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Mark Campbell - 2020-2021 President, ACSA Region 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Campbell
and Dr. Ron Williams

Welcome to the 2020/21 school year, fellow ACSA Region 7 members. With all of the challenges facing us in the year to come, our ability to lead with purpose, humanity and heart will be essential. Providing support and opportunities for our site and district administrators to collaborate, learn and grow will be an ongoing priority for our efforts on behalf of ACSA.

Virtual meetings, events and professional development activities will be our reality for the immediate future and we will strive to create meaningful connections, stronger relationships and positive growth experiences throughout the year, no matter the format. Increasing membership and overall involvement in ACSA, and increasing the capacity of ACSA members, will continue to be at the forefront of the work we do throughout the year.

As you engage in the powerful and important work you do each and every day,

as you make decisions in the best interests of students and staff, as you push for solutions to complex challenges, and as you take care of those you work with and for...please do not forget to take care of you along the way.

ACSA officers at the region and charter level remain dedicated to supporting you and your leadership efforts throughout the year. Day in and day out, working together, we can always push to be better and to do better.



On behalf of all administrators in California that lead our schools, ACSA would like to welcome you to another unique opportunity to serve the appreciative students, families, and communities served by developing the future generations that will maintain our schools and district status as world-class leaders.

As administrators, you are the champion for the children in your community and recognized as a thoughtful leader influencing your school board and the community at large. We encourage you to use our platform as school system leaders to share your experiences with ACSA when it comes to issues that matter most in our profession, particularly advancing student success.

We are ACSA! Our unique platform allows us to be stronger and collectively more determined to lead California education transformation through uncharted territory to reach unparalleled goals as the premiere administrators association in the nation!



“The Association of California School Administrators is the driving force for an equitable, world-class education system, and the development and support of inspired educational leaders who meet the diverse needs of all California students.”

Be sure to visit our website (<http://regions.acsa.org/7/>) and stay up-to-date on Region 7 and Charter events as well as committee and council reports and more!

REGION 7 CHARTER REPORTS

Mother Lode Charter

by Andria Tiquet

Mother Lode Charter President

The Mother Lode Charter held its annual Planning Meeting on August 6th via GoToMeeting. Not quite the same as meeting in person, but productive nonetheless! Though we are not all currently on the “watch list,” all of our school districts have made the decision to start the year with distance learning, so everyone is busy working out those details.

We had our Kick-Off Event on September 4th at Renegade Winery. Beverages and appetizers were provided, along with a raffle for a bottle or two of wine. It was in person, outside and physically distanced, of course.

The Mother Lode Cabinet breakfast meetings will be available in both an in-person and virtual format to start this year. We are in the process for finalizing a virtual Fall PDP.

San Joaquin Charter

by Heather Sherburn

San Joaquin Charter President

The San Joaquin Charter welcomed many new faces to the Board for the 2020-2021 school year. This year’s Board has renewed energy and commitment to connect and collaborate with our area members. To get us started this year, the Board members sent a video introduction along with a survey to determine the interests of our members. Interests were strong for the topics of digital instruction, distance learning and equity. Many shared an interest in bi-monthly collaborative topic specific chats. We are hard at work to get our members talking (virtually) for this purpose soon! Already, we have had several well-attended events including an Administrative Right’s Zoom presentation in June to provide critical information during these hard times. Our kick-off event featured an excellent keynote from Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors for over 100 registrants from San Joaquin and Stanislaus members. At the kick-off we announced our launch for a book study for the next several months using Ibram Kendi’s book, *How to Be An Antiracist*. As educational leaders, our open reflection on our work in this area is essential to moving our country forward. This should be a great lead up to our November professional development on the topic of equity. Our Board is excited to have the opportunity to serve our San Joaquin members and excited to collaborate.

Stanislaus Charter

by Tracy Manzoni

Stanislaus Charter President

As your ACSA Stanislaus Charter President, I am excited to welcome each of you to the start of a new year. We have many events planned throughout this year. We will be focusing on tools to support students, staff, and most importantly yourself.

Stanislaus Charter is off and running! In lieu of our very popular and successful Kick-Off Event, we put together “ACSA Survival Kits” that were delivered to all current ACSA members. Each kit included an ACSA face mask, a bookmark with the Breakfast Meeting schedule and Professional Development (PD) Topics, a highly coveted ACSA notepad, and Lifesavers for our 2020 journey. We hope that you will share some of these survival kits with administrators not yet a part of ACSA. We hope to recruit new ACSA members - especially student members during our ACSA Survival Kit deliveries.

Our first Breakfast/PD Meeting is October 14th. Our guest speaker is Kevin Gordon, from Capitol Advisors Group. Our second meeting is on November 18th. Our guest speaker, Dr. Lauren Hodges will speak to us about the “Fundamentals of Performance” as it relates to school administrators. Other PD topics for this year include Equity and Social-Emotional Learning.

As we move through this unprecedented school year, please remember that although these challenging times will pass, people will never forget how they were treated during these difficult times. We are here as an organization to support you.

Tuolumne Charter

by Diana Harford

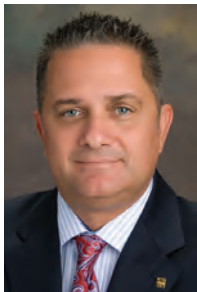
Tuolumne Charter President

The Tuolumne Charter held a virtual kick-off on Friday, August 14. It was nice to return to holding one of our traditional events, even though it was in a non-traditional format. We have a full calendar of events planned for 2020-21, and will evaluate how each will be held based on the current conditions. We all agree it is important to continue with Every Student Succeeds, recognizing Administrative Assistants, and Employees Who Make a Difference.

We are proud to have awarded four \$750 scholarships to local high school seniors through our TCACSA Future Educator Scholarship program. Also, in lieu of holding an end of year get-together last year, we will be providing face masks to all TCACSA members with an ACSA “Leadership Matters” logo. Thank you to the Stanislaus Charter and our Region 7 consultant, Mary Ann Sanders, for sharing their idea!

Message From ACSA Executive Director Wes Smith

As we begin the new school year, I want to take a moment to welcome you back and offer thanks for the commitment you make every day to California public school students. It is our duty as educators to support all students and to help build our next generation of innovators, advocates and leaders. Your role is paramount to their future.



COVID-19 has brought challenges to public education in ways we could have never imagined at this time last year and for that, we are more than educators. We are all advocates, connectors and teachers. We can create positive change for our students and school communities. There is little doubt that this will be a challenging year but I believe it

may be the most rewarding academic year we have ever experienced.

ACSA is here to support you throughout the process. I encourage you to stay involved and work with colleagues to ensure you have what you need, professionally and emotionally, to lead through these changing times. Have a great school year!

Why ACSA?

I thank ACSA for helping build my career, you see it's the people, the network, the advice, and the friendship that you get in ACSA; and that builds you as an educational leader. I can firmly attest that ACSA was/is a driving force in my career.



Scott Nanik
Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools

REGION 7 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year our Region awards three \$1,000 scholarships to assist children of ACSA members to pursue post high school educational endeavors. This year our Region 7 Cabinet members voted to award all of the eligible applicants a \$1,000 scholarship in order to support students whose education and/or graduations were interrupted and cancelled due to COVID-19. The Region had the funds to support the additional 2020 scholarships due to the cancellation of our Spring Conference and Spring General Membership Assembly. Congratulations to the following:

Jacob Backman - Son of ACSA member Jennifer Backman. Attending Modesto Junior College. Major is Fire Science

Emily Cline - Daughter of ACSA member David Cline. Attending Modesto Junior College. Major is Biology. Plans to become a dentist.

Garrett Cox - Son of ACSA member Sarah Cox. Attending UC, Davis. Major is Biological Sciences. Hopes to attend medical school after graduation.

Ashlee DePrater - Daughter of ACSA member Corinne Pacheco. Attending CSU, Monterey Bay. Major is Psychology. She is in her senior year.

Edwin Garcia - Son of ACSA member Dave Garcia. Attending CSU, Stanislaus. Major is Liberal Studies. Hopes to be a teacher and counselor.

Katherine Hamera - Daughter of ACSA Member Jeri Hamera. Attending UC, Davis. Major is American Chemical Society Chemistry.

Melissa Murillo - Daughter of ACSA member Teresa Murillo. Attending UC, Merced. Major is Psychology.

Kaydee Peterman - Daughter of ACSA member Amy Peterman. Attending CSU, Chico. Major is Political Science.

Charles Springer - Son of ACSA member Craig Springer. Attending Full Sail University (Winter Park, Florida). Major is Video Game Design.

Region 7 -- Scholarships



REGION 7 2020 AWARD WINNERS

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Superintendent of the Year:

James A. Mousalimas
Superintendent
San Joaquin COE

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Secondary Principal of the Year:

Nathan Schar
Principal
Johansen High School
Modesto City Schools

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Middle Grades Principal of the Year:

Kevin Bizzini
Cardozo Middle School
Riverbank USD

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year:

Ed Pelfrey
Assistant Principal
Ceres High School
Ceres USD

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Elementary Principal of the Year:

Tedde' Vaupel
Sylvan STEAM Academy
Sylvan Union SD

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year:

Jon Valenti
Assistant Principal
Glick Middle School
Empire Union SD

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Central Office Administrator of the Year:

Carolyn Viss
Director II School & District Support
Stanislaus COE

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year:

Shellie Santos
Director Curriculum & Instruction
Turlock USD

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Personnel/Human Resources Administrator of the Year:

José M. Aldaco
Assistant Superintendent
Waterford USD

Region 7 -- Administrators of the Year Awards



Special Education Administrator of the Year:

Christina Romero
Senior Director, SELPA
Modesto City Schools

REGION 7 2020 AWARD WINNERS

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Student Services/Pupil Personnel Administrator of the Year:

Steven Hurst
Director I, Student Support Services
Modesto City Schools

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



STATE ACSA WINNER
Continuation/Educational Options
Administrator of the Year

Continuation/Educational Options Administrator of the Year:

Jose M. Sanchez
Principal
Del Puerto High School
Patterson Joint USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Business Services Administrator of the Year:

Kristin Tiger
Chief Business Official
Escalon USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Classified Leader of the Year:

Araseli C. Zamora
Program/Grant Manager
Riverbank USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Technology Administrator of the Year:

Mariana Sandoval
Education Technology Specialist
Ceres USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Career Technical Education Administrator:

Benjamin Fobert
Principal
Mountain House High School
Lammersville USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Superintendent/Principal:

Carla Haakma
Superintendent/Principal
Bellevue Elementary
Bellevue ESD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Professor of Education of the Year:

Dana Trevethan
California State University
Stanislaus

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



STATE ACSA WINNER
Confidential Employee of the Year

Confidential Employee of the Year:

Roberta Cheney
Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent
Turlock USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Valuing Diversity Award:

Carla Washington
Principal
McKinley Elementary School
Tracy USD

REGION 7 2020 AWARD WINNERS

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Retired Administrator of the Year:

Dee Dee Holcher
Retired School Administrator

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Robert E. Kelly Award:

Virginia Berry
Retired School Administrator

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Board Member of the Year:

Michele Bays
Board Member
Patterson USD

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Partners in Educational Excellence Award:

Steve and Scott Fisher
Fisher Insurance Agency-
A Horace Mann Company

Bill Ullom Award

This year’s Region 7 Bill Ullom Award was awarded to Debra Hendricks, Superintendent from the Sylvan Union School District. Debra promotes the success of all students through her visionary leadership ensuring that all students are afforded a dynamic, broad-based education, preparing each child to be a contributing member of society. With Debra’s leadership, Sylvan Union School District embraced the Professional Learning Community model as the vehicle to improve student outcomes. Working with staff to develop as a districtwide PLC in both belief and actions, she led the charge to bring our nation’s leading experts to provide professional learning focusing on research-based instructional strategies as well as access and equity.

Debra served as the ACSA Stanislaus Charter President and Vice-President, Membership. She was the 2013 recipient of the Personnel Administrator of the Year for Region 7. Debra promotes public education beyond the boundaries of the Sylvan Union School District, to the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce organizations. Debra retired at the end of the 2019/2020 school year.

Region 7 annually singles out one school leader who exemplifies the best in positive, effective, professional service to children and youth. This person is our administrator of the year. The award is named in honor of Bill Ullom, a past Region Consultant, who passed away on June 22, 1981. Bill served in the South Pacific during World War II and was wounded in action. He graduated from the University of New Mexico and received his doctorate from USC. He was a teacher, principal, superintendent, and Region 7 Consultant who set the standard for consultants. He was a remarkable man whose love, sincerity and kindness touched all who came in contact with him. His leadership was inspirational and enhanced those who worked with him.

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Bill Ullom Administrator Excellence Award:

Debra M. Hendricks
Superintendent
Sylvan Union SD

REGION 7 2020 AWARD WINNERS

Bob Price Distinguished Service Award

This year ACSA Region 7 was pleased to present this award to Scott Nanik, Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools. Scott served as ACSA Region 7 President in 2014/2015 and is currently the Mother Lode Region Director. Scott has been very active in ACSA and is a regular on the annual ACSA Spring Conference Planning Committee. Scott is a highly respected educator who is recognized throughout Calaveras County and the state for his integrity and his commitment to students, parents, staff, and the community. Scott has been pushing, and will keep pushing, for all students to be future-ready. Being an active member of the Computer Using Educators (CUE), he has assisted programs to integrate technology successfully for student learning. He formed the “Future of Education” group in Calaveras County to provide a think tank venue for parents, educators, and students in an effort to address the challenges faced by education today. Through his participation in the California Educational Technology Professionals Association (CETPA), he has contributed in keeping the needs of schools and districts on the front burner for legislators. Scott is involved in many community and professional service organizations including FCMAT Board, CCSESA Finance Committee, Angels-Murphys Rotary President-Elect, and he served on the ACSA Continuation/Educational Options Council. In 2010, Scott was awarded ACSA Region 7’s Continuation/Educational Options Administrator of the Year.

Region 7 – Administrators of the Year Awards



Bob Price Distinguished Service Award:

Scott Nanik
Superintendent
Calaveras COE

The Bob Price Distinguished Service Award is presented to one administrator, classified manager, or confidential employee whose service to education exemplifies strong support for the management team, exceptional leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, and creativity in dealing with issues and problems facing public education. This award was renamed in honor of Dr. Bob Price who passed away on January 7, 2019. Bob enjoyed a long and distinguished career in education and ACSA. He earned numerous awards for his service including the Superintendent of the Year, Distinguished Service Awards, the Bill Ullom Award, the Robert E. Kelly Award, and in 2008, the Ferd Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award, which

is the highest award State ACSA can present to an individual. In retirement, Bob dedicated himself to mentoring new administrators with the Stanislaus County Office of Education and leading the ACSA’s Superintendents’ Academy on weekends.

Meet Your Council Rep

Who: Barbara Brown

ACSA Council: Special Education

Job: Director of Student Services, Riverbank Unified School District

Education: B.A. in English from Sacramento State; Master of Education from the University of the Pacific



Barbara has been in education for 30 years. She chose the profession because she had an English teacher in high school that was an inspiration to all her students. “I wanted to do what she did for me, challenge me and support me at the same time so that I could be a successful adult.” Early in her teaching career she realized that she not only loved helping students, but the staff as well. She received her administrative credential early and has been an administrator in various roles for about 22 years. In her spare time she loves to read and visit her sons in San Diego.

Region 7 Welcomes New Members

San Joaquin Charter

Brian Biedermann, Interim Supt., Stockton USD
 Brianna Carroll, Assistant Principal, Stockton USD
 Benjamin Nakamura, Principal, Stockton USD
 Erik Swanson, Exec. Director/Ed Services, Stockton USD
 Veronica Tigert, Principal, Lincoln USD

Stanislaus Charter

Monica Allen, Assistant Principal, Modesto City Schools
 Eduina Azevedo, Vice Principal, Riverbank USD
 Erin Balaam, Program Specialist, Sylvan Union SD
 Danny Cope, Principal, Newman Crows Landing USD
 Rick Gonzalez, Principal, Newman Crows Landing USD
 Michelle Gray, Assistant Principal, Sylvan Union SD
 Ashley Gunzenhauser, Asst. Principal, Sylvan Union SD
 Rachel Henley, Principal, Newman Crows Landing USD
 Cecilia Holt, Principal, Hart Ransom SD
 Russell Irwin, Principal, Sylvan Union SD
 Tiffany Jones, Principal, Patterson Jt. USD
 Susana Kandeel, Assistant Principal, Ceres USD
 Ana K. Noyola Hernandez, Learning Director, Ceres USD
 Alexa J. Nunes Madruga, Learning Director, Ceres USD
 Matthew Murray, Principal, Keyes Elementary SD
 Justin Pruett, Principal, Newman Crows Landing USD
 Lisa Sandoval, Dir. Business Services, Sylvan Union SD
 Alice Solis, Director, Turlock USD
 Donna Williams, Principal, Newman Crows Landing USD
 Jill Ziegler, Assistant Principal, Patterson Jt. USD

Tuolumne Charter

John Baker, Superintendent, Sonora ESD
 Mary Lindsley, Principal, Soulsbyville Elementary SD
 Catherine Steyer, CBO, Summerville UHSD

Looking Ahead

October

- 8 Retired Administrators Charter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
- 13 San Joaquin Book Talks, Zoom Meeting 4 p.m.
- 14 Stanislaus Charter Breakfast Zoom Meeting 7 a.m.
Guest Speaker Kevin Gordon
- 15 State ACSA Leadership Assembly - Virtual
- 16 State ACSA Board Meeting - Virtual
- 22 Mother Lode Fall PDP - 7:30 a.m.
Rob Martinez - "The Resiliency Guy"

November

- 3 Retired Administrators Charter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
- 3 San Joaquin Book Talks, Zoom Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 4-7 State ACSA Leadership Summit - Virtual
- 5 Tuolumne Charter PDP 7 a.m.
- 12 San Joaquin Charter PDP 7:30 a.m.
- 12 Region 7 Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m. - Zoom Meeting
- 18 Stanislaus Charter Breakfast Meeting 7 a.m.

December

- 1 Retired Administrators Luncheon (TBD), 11:30 a.m.
- 9 Stanislaus Charter Breakfast Meeting 7 a.m.
- 11 Mother Lode Winter Social 4:30 p.m., Renegade Winery

Region 7 Officers 2020-2021

PRESIDENT
 Mark Campbell
PRESIDENT-ELECT
 Ramona Soto-Barajas
VICE PRESIDENT
 Jose Aldaco
TREASURER
 Rogelio Adame

VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS
 Tami Garcia
VICE PRESIDENT, LEG. ACTION
 Joe Aldridge
VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP
 Kathy Griggs

SECRETARY
 Barbara Magpusao
PAST PRESIDENT
 Jennifer Backman
FACILITIES COORDINATOR
 Claudia Vicino
REGION 7 CONSULTANT
 Mary Ann Sanders

STATE BOARD MEMBER
 Dave Garcia
REGION 7 COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
 Claudia Vicino

New Charter Presidents 2020-2021

MOTHER LODGE
 Andria Tiquet

SAN JOAQUIN
 Heather Sherburn

STANISLAUS
 Tracy Manzoni

TUOLUMNE
 Diana Harford

RETIRED
 Cindy Murray