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ACSA Region 6 Election

2023 Slate of Candidates Election Open March 1 - March 8, 2023

Eligible ACSA members will be receiving an email from Election Runner on March 1 with link to the ballot.

(Check your spam folder if you don't get it on March 1)

President-Elect

**Matt
Chamberlain**
Director of HR
Pittsburg USD



I have been an active member of ACSA since 2005. I have participated as a charter member, two term charter president (Diablo Valley Charter), Curriculum Council Representative (substitute), Secondary Schools Council Representative and Region 6 State Delegate to ACSA Leadership Assembly. Over my 26 years in education, I have been dedicated to providing thoughtful, caring and community-based customer service for students, staff and families.

I believe that continual professional development is the key to our growth as educators. To that end, I have attended, and is an advocate for, the ACSA academies and conferences at the charter, region and state levels. I have also been active with WASC as a committee member and visiting chairperson.

Currently, I serve as Director of Human Resources for the Pittsburg Unified School District.

Vice President, Staff Development

Christina Filios
Assistant Director
Mt. Diablo USD

I have been a member of ACSA for 15 years. Since 2020, I have been serving on the Region 6 Executive Committee as an At-Large Representative. I have also held various positions on the DMA Charter Board for many years and I am the current President-Elect of my charter.

In my 15 years as an administrator in middle schools, high schools, and



alternative education, I have learned how important leadership is to our students. I am currently the Assistant Director of Educational Services in Mt. Diablo USD which has expanded my opportunities to support and influence administrators. As a leader with broad perspective, I believe in leadership as service, prioritizing student needs and success over adult comfort, building relationships, listening vs. responding, approaching all situations with love and compassion, and the critical examination of our own practice.

I value ACSA's commitment to advocacy for students, equity, and high quality professional development. As a member of the Region 6 Executive Committee, I have contributed to exploring ways to support our ACSA members to reimagine and redesign our school systems for success for all students. I would be honored to lead our region's professional learning efforts in developing equity focused leaders who continue to keep students at the center.

Vice President, Programs

Paulette Smith
Elementary
Principal
San Leandro USD



I am excited to run for the office of VP of Programs on the ACSA Region 6 Executive Board. As a Principal in the San Leandro Unified School District and the President of the San Leandro Charter, I bring over 20 years of educational leadership. I feel it is important to share my identity as a black woman, a mother, a grandmother, an entrepreneur, and a lifelong advocate for educational liberation. I am passionate about our students and their ability to explore their identity, their passions, and their voice as it relates to their educational journey. It was always clear to me that ACSA's mission and service to education for our California Students align with my own core beliefs.

I would love to be considered as VP of Programs because I have a proven record of ACSA involvement both in leadership and as an active member. I started my career in the Oakland Unified School District in 2001 and was the President of the Oakland Unified Charter for several years. I also participated on the boards of Tracy Unified and Stockton Unified. I sat on the Executive Board as the VP of Elementary Schools. I participated in Legislative Action Days for many years because I fundamentally understood the power of our voice, input, and guidance we provide to make schools thrive. I have truly grown in my practice as an equity and visionary leader as a participating ACSA member. It would be an honor to serve on the Region 6 Executive Board and do my part to lift up, inspire, and encourage all school leaders across our region.

Vice President, Membership

**Harvey
Yurkovich**
Superintendent
Knightsen ESD

I began my career in education during the 2000-2001 school year as a Special Education teacher. I have taught math and science. In 2007 I began serving as an assistant principal and first joined ACSA. In the subsequent years I have served as a principal and am now the Superintendent of the Knightsen Elementary School District.

I have been involved in the Delta Charter Board since 2011. I have served terms as both Delta Charter Vice President and President. I was recognized as the Delta Charter Superintendent of the Year during the 2021-2022 school year. My involvement in Region 6 has



included being the Small School Districts Representative as well as a Member at Large. I have completed the ACSA Superintendents, Personnel, and Pupil Services Academies. I look to work closely with the charters in Region 6 to highlight the benefits of being a member of ACSA. Additionally, I would like to explore options for district level memberships in addition to the single membership model.

Secretary

Janet Gates
Principal
Pleasanton USD



I am Janet Gates, currently an elementary school principal in Pleasanton Unified School District and Region 6's Elementary Principal of the Year for 2023. I have been a member of ACSA Region 6 for the past 9 years. I started my ACSA membership as a new administrator and have always found the collegial sharing and support so helpful. After my first year as a region and charter member, I was asked to join our charter board and served as treasurer for 6 years. I am now in my 2nd year as our charter's president. As President, I participate in our Region 6 Board of Directors meetings and activities where I've gained a larger view of our impact in the Alameda and Contra Costa education communities.

As an ACSA member, I have enjoyed learning at a variety of events, including the Every Student Succeeding conference, ACSA leadership conferences, the new and aspiring principal's summer academy at UCLA, legislative action day, and the principal academy. I have also helped to plan and execute our Amador Valley ACSA charter events including socials, professional development, and our annual administrative assistants celebration and local leadership awards. Most recently, I participated in the Bay Area ACSA Equity Symposium put on by Regions 5, 6, and 8, and was awed by our incredibly talented and eloquent colleagues.

I would be honored to serve as the Region 6 Secretary and look forward to serving our whole region.

At-Large Representative for Alameda County

Vote for ONE

Rochelle Hooks
Director of Special
Ed
San Lorenzo USD



I am currently the President of the San Lorenzo Charter.

Frank Wells
Superintendent
Albany USD

I first became an ACSA member while enrolled as a student in an education administrative credential program in 1995. I have also attended many, if not all, of the ACSA Academies, and participated as a



guest speaker in a number of them while serving on a number of ACSA committees. I am currently serving as President of the North Alameda County Charter.

My experience includes successfully serving the education community at every level from teacher, principal, director, assistant superintendent, superintendent, school board member and board president. Throughout my career, it has been my humble desire at each level to raise the bar of excellence and achievement for all students while closing the achievement gap. Through hard work, collaboration and capacity building, I have led schools to eliminate achievement gaps.

I believe that it is necessary for leaders to be a role model for both our kids and community. Moreover, it's important to be a role model who possesses the characteristics of honesty, courage, accountability, humor, empathy and promote academic excellence for all kids, model and behave in ways that exhibit "professionalism, integrity, justice and equity and hold staff to the same standard."

At-Large Representative for Contra Costa County

Vote for ONE

Eileen Chen
Executive Director
Pittsburg USD



My name is Eileen Aguba Chen and I am the Executive Director of Educational Services for the Pittsburg Unified School District. A product of Pittsburg's educational system, I was excited to return to my home town and start my career in education at my alma mater, Pittsburg High School, in 2001. I taught math for six years and was an Assistant Principal for four years. I was appointed to the Principal at Los Medanos Elementary where I served for four years prior to moving to the central office in the Educational Services department. I received my B.S. in Mathematics from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. I earned my Administrative Credential and Masters in Educational Leadership from California State University, East Bay.

My twenty-two years in education have been dedicated to the diverse community of Pittsburg. I am fortunate to gain K-12 experience. As the Executive Director, I have oversight of the Elementary Schools Division, Early Childhood Education, Teacher Induction and Categorical Programs and the Local Control Accountability Plan. I've been a member of ACSA since 2014. I truly value the professional development opportunities offered by ACSA and believe they have been instrumental in my professional growth. I've attended and presented at several conferences and completed ACSA's Superintendent, Equity and School Business Academy. I believe my educational background and experience would make me an excellent candidate for an At-Large Representative position representing Contra Costa County communities.

Efa Huckaby
Principal
Liberty Union HSD

My name is Efa Huckaby and I am the Principal of Liberty High School in Brentwood. I am in my second year as Principal of Liberty, my 7th year as a High School Administrator and my 14th year as a school administrator. The first piece of advice I received as a new school administrator was to join ASCA for all the wonderful professional development and networking opportunities that the Association has to offer. Through ASCA I have been able to take part in the Personnel Academy, ASCA Leadership Summit



Jenny Vargas
Principal
Mt. Diablo USD



and most recently the Region 5, 6 & 8 Equity Symposium. The common thread to all the opportunities that I have experienced through ASCA events is that I have taken something that has allowed me to grow and thrive as an educator.

I decided to go into education because I have a heart for service. 5 years ago, I made the decision to give my service to an association that allowed me to grow as a person and individual. It was at that time that I decided to join my local charter at the time, the Diablo Management Association. I started as a high school rep and eventually was elected President – Elect of the DMA. Moving to the Delta Charter, I want to still give back to the community that has given much to me so when the opportunity to run for the Region 6 At- Large position presented itself, I knew that was my opportunity for service that I have been seeking.

I am the administrator of Sunrise Social Emotional Educational Collaborative (SEEC) and Shadelands Special Education Preschool in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Sunrise School is a Special Education center-based program serving K-6 MDUSD students and students in surrounding districts. Sunrise is a part of the District’s Social Emotional Educational Collaborative program, operated in partnership with Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services. Shadelands is a Special Education Preschool with five autism specific, three mild to moderate, and one Orthopedically Impaired/Extensive Needs classrooms. I began my career 30 years ago as a special day class teacher in MDUSD and have been a principal for the past 18 years. I am committed to supporting students with disabilities along with their families.

I joined ACSA during my administrative credential program, and have been a member for 20 plus years. I have served the Diablo Managers Association (DMA) Charter as the Special Education Representative and the Elementary Principal Representative. I strongly believes in the ACSA mission and value statements and strives to ensure all students receive an equitable education. During my tenure as an ACSA member, I was selected as the Region 6 Special Education Administrator of the year, which is one of my proudest moments.



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