders retiring at the end of the school year! Thank you for your service and contribution to a career where you made a difference. Please contact ACSA at memberservices@acsa.org to continue your membership in retiree status. **This is not automatically done and ACSA does not have access to information of impending retirements.**

Region 6 has a vibrant Retiree Charter with over 200 members. As a retiree member, you can access various ACSA benefits in your retirement. Our Member Assistance and Legal Support Team often get calls from retirees years after retirement about being named in audits or even lawsuits!



Thank you to these Region 6 Members!

A big thank you to the following members who served on two very important committees in our Region this year:

Bob Blackburn Student Scholarship Committee: Jane Blomstrand, Sandra Prairie, Herb Cole, Anna Blackman and Barbara Armstrong (Chair).

Region 6 Mini-Grant Committee: June Krug, Luann Duggan, Raul Zamora and Julie Braun Martin (Chair).

Let [Rose Lock](#) know if you are interested in serving on these committees next year. We especially welcome RETIREES!



Welcome to new ACSA members



Region 6 welcomes the following new members:

Fremont USD
Stephanie Walton

Hayward USD
Luis Diaz

Mt. Diablo USD
Katie Koontz

Oakley UESD
David Hobson

Pleasanton USD
Nanette Gray, Terry Brenner, Mary Geasa

West Contra Costa USD
Joanne Sundberg

Thank you to the following ACSA members for recruiting new members this quarter:

Pam VandeKamp (2), Jose Espinoza, Teresa Abercrombe



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We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

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[Rose Lock](#), Executive

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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela
