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"Our number one priority is service to our membership."

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President's Message

Welcome back for the 2012-2013 School Year!

As we kick off another "tumultuous" school year, thank you for your continuing active involvement in ACSA! Your membership, participation and advocacy at the charter, region and state levels have never been more critical than now!

As ACSA members, we know firsthand that no generation of educators has faced so many rapid changes, has had to overcome so many obstacles, and yet accomplished so much for our students. For too long however, our mantra has been, just do more with less.



Proposition 30 (the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act) has now brought us to a crossroad from which we cannot turn away. We are now compelled to be more active in our advocacy for adequate school funding or live with the disastrous outcome of mid-year cuts, this year and beyond. We must now deliver a strong and consistent message to our communities in regard to these consequences.

Unfortunately, much of the dialogue I have heard recently in regard to the passage of Proposition 30 has been very discouraging and negative. With competing propositions, an anti-tax environment, and in the absence of organized opposition (which we know will come), the prospects of passage currently appear to be somewhat bleak. I sincerely believe, however, that we can turn this around, if we have the personal and professional inspiration to put up our very best fight between now and Election Day. Even in the face of rampant skepticism, I believe that concerted grass roots campaigns can and do make a difference in the outcome. Although being behind can be disheartening, we just can't give up because what we do or don't do now, will affect the quality of education in California for many years to come. The alternative to not taking action now is looking back after the election is lost and wishing we had done more. We can take the road of optimism over discouragement, and hope and determination over resignation and defeat. Will our legacy to education in California be one of desolation or one of renaissance? A positive outcome remains in our grasp if we act now. Let's engage our school communities and beyond to at least ensure that they understand the dire consequences schools face if Proposition 30 fails. Although we are only allowed to provide factual information to the public, the facts speak volumes. All voters need to know that after so many consecutive years of cuts, we really are at critical mass in our school districts. For our future generations, we owe them our best shot and it must happen now! We all want a better world for our kids by giving them a better

Category of Links

Region 2 Charter
Activities

*Check out the events
planned by your charter*

State ACSA Website
*For current information on
legislation, academies,
workshops, important
events at the state and
federal level*

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educational foundation. That is our inspiration and the reason we are not going to stop fighting for what is right!

Some basic "talking points" you can share about Proposition 30:

- Stops \$6 billion in school cuts
- Keeps police officers on the street
- Helps balance the State budget
- Protects taxpayers (only the highest earners – over \$500,000, would pay more income tax)

More information is available from ACSA and many other sources. Let's educate the voting public this time around so that we can then get back to what we really do best – helping our students learn.

Best wishes for a great school year,

David Swart, Region President

ACSA Commitment to Quality

We believe that every person has worth. We believe that trust and respect are essential in a quality organization.

Mission

Our mission is to

- Support California's educational leaders;
- Ensure all students have the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel;
- Champion public education

Quality Pledge

Our pledge is to ensure you receive quality service

Region 2 Goals for 2012-13

I. Membership

Region 2 will provide service and education, promote leadership to its members, and augment membership.

II. Communication

Region 2 will use effective communication strategies to inform members of key legislative issues, council/committee proposals, and ACSA's position on educational policy. The Region's support services and resources for members will be communicated more effectively.

III. Celebrate

Region 2 will intensify its efforts to identify and celebrate outstanding administrative contributions to public education.

Region 2 Calendar

Region 2's Every Student Succeeding

IV. Teaching/Learning

Region 2 will provide educational leaders with knowledge and skills to improve student achievement through workshops, conferences, and scholarships to ACSA academies.

V. Budget

Region 2 will use the goal of a balanced budget when considering all decisions that have fiscal implications.

2012-2013 Region 2 Calendar

October 11	State Delegate Assembly	Los Angeles
October 24	Region Delegate Assembly	Sutter COE, Yuba City
November 7-10	State Leadership Summit	San Diego
February 7	State Delegate Assembly	TBD
February 13	Region Delegate Assembly	Rocklin Unified, Rocklin
March 15	Region 2 Administrative Recognition Banquet	McBean Park Pavilion, Lincoln
March 18	Legislative Action Day	Sacramento
April 25	Sam LaCara Memorial Golf Tournament	Lakeridge Golf Course, Reno
April 26-28	North State Conference	Grand Sierra Resort, Reno
April 27	Region Delegate Assembly	Grand Sierra Resort, Reno
May 9	State Delegate Assembly	Sacramento
June 20-21	Region 2 Leadership Retreat	Harrah's, So. Lake Tahoe

Region 2's Every Student Succeeding Selection

Angela Standley is being nominated for the Every Student Succeeding award because she has overcome a major physical barrier and has since blossomed into an amazing, inspiring student.

When Angela came to Greenville Elementary School in November of 2009, she had an IEP and was qualified as severely mentally retarded. This diagnosis surprised most at school, who couldn't help but notice the "spark" in her eyes although she had no language skills. Her special education teacher noted that her former school of attendance had documented a hearing concern and called to inquire. She was told by the previous teacher that they had made many attempts to get the family to take Angela to an audiologist, but the family never did. After conducting informal tests and determining that hearing was definitely an



issue, the special education teacher called the district Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) specialist to come and observe Angela. After observing Angela, the D/HH specialist agreed that further audiology testing was necessary.

By the time the audiologist report came back, no one at school was surprised to hear that Angela was deaf. This was a much more probable explanation as to why Angela didn't have language as opposed to having limited cognitive functioning. There was no doubt at school that her cognitive abilities were intact. For example, to compensate for her lack of language, she was given the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) as a way to communicate with teachers and peers. She mastered and outgrew this system in a matter of weeks. We were also amazed to watch her master operating a digital camera, connecting it to the computer, choosing which pictures to print and printing them out after only watching this being done once. Her eagerness to learn made her a marvel to watch and work with.

It wasn't until she started attending Kindergarten in 2008 that she was referred for special education testing. Somehow she'd made it to Kindergarten without learning to speak and received no early intervention services. Unfortunately for her, the tests given to her were all verbal, hence most examiners comments "she didn't seem to understand what was asked of her", and "no response given". Her IQ was found to be 42, in the bottom 1st percentile of the United States. She was placed in a Special Day Class for severely disabled children for Kindergarten and beginning of 1st grade. There were 4 other children in Angela's class, and she was not even able to eat lunch with her non-disabled peers in this setting. She was given goals to work on in her IEP that assumed limited cognitive skills: trace her name, sort objects according to color.

Once she was categorized as D/HH, we were able to get Angela hearing aids and an interpreter to teach her sign language. As much as we hoped that language would instantly start to develop once she could hear, we knew that sign language would be critical to her learning to communicate since it was an instantly accessible language system whereas spoken language is very complex, and Angela had missed the language learning years, making acquisition now difficult. Now that she has an interpreter and access to language, she is reading and writing up a storm. She is an inspiration to students and staff alike.

Region 2 Website – Check it Out!

Our Region 2 website provides the most current information on charter activities, charter and region officers, region and charter council and committee representatives, scholarships to attend ACSA Academies and workshops, information on the Region 1, 2, 3, 4 North State Spring Conference, links to the state ACSA website and charter sites. Check us out today at www.acsaregion2.org

Region 2 Scholarship Program

The ACSA Region 2 Board of Directors continues to support Region 2 colleagues who aspire to pursue significant professional growth opportunities. Specifically, the Board is interested in receiving applications from State ACSA members who seek scholarship support for their attendance at ACSA professional development



Administrator of the Year Gala

ACSA Region and State Award Program

experiences, including Academies, the Center for Educational Leadership, and other major professional learning opportunities. State ACSA offers 50 percent registration fee scholarships for all Academies for which members are eligible to apply. ACSA Region 2 extends the members' capability to receive up to \$500 toward the registration fee or other expenses for interested and eligible members. We will be awarding up to two scholarships in October, February and May. **Scholarship requests must be for ACSA sponsored professional development opportunities and you must be a state ACSA member.**

If you are pursuing these kinds of significant professional growth experiences, you may apply for one of our Region 2 Scholarships. Applications are available at the Region 2 website and should be accompanied by a letter of request addressed to the ACSA Region 2 Board of Directors. The scholarship application can be found on the Region 2 website at www.acsaregion2.org/region.htm. Contact Judy Bennett at 530/282-5331 for more information.

Save the Date – March 15, 2013

Be sure to make a note to join your fellow administrators from throughout Region 2 to celebrate our profession and recognize our region Administrators of the Year at McBean Park Pavilion, Lincoln on Friday, March 15, 2013. This is our annual event to honor our region's outstanding educational leaders. This will be another spectacular event with a wonderful dinner and opportunity for comraderie. So mark this date on your calendar and watch for your invitation in January 2013, or check the region website.



ACSA Awards – 2013



The Administrator of the Year Awards offers us the opportunity to recognize our colleagues who have made significant contributions to our profession. It is now time to prepare the applications and honor our fellow administrators! In mid-October, award packets will be arriving from the Awards Liaison for State ACSA. Applications can also be found at www.acsa.org

All charters are asked to fully participate in recognizing the outstanding administrators in their area. Share packets with district and county superintendents, principals and school board presidents as the timeline is short.

Nominees must be state ACSA members to qualify for the state awards. If you wish to nominate administrators from your charter for Region 2 and state awards be sure to complete the applications by December 7. The paperwork must be submitted to the Awards Selection Committee no later than **January 11, 2013**

Contact Darrien Johnson at 530/672-4814 or email Darrien at djohnson@rescue.k12.ca.us

2012 Administrator Awards

Region Recognizes Administrators

Region 2's Annual Recognition Meeting held at McBean Park Pavilion in Lincoln on Friday, March 16, the following outstanding school administrators and educational leaders were publicly recognized as Administrators/Leaders of the Year in the following categories. Region 2 consists of 7 charters in Butte, Colusa/Sutter/Yuba, El Dorado, Glenn, Nevada, Placer and Plumas Counties:

Region 2 Administrator of the Year for 2012

Brad Tooker, Asst. Superintendent, *Dry Creek Elementary School District*

Region 2 Retired Administrator of the Year for 2012

Lee Jernigan, Former Principal, *Oroville City Elementary School District*

Superintendent

Nancy Lynch, Superintendent, *Placerville Union Elementary School District, Placerville*

Elementary Principal

Denny Rush, Principal, *Parker Whitney Elementary School, Rocklin Unified, Rocklin*

Middle School Principal

David Scroggins, Principal, *Pleasant Grove Middle School, Rescue Elementary School District, Rescue*

Secondary Principal

Sue Segura, Principal, *Quincy High School, Plumas Unified, Quincy*

Special Education

Susan Watts, Director, *Placer County Office of Education, Auburn*

Secondary Co-Administrator

Pamela Bartlett, Assistant Principal, *Oak Ridge High School, El Dorado UHSD, Placerville*

Superintendent/Principal

Susan Barry, Principal/Superintendent, *Union Hill Elementary School District, Grass Valley*

Business Services Administrator

Roger Van Putten, Chief Fiscal Officer, *Dry Creek Jt. Elem. School Districts, Roseville*

Career Technical Education Administrator

Randy Page, Director, *Tri-County ROP, Sutter County Office of Education, Yuba City*

Curriculum and Instruction Administrator

Evonne Rogers, Asst. Supt., *Dry Creek Jt. Elem. School District, Roseville*

Central Office Administrator

Terry Oestreich, Co-Director, HR, CTE Director, *Plumas Unified, Quincy*

Each of these outstanding administrators was recognized by their peers. Introductions and a review of the notable accomplishments were highlighted. We are very proud to honor these educational leaders and recognize them for the outstanding contributions that they make to the students in Region 2 and their counties.

2011-12 Charter Review

CSY Charter - An active charter, CSY began the year with a barbeque and membership event in August followed in January with their annual award dinner where several members were recognized for their tremendous accomplishments to education. The year ended with an event to honor secretarial staff which will be continued again in 2012-13. If you haven't attended an event plan to do so this year where you'll have the opportunity to network with colleagues and celebrate the educator.

El Dorado Charter - One of our most active charters, El Dorado hosted several activities and events throughout the county. They began the year with a "Welcome Back" wine tasting at David Girard Vineyard. Always a popular event. In October they held their annual Oktoberfest gathering at the Jack Russell Brewery, which is a well-attended and popular annual event for this charter. El Dorado Charter also hosted a Community Based Organization Breakfast networking event for local community agencies and county and district leadership from throughout El Dorado County. In January the charter hosted a legal briefing by the law firm of Girard, Edwards and Hance. A myriad of education issues were discussed. An annual recognition dinner at the Cold Springs Country Club in Placerville was held in February where El Dorado educators were honored. The final event was held in June at the El Dorado County Fair where the charter recognizes students throughout the county for achievement in school. Gold Star Students receive free admission into the fair, certificates, and small gifts from administrators throughout the county.

Nevada Charter - The Nevada Charter sponsored three dinners during the year. One with the Nevada County School Boards Association, one an official membership drive barbeque and a dinner to honor Nevada County educators. They also held three informal after work gatherings where educators could network with colleagues and share ideas. The charter also awarded four scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Placer Charter - The Placer Charter started the year off with a well-attended barbeque and membership drive at the Woodcreek Golf Course. In January and May they held Administrator Breakfast Forums where Adonai Mack, ACSA Legislative Advocate provided valuable insights and predictions regarding budget and education. The annual Administrator of the Year Award Dinner was held in February at the Winchester Country Club where Placer County educators and retirees were honored. The Teachers Who Make A Difference Awards evening was held in May and the final event of the year was the 20th Annual Placer and Nevada County Golf Scramble at the Black Oak Golf Course in Auburn.

Plumas Charter - The Plumas Charter (small, but active) kicked the year off with a barbeque event in September, followed with social get-togethers in December and June and a student scholarship luncheon in May.

Retired Leaders & Managers Charter - The Region 2 Retiree Charter's first event was held in October at the CalSTRS headquarters in Sacramento for lunch and a tour of the facility. In December they held their Holiday Meeting at the Peach Tree Golf and Country Club in Marysville. The Yuba City High School Choir performed for attendees. In February a luncheon and meeting was held at the

2012-2013 Charter Events

Timbers Restaurant at Sun City, Roseville and included a performance by the Woodcreek High School drama group. The final event was held in April at Shelley Anderson's in Chico. New officers were installed and the Chico High School Barbershop Quartet performed. Speaker was Dr. Kimberly Perry of Butte College.

2012-2013 Charter Events

Each charter plans several events a year. Below are the events for the Region 2 Charters. These activities provide an opportunity to meet and network with fellow administrators and other educational leaders in your area. A complete calendar of events and registration information for each charter (if available) is posted on the ACSA Region 2 website at www.acsaregion2.org (or contact your charter president).

Butte Charter - Currently inactive

Colusa/Sutter/Yuba (CSY) Charter

August 30, 2012	Kick Off! Membership Drive Event, TBD, Yuba City
October 30, 2012	Oktoberfest, TBD
January 30, 2013	Administrator of the Year Dinner, TBD, Yuba City Area
April 24, 2013	Secretary Appreciation Dinner, TBD, Yuba City Area

For details contact Benjamin Moss, Charter President at (530) 822-5220

El Dorado Charter

August 29, 2012	Welcome Back Wine & Cheese Event, Girard's Winery
October 4, 2012	Oktoberfest Dinner and Celebration of the Administrator, Jack Russell Brewery
October 6, 2012	Community-based Organization Breakfast, EDCOE
January 9, 2013	Charter Breakfast, El Dorado COE
February 27, 2013	El Dorado Charter Recognition Dinner, Cold Springs CC
June 13-16, 2013	Golden Start Student Awards/El Dorado County Fair

For details contact Dave Scroggins, Charter President at (530) 672-4400

Glenn Charter – Currently inactive

For information contact Jim Scribner at (530) 865-1222

Nevada Charter

August 22, 2012	Membership Drive Bar-B-Q
October 25, 2012	Nevada Co. School Boards/ACSA Dinner
November TBA	Social "Get-Together"

2012-2013 Charter Events, continued

Week of Dec. 10	Delivery of Christmas Goodies to Members
February 7, 2013	Administrators of the Year Awards Event/Dinner
March 7, 2013	Teachers Who Make a Difference Event/Dinner
March 2013	Social "Get-Together"

For details contact Scott Lay, Charter President at (530) 273-3664

Placer Charter

September 24, 2012	Bar-B-Q Kick Off Event, TBA
February 25, 2013	Administrator of the Year Dinner, TBA
May 6, 2013	Teachers Who Make a Difference Dinner, TBA
June 2013	Golf Tournament, Black Oak, Auburn (tentative)

For details contact Colleen Slattery, Charter President at (916) 770-8873

Plumas Charter

August 2012	Welcome Back
October 2012	Plumas ACSA Meeting
December 2012	Holiday Social, TBA
February 2013	Plumas ACSA Meeting
May, 2013	Student Award Luncheon, TBA
June 2013	End of Year Social/Leadership Retreat

For details contact Kristy Warren, Charter President at (530) 283-6550

Retired Leaders & Managers Charter

October 18, 2012	Fall Meeting and Lunch, Trolley Junction, Nevada City
December 6, 2012	Winter Meeting, The Plaza, Marysville
February 13, 2013	Spring Meeting, Sun City, Roseville
April 18, 2013	Installation & Lunch, Shelly Anderson's, Chico

For details contact Frank Chapman, Charter President at (916) 773-1803

Conferences

ACSA State Leadership Summit

This year's state leadership summit will be held in San Diego, November 7-10. The conference promises outstanding sessions and keynote speakers including Rebecca Mieliwocki, 2012 National Teacher of the Year, Jeff Duncan-Andrade and Earvin "Magic" Johnson.. Other sessions include Special Luncheons scheduled for Thursday, November 8 and include lunch and speakers focused on conference strands. Special events include the President's Welcome Dessert and Coffee Reception, the ACSA Summit Kick-off Dance, a Women's Leadership Breakfast and the Superintendents' Breakfast Conversation. Join ACSA President David Gomez, and Marc Ecker, ACSA Vice President and the ACSA Board of Directors for an

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successful event for
educators**

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evening of special events at the Association Awards Presentation Presidents Celebration Friday evening, November 9.

Contact ACSA's Educational Services Department at 800-672-3494 or check the ACSA website at www.acsa.org/events for registration packet and more information. Don't miss this outstanding professional development opportunity. Register today!

2012 North State Spring Conference

The conference provided an outstanding selection of keynote presenters which included Cary Trivanovich as the Friday Kick-off speaker and a rousing send-off on Sunday by Greg Roeszler (Coach Roz). Attendance was up from the previous year and the attendance at events, sessions and activities was excellent. The special Pre-Conference Workshop hosted by McGraw Hill Education Group continues to be a popular and worthwhile free event to conference registrants. Attendance was significantly larger this year and a similar event will be available in 2013.



Save the Date – North State Spring Conference 2013

This year's conference will again be held at The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, April 26 to April 28, 2013. The Sam LaCara Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held April 25 at Lakeridge Golf Course in Reno, NV. Watch for registration packets in January.

North State Spring Conference Call for Presenters

Share your ideas for sessions and keynotes and/or sign-up to be a presenter. The conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno and promises to be an outstanding opportunity for professional development, camaraderie and networking. This year's conference theme is "iCollaborate, iCreate, iCommunicate Solutions" If you would like to be a session presenter or know someone who would be a good keynote or session presenter, please contact Jonathon Brunson at jonathon.brunson@wjusd.org or Cindy Petersen at cindy.petersen@twinriversusd.org. Applications for presenters are also available online at www.acsaregion2.org/conference.htm