

# REPORTER

## REGION XI's 2014 ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR



**Joanna Rummer**  
*Superintendent*



**Lucy Van Scyoc**  
*Secondary Principal*



**Clara Finneran**  
*Middle Grades Principal*



**Lisa Horne**  
*Elementary Principal*



**Sue Lemon**  
*Central Office  
Administrator*



**Richard Morosa**  
*Elementary  
Co-Administrator*



**Susan Marvin**  
*Secondary  
Co-Administrator*



**Vivian Hamilton**  
*Classified Leader*



**Brenda Gilbuena**  
*Confidential Employee*



**Barbara Zaino**  
*Personnel/  
Human Resources*



**Steve Graybehl**  
*Career Technical  
Education*



**Denita Haughn**  
*Special Education*



**Sherry Martin**  
*Superintendent/  
Principal*



**Robert Groeber**  
*Business Services*



**Paula Adair**  
*Pupil Personnel*



**Shirley Kennedy**  
*Cirriculum & Instruction*



**Chad Houck**  
*Continuation/Educational  
Option*



**Larriann Torrez**  
*Adult Education*

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## Region XI Executive Board 2014-2015



**Blanca Cavazos**  
President



**Val Brown**  
President Elect



**Jana Carter-Freeman**  
Vice-President



**Tom Addington**  
Vice-President  
Legislative Action  
Past-President



**David Bowling**  
Secretary



**Melissa Christman**  
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**David Tonini**  
Executive Director



## Region XI Membership Scoreboard

Charter	May 2013	May 2014	(+/-)
East Kern	62	60	(-2)
West Kern	315	310	(-5)
Kings	101	113	(+12)
Tulare	320	414	(+94)
Inyo/Bodie	24	25	(+1)
CSUB Student	5	4	(-1)
Non-Assigned	6	7	(+1)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>(+100)</b>

Congratulations: Region XI has shown a great increase of 100 members. This is an awesome 12% increase. Tulare Charter's increase of 94 members is a "Super" 29% increase. What a year for Region XI Membership!!

## "WHAT THEY SAID"

"This was a very vibrant time for ACSA. I believe our Region XI needs to be an active part of our organization."

**Dr. Craig Wheaton**  
Region XI Board Meeting, April 9, 2014

It is really important for all of us to support our state ACSA academies, especially these which are held in our region.

**Tom Addington**  
Region XI Board Meeting, April 9, 2014

"Dr. Snively and his leadership team are incredible mentors for many other districts and communities working on linked learning implementation."

**Gary Hoachlander**, President Connect Ed, The California Center for College and Career, article in EDCAL, April 14, 2014 edition

"It is imperative that we are on the front lines. I would like to really encourage that for our Region XI!"

**Terri Rufert**, Region XI's 2013-2014 Vice-President-Legislative Action, Region XI Delegate Assembly, May 1, 2014

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## AROUND THE REGION

- **Congratulations to Dr. John Snavely**, Superintendent, Porterville Unified School District, for being the recipient of one of the state's first Linked Learning Champion Awards. This particular award recognizes extraordinary commitment, leadership and success in implementing high-quality Linked Learning opportunities for students in California. Dr. Snavely has just completed a three year term as Region XI's Director on ACSA's State Board.
- **Terri Rufert**, former Region XI's Vice-President for Legislative Action and Superintendent, Sundale Union Elementary School District, has been appointed to the ACSA Board of Directors as a member-at-large. Terri has done a remarkable job as our Vice-President, Legislative Action.
- **Dr., Craig Wheaton**, Superintendent, Visalia Unified, has been elected to serve as Region XI's representative on the State ACSA Board of Directors. His 3 year term will start on July 1, 2014. Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent, Tulare Joint Union High School District, was elected to serve on the State Superintendency Council starting on July 1, 2014 for a three year term.
- Congratulations to Region XI Board Members, Donya Wheeler, President, Tulare County Charter and David Bowling, Region XI Secretary.  
Donya has been promoted to Deputy Superintendent in the Exeter Unified School District. She was principal at Lincoln Elementary School in Exeter this past year.  
David, former principal, Teresa Burke Elementary School, Wasco Union School District, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum in Wasco. We wish them well in these new positions.
- Region XI will not sponsor its annual conference this year. Members are encouraged to attend their annual charter conference and also the State ACSA Leadership Summit State Conference in November, 6-8, 2014 in San Diego.
- The Fruitvale School District announced Steve Duke's retirement as principal of Quailwood Elementary after 26 years of service to the District. Kim Carlson will replace Mr. Duke as Quailwood Principal after serving as Endeavor Elementary's Assistant Principal. Rebecca Rocha has been named the new Assistant Principal at Endeavour Elementary.

## COMMENTS FROM YOUR REGION XI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On June 16 and 17, Blanca Cavazos, our new Region President, did an exceptional job of leading our Region 11 Planning Retreat in Bakersfield. Thirty one region leaders attended. Our time together was interactive and productive. Ralph Porras, ACSA's Vice President attended. On Tuesday he addressed all of us stating this is one of the best times to be working as an educator with more local control on how we spend funds, increased revenue, common core, and a court

decision that should result in a positive dialogue regarding the dismissal of poor teachers who are hurting students. It is a great time to be a school administrator even with the extra stress of the LCAP.

Great news was shared that Region revenue will increase by thirty percent as a result of an increase in rebates to the Region from state ACSA. The increase to the Region will be passed on to the Charters increasing their rebates to a little over thirty percent.

During the retreat, Region Goals aligned to ACSA's Strategic Plan were discussed and we were challenged by Blanca to define what implementation would look like for the Region and Charters, a beginning step to establish three goals for the Region and Charters for the year.

Some of the thoughts were:

- We need to get all ACSA members connected to their association in some way
- We need to develop strong relationships with our legislators and congressional representative at the Charter level
- We are the voice for students
- Activities that foster networking among administrators are essential
- Our meetings need to be informative, interactive, and imbedded with professional development

We have an exciting year ahead of us. If I can be of assistance in any way, email me at davidto02@comcast.net or call me at 559 280 6228

**David Tonini**  
*Executive Director - Region XI*

## REGION XI CONCLUDES A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A variety of assorted words could be used to describe Region XI's accomplishments this past 2013-2014 school year. Words such as awesome, fantastic, outstanding, phenomenal, extraordinary, etc. could apply to their very successful year. These words could also portray a vast array of events, activities, conferences and meetings sponsored and conducted throughout the year at both Region and Charter level.

Region XI, under the dedicated leadership of its President Tom Addington, Superintendent, Central Union School District, along with his 28 member Board of Directors and officers and the five charter presidents who carried out their various responsibilities and leadership roles with excellence.

The year's kick-off event, a two day planning retreat, was held in June 2013. This meeting of administrators from the five charters, along with Addington's leadership style, "set the tone" for a very successful year of accomplishments.

President Addington challenged each of the Region XI members in his first president's message with the following comment: "I encourage each of you to become involved, find your place, find your passion, and reach out and get engaged with ACSA. The most important aspect is networking, moving out of our comfort zone and reaching out to new colleagues."

The major agenda items of the Planning Retreat was having the Region XI's leadership team, under the leadership of Addington, were reviewing and discussing ACSA's strategic planning strategies. The team decided to have Region XI focus and target three areas and set goals which would be the Region's goals for the 2013-2014 school year.

- Goal 1 (Strategy I)  
We will be the authoritative advocates for all matters pertaining to education and its leaders.
- Goal 2 (Strategy II)  
We will be the premier provider of an array of compelling learning experiences dedicated to developing the capacity of all education leaders.
- Goal 3 (Strategy IV)

We will build and maintain vibrant, purposeful networks of educational communities.

In addition to these three goals, other major focuses of both the Region and five Charters were:

Increase membership, provide professional growth opportunities, Legislative Action, Networking, Recognition, and State ACSA leaders visitation to the Region.

As of June 2014, the Region showed a growth of 12% for the year. The current membership is 933 members compared to 833 members a year ago. Each Regional meeting along with the various Charter Board business meetings, membership was a key agenda item.

Members of Region XI took advantage of promoting and participating in a variety of Professional Development opportunities. An innovative technology academy was held at Lemoore and a Principals academy was conducted in Visalia.

The annual State ACSA Leadership Summit in San Jose was attended by various administrators in the Region. Rob Herman, Administrator, Tulare County Office of Education, was one of the recipients of "Administrator of the Year" and honored at the Awards Banquet.

William Gantz was also recognized at the conference as Region XI's "Every Student Succeeding" award winner.

*" I really value professional growth and ACSA really provides outstanding opportunities to its members. I have made it a priority to encourage and support ACSA membership and involvement in Visalia Unified," Dr. Craig Wheaton said.*

The Charters also sponsored various Professional Development Conferences, workshops and "Best Practice" demonstrations which will be featured under Charter highlights.

Under the outstanding leadership and commitment of Terri Rufert, Region XI's Vice President, Legislative Action, Region XI was well represented at the Annual Legislative Action Day held in Sacramento. Rufert, along with Tim

Hire, facilitator, and 16 other administrators across the Region met with legislators and/or staff members to discuss and “tell their story.”

“It was another great experience for me personally and professionally. Our legislative action team is amazing and I was proud to stand with them in Sacramento,” David Bowling, Elementary School Principal, Wasco, West Kern Charter said.

*“It was indeed a great experience and I never cease to be amazed at the sheer talent that we possess collectively and individually,” Rob Hudson, Superintendent, Alpaugh and Kings County Charter President, said.*

Region President Addington scheduled various state ACSA leaders to visit our Region XI and attend the Board’s business meeting. The Region is very appreciative that Dr. Wesley Smith, ACSA Executive Director, Dr. Randall Delling, 2013-2014 President Elect and Dr. Ralph Porras, candidate for ACSA Vice President, were able to attend our Region meetings and share various state ACSA updates with the board members. Smith visiting on April 9th, Delling on January 29 and Porras on February 13. All three of these state leaders were very well accepted, each having a relevant message.

Other Region highlights included:

- Providing one time additional funds to each charter to use for professional development, awards, networking, etc.
- Exploring the possibility of networking and getting corporate sponsorships
- Conducting its December 2013 Board Meeting via video conference at five different locations. (Very well attended)
- Sponsored a great social networking event at the 2013 Leadership Summit in San Jose

Each of our five charters had an amazing year. Tulare County Charter had a year of outstanding events and activities along with some major accomplishments, a year its members will remember and should very proud of.

Lora Haston, Charter President and Superintendent/Principal, Alta Vista Elementary School District, had a Board of Directors and Officers who carried out their duties and responsibilities in “super-fashion.” Perhaps the

greatest accomplishment was having their membership soar to 414 members, and increase of 94 members which results in a 29% growth for the 2013-2014 school year. It was indeed a team effort with much involvement and active participation.

*“ I am very pleased to see the significant increase in membership in the ACSA Charter and Region. This not only gives great clout and credibility to our Region’s presence with ACSA, but greatly enhances ACSA’s ability to influence our policy makers throughout the state with education and related issues. We must continue our membership recruitment efforts to further increase ACSA’s influence.” John Snavely, State Board of Directors and Superintendent, Porterville Unified said.*

Other highlights of Tulare Charter’s fantastic year include:

- Donya Wheeler, Charter President-Elect was chairperson for a very successful charter networking event held in December 2013. It provided members an opportunity to invite non-members for an evening of social activities, food and fellowship.
- Two Retiree Breakfasts (Fall, Spring) which were well attended. Ned Kehrl, Bob Line and Wade Crawford are to be commended for coordinating these events for retired administrators.
- A very successful spring conference featuring Dr. Timothy D. Kanold as the keynote speaker and presenter. Robert Groeber, conference chair, reported this year’s conference showed a net fund of \$13,139. The funds were used for student scholarships
- Annual “Every Student Succeeding” breakfast, chaired by Mimi Bonds, board member which featured special recognition to 19 high school students.
- Tim Hire, Superintendent, Exeter Schools, chaired a very successful Golf Tournament in April which raised approximately \$10,000 for charter student scholarships
- 43rd Annual Recognition/Retiree Awards Dinner. This May 2nd Charter event was held at the beautiful White Horse Inn outdoors in Three Rivers.
- Annual 2014 Summer Institute, an event which is co-sponsored with the Tulare County Office of Education, Jim Vidak, Superintendent. Ten students scholarships were awarded, along with the honoring of 18 “Administrators of the Year.”

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# WEST KERN CHARTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

## Recognizing “The Best of the Best”

Rio Bravo Country Club, Bakersfield..... June 5th, 2014

Master of Ceremonies.....*Matt Diggle*

Scholarship Recipients .....*Presented by Gerrie Kincaid*

Jacquelyn Johnson • Camille Mcgee • Samantha Taylor • Rebecca Taylor  
Rebecca Taylor • Sarah Bailey • Khloe Mullen • Marsha Dillard

Golden Apple Awards.....*Presented by Terry Wolfe & Kelly Richers*

Brad Maberry • Gracie Roberts • Len Rugeiro

Honored Retiree Recipients.....

Lynn Bauer • Dr. Donald Carter • Mario Castro • Owen Burgess • Steve Duke  
Dr. David Onsum • Carol Ranes • Elizabeth McCray • Joseph Elwood

## Charter Award Recipients

Confidential Employee.....Presented by Dr. Robert Arias  
Lisa Driskill, Bakersfield City School District

Classified Leader..... Presented by Dr. Diane Cox  
Christine Cornejo, Bakersfield City School District

Adult Education Administrator ..... Presented by Jodi Loeffler  
Mark Wyatt, Bakersfield Adult School

Personnel/HR Administrator ..... Presented by Chris Hall  
Toni Smith, Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Central Office Administrator ..... Presented by Dr. Tom Ewing  
Sue Lemon, Rosedale Union SD

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator .....Presented by Philomena Hall  
Elia Sagasta, Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Elementary Principal .....Presented by Gerri Kincaid/Dr. Jill Hamilton-Bunch  
Marsha Ketchell, Panama Buena Vista Union SD

Middle Grades Principal .....Presented by Gerrie Kincaid  
Darryl Pope, Panama Buena Vista Union SD

Professor of Education .....Presented by Dr. Jill Hamilton-Bunch  
Dr. Kristina LaGue, CSUB

Secondary Co-Administrator ..... Presented by Michael Zulfa  
Mark Balch, Kern High School District

Elementary Co-Administrator.....Presented by Tonny Gisbertz  
Richard Morosa, Standard School District

Secondary Principal..... Presented by Vickie Thompson  
Dan Shannon, Kern High School District

Special Education Administrator .....Presented by Karen Cox  
Dr. Denita Maughan, Standard School District

Business Services Administrator ..... Presented by Ernie Unruh  
Joost Demos, Rio Bravo Greely School District

Pupil Personnel Administration .....Presented by Gerrie Kincaid  
Dr. Lakesha Ray, Panama Buena Vista Union SD

Superintendent/Principal.....Presented by Gary Bray  
Stuart Packard, Buttonwillow Union School District

Superintendent.....Presented by Martha Mille  
Dr. Donald Carter, Kern High School District

Retired Administrator .....  
Dr. Carl Olsen

Educational Leadership Award ..... Presented by Michael Zulfa  
Dr. Donald Carter, Kern High School District

Oath of Officer 2014-2015 ..... Presented by Dr. Carl Olsen

*“It was a pleasure to recognize the hard work of students and administrators in the West Kern Charter service area. The individuals who were recognized during the ceremony stand out as shining examples of all that is right with public education.”*

**Matt Diggle, Charter President and Master of Ceremonies**

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# TULARE CHARTER CELEBRATES 43rd ANNUAL SPRING RECOGNITION DINNER



Golden Apple recipient (L to R) Stephen Machado, Tulare Kiwanis Club President, Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent, Tulare Union H.S. District, Jeff Nelson, Member, Kiwanis Club

The beautiful outdoor grounds at the White Horse Inn in Three Rivers was the site for the 43rd Annual Spring Recognition Dinner sponsored by Tulare County Charter ACSA.

Prior to the serving of a delicious steak dinner, various

awards were given to four Golden Apple recipients and four retiring school administrators. The Golden Apple Award is given to organizations individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service in their school district and community.

**This year's recipients were:**

- Kiwanis Club of Tulare Joint Union H. S. District...  
Kiwanis Club of Tulare has been very generous and gracious in supporting student activities, scholarship opportunities, volunteering time at every home football game running concession booths, making pancakes for fundraisers, and the list goes on. Kiwanis has made contributions to the students of Tulare Joint Union High School District for many years. Over the past three years in the areas of Club Scholarships, Sober Grad, High School Swim and Baseball teams, all football programs, Key Club, Revolve Tour, FFA Speaking Team, Pork Booster Scholarships and Tulare FFE in the amount of \$101,592.

- Pro Youth HEART...  
Exeter Unified's Pro Youth HEART, under the leadership of Maria Reveles and Gloria Ramos, has had a significant impact on public education through the development of a school garden at Lincoln Elementary School. Ms. Revels was an instrumental contributor by securing funding from various organizations and working with site and district administration and the governing board to design and build the garden at the elementary school campus. Ms. Ramos works with HEART lead teachers to ensure the garden is well maintained so it continues to provide educational enrichment to our Lincoln students. The garden is open to our Lincoln students during the school day to experience real world application of various science standards.

- Richard Morris...

Mr. Morris, elected to Porterville Union High School Board of Trustees in 1988, and continues to be very active as a member of the now Porterville Unified School District Board of Trustees. Mr. Morris has not only had a profound impact upon the educational programs of Porterville Unified School District, his wisdom and guidance has been felt state-wide through his active involvement with the California School Boards Association and the CIF Central Section. He gives freely of his time for the benefit of children and education. He is a visionary for new ideas and respectful of tradition. For over 25 years, Mr. Morris has given selflessly for students.

- Paul G. Romero...

Paul Romero has always believed young people are our future and we need to invest in them. It is with this belief that he is instrumental in raising money for scholarships throughout the Lion Club and Latin American Club. The Latin American Club provides a yearly Christmas gift giveaway. Excited students line up to receive, what sometimes is, the only gift they will have on Christmas. Through the Latin American Club, Paul has organized family friendly events such as the Tomato Festival and Easter Egg Hunts. He has organized food distributions and Thanksgiving Dinners to ensure our disadvantaged community has the most essential needs during the holiday seasons.

**2014 Retiring Administrators:**

- Pamela Canby...

Tulare City, 1979-2001: Teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent.

Jefferson Elementary Principal, 2001-2002

Exeter Public Schools: District Office 2002-2003

LUSD Principal: 2003-2014

Lindsay Unified School District has been truly blessed to have experienced the skill, passion and dedication that Mrs. Pam Canby lived throughout her tenure in the district.

Pam has been relentless in her pursuit of excellence throughout all of her professional endeavors. The learners, staff, and parents she served have been challenged and encouraged to reach their fullest person, academic, and professional potential. During the challenging years of transitioning to LUSD's Performance Based System, Pam was patient, supportive, and understanding as she met regularly with each and every staff member who may have needed support of just needed a listening ear. The

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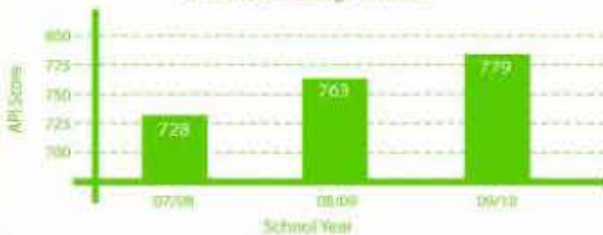
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East Kern Charter, under the leadership of its President Melissa Christman, presented a professional development feature at each of its meetings. Ernie Bell gave a very informative presentation on school safety. It focused on a direct training program on safety at school sites.

Lisa Decker, Principal, Gateway Elementary School, Sierra Sand USD was the featured speaker addressing student mental health.

*“With 12% of children under 18 being diagnosed with a mental illness, there are many parents and teachers overwhelmed by the diagnosis and struggling to cope,” Decker said.*

A third Professional Development presentation focused on a SBAC Field Testing Program conducted at Pierce Elementary School, Sierra Sands USD. Pam Barns, Principal, shared what they learned from the pilot testing program held last spring.

East Kern Charter, though small in numbers (60 members) is very large when it comes to provide leadership and participation at both the Regional and State level. Clara Finneran, Principal, James Monroe Middle School, was one of the key members serving on State ACSA's Strategic Planning Task Force. The charter concluded its successful year with an awards dinner in May recognizing and honoring “Administrators of the Year,” Golden Apple recipients and two student scholarships.

West Kern Charter has also been very busy conducting a variety of events and activities featuring professional development and recognition of both administrators and students. The following are some of the outstanding events of the year:

- Productive Charter 7:00am business meetings conducted by Matt Diggle, President, and sponsored by AXA Financial Services.
- Professional development presentations at the business meetings which included an in-depth presentation on the Safe School Ambassador (SSA) program. Laura Stanton, Administrator, Standard School District, shared the program in a very informative format.

- Annual Golf Tournament chaired by Terry Wolfe, retired administrator. These funds provided seven student scholarships to high school seniors.
- Outstanding Administrative Assistants Luncheon held in April at the Star Theater in Bakersfield. This is always a first-class event.
- A very special end-of-the-year Annual Awards Banquet held at the beautiful Rio Bravo Country Club, Bakersfield. The Charter goes all-out in recognizing and honoring “Administrators of the Year,” Retirees, Golden Apple recipients, student scholarships and the annual Educational Leadership Award. This banquet continues to be a highlight of the year.

Kings Charter changed its noon luncheon business meetings to 7:00am breakfast sessions. This change, initiated by Rob Hudson, Charter President, had very favorable results, with good attendance and participation. Rob enjoys “thinking out of the box” and he certainly provided interesting and meaningful dialogue. The Charter once again sponsored its 41st Annual Fall Conference. This year's theme, “It's a Jungle Out There” brought out 150 school administrators. Greg Henry, Charter President-Elect, and conference chair person reports a very favorable evaluation on this year's major professional development program sponsored by the Charter. Early planning and wide participation by Charter leaders have made this annual conference a very successful and meaningful charter event these many years.

Other activities conducted by Kings Charter would include a social networking event, annual Secretary Day luncheon, elections/social at Bobbie Peters home and the annual Tom Lasek Golf Tournament held in June 2014. Kings Charter has also been very active and supportive at both the Regional and State ACSA level.

Inyo/Mono (Bodie) Charter, the region's smallest Charter with 25 members, has been re-organizing with new leadership the past three years. Don Clark, Superintendent, Eastern Sierra Unified School District, Bridgeport, has taken over the Charter's president position. Clark has given good leadership and has spent much time to get the charter more involved at the local, Region and State level. Region XI's leadership personnel realize that this

Charter faces obstacles with its geographical location and large distances from other Charters. Equipment is being purchased to have their Charter administrators participate in Region XI events via video conferencing techniques.

Region XI is very fortunate to have the outstanding leadership of David Tonini, Executive Director. Tonini retired middle school principal, Visalia Unified School District, is very knowledgeable of State ACSA and how it relates to both the Region and local Charter levels. His good people skills are utilized in a variety of ways as he meets and confers with Region leadership team members, our five local Charter presidents and their respective boards. He continually focuses and gives high priority to membership, professional development, networking opportunities, legislation and the wide array of resources provided by State ACSA which are available to our Region XI's 933 members.

*"When Superintendent's make membership in ACSA an expectation and the Charter recognizes the importance of organizing networking activities, membership in ACSA soars. That is what happened in Tulare Charter." David Tonini, Executive Director, Region XI, said.*

Tonini, completing his fourth year as the Region's Executive Director, is to be commended for his leadership role and how he carries out the multiple responsibilities in this vital position. He has been certainly a key member in Region XI's successful year.

Region XI concluding its very successful year with the Annual Awards Luncheon held at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield on May 1, 2014. A vast array of awards and recognition were given to various administrators and students representing our Region XI's large five county area. Award recipients included 18 "Administrator of the Year," 10 student scholarships, Itzenhauser-Schlagel Lifetime ACSA Membership for a retiree and "Every Student Succeeding." Dr. Blanca Cavazos, President-Elect was chairperson of this very special Region XI event where we spotlight the great contributions of our administrative leaders and highlight the excellence in student achievement.

President Addington said it well in his closing Presidents Message to our 920 members by remarking:

*"This year is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a great year for our region as each charter has concentrated on the three goals established at the beginning of the year. Through various activities throughout the Region, our members and charter leaders increased their awareness of the legislative process and how to enhance our legislative advocacy, charters have targeted networking events to strengthen the connection among our colleagues, and professional development events have been offered to enhance the capacity of our leaders in the development of compelling educational opportunities for students."*

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children, staff, and parents of Lindsay Unified School District have been blessed to have such a quality and committed individual who is such a deep advocate for high quality learning for all. Pam never settled for second best and did what it took to make her vision for learning a reality for Lindsay kids. She was a one of a kind leader who gratefully influenced the current and future generations of Lindsay Schools. We are forever grateful for the gift of Pam Canby.

• Steve Graybehl...

10 years Alternative Education Teacher  
 8 years Assistant Principal  
 11 years Principal  
 1 year Pathway Mentor Coordinator  
 Lion's Club Member  
 WASC Chair for 9 visits  
 Church Elder

In addition to all the daily demands and requirements expected of a large comprehensive high school principal, Mr. Graybehl has fostered and encouraged creativity for programs what will benefit all students.

His involvement with education goes way beyond the classroom and school site. In addition to being an ACSA member for many years, Mr. Graybehl has served on sixteen WASC accreditations, nine of which he served as the chair. Her never stops striving to improve his own skills and makes great effort to help other schools and districts.

• Dr. Carolyn Kehrli...

Dr. Carolyn Kehrli has been with Cutler-Orosi for the past 25 years, beginning as principal of the alternative school, an adult school, an independent study program, infant toddler and preschool programs, along with the first healthy start grant. Other grants supported wrap-around services in the district including probation officers, emergency preparation grants, dropout prevention, and summer school projects. The family education center that serves parents and community members with food, clothing, and medical referrals is a result of a partnership among first five, USDA, and the district. Now the site also houses adult counseling along with the WIC program.

A member of the Tulare county ACSA board of directors for the past 30 years, she has served in all the local chairs on the charter board as well as the region board. In addition to being the state chair of membership for 3 years, she has received many recognitions though ACSA such as the state

adult educator of the year. She leaves the district with the heart of a servant always for Cutler-Orosi.

• Rick Mitchell...

Rick Mitchell has been the administrator of the Tulare County Office of Education's SCICON outdoor education program since 1990. Under his leadership, the program has grown to accommodate 15,000 fifth and sixth-grade students annually. In the past 24 years, Mr. Mitchell has overseen numerous projects, including the development of the Circle J-Norris Ranch field study site, the construction of the Egel Point Village, the expansion of the Phyllis Wall Museum of Natural History and the John Muir Lodge, and completion of two special education classrooms/cabins. In a recent report of the California Outdoor School Administration, reviewers called SCICON the "gold standard of outdoor science school programs."

Mr. Mitchell has also overseen changes in the SCICON curriculum, working with classroom teachers to align instruction with the California State Standards and now the Common Core Standards. He says, "I have been fortunate to discover early on the power of teaching science in a hands-on way. I have been extremely fortunate to find a program like SCICON where I could combine the teaching of science and introducing students to the wonders of the natural world."

In 2005, Rick Mitchell was selected Tulare County Administrator/Manager of the Year in Excellence in Education Awards program. In 2006, he received the Howard Bell Award from California Association of Environmental & Outdoor Education. In 2011, he was given an Administrator of the Year Award for ACSA Region XI.



## TULARE COUNTY CHARTER HOSTS BREAKFAST FOR ESS STUDENTS

<i>Student</i>	<i>High School</i>
Randy Lee Trivino	La Sierra Military Acadey
Angela Pabon	Lindsay High School
Oscar Gonzales	John J. Cairns
Anthony Meza	Orosi High School
Abel Ortiz	Woodlake High School
Abel Contreras	Proterville High School
Kenneth Kameron Amos	Monache High School
Ana Pena	Granite Hills High School
Christian Samaniego	Harmony Magnet Academy
Nicole Whitten	Countryside High School
Sydney Keen	Tulare Union High School
Francisco A. Hernandez	Tech Prep High School
Javier Martin	Tulare Western High School
Elisardo Analla	Mission Oak High School
Veronica Hernandez-Arellano	Golden West High School
Zackery Michaelson	Redwood High School
Shannell Hill	El Diamante High School
Yanirong Phok	Mt. Whitney High School
Dalia Solis	Visalia Charter Independent

## REGION XI 2014 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

*This year's recipients were:*

<i>High School</i>	<i>Student</i>
Paraclete High School	Grant Vogenthaler
Burroughs High School	Cody Decker
Ridgeview High School	Jacquelyn Johnson
West High School	Camille McGee
Centennial High School	Samantha Taylor
Tulare Union High School	Madison Elick
Tulare Union High School	Zackrey Slover
Porterville High School	Mason Pengilly
Crossroads Charter Academy	Stephen Blue
Seton Home Study School	Karina Bates



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## Coming Events

### KINGS COUNTY ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

September 18, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.  
 Pioneer Middle School  
 (Hanford, CA)

### ACSA'S 2014 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

November 6-8, 2014  
 San Diego Hilton Bayfront, San Diego, CA  
 Theme: "Lead to Inspire"  
 Information: Contact Danelle Bowron in ACSA Educational Services Department at [dbowron@acsa.org](mailto:dbowron@acsa.org) or (800) 608-2272  
 Registration: <http://www.acsa.org/leadershipsummit>


## ACSA ACADEMIES FOR 2014-2015

### LEADERSHIP FOR LCAP

Location: Visalia USD, Conference Room 4  
 5000 West Cypress Ave., Visalia, CA  
 Dates: August 22-23, 2014 • September 20, 2014 • October 12, 18, 2014  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Location: Lemoore  
 Dates: August 29-30, 2014  
 Find out more visit: [www.acsa.org/academies](http://www.acsa.org/academies)



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