

Get your ticket for Region 6's biggest celebration of the year. ACSA Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner is on April 18,2024!



# Advance Newsletter

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## President's Message



### *Leading with Our Hearts*



Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to our ACSA members who nominated students for the Region 6 Every Student Succeeding. Region 6 nominated eight students:

- Adam Tobar - **winner** (San Leandro USD, nominated by Paulette Smith)
- Artemio Nicandro III (New Haven USD, nominated by Sarah Kappler)
- Camila Gomez (San Lorenzo USD, nominated by Rochelle Hooks)
- Rishan Sardana (New Haven USD, nominated by Sarah Kappler)
- Duurenjargal Ganchuluun (Dublin USD, nominated by Lorianne Ventura)
- Emani Gardiner (Pleasanton USD, nominated by Janet Gates)
- Vanessa Gomez (Livermore Valley JUSD, nominated by David Martinez)
- Ash Morgan-Cocannoeur (Mt. Diablo USD, nominated by Christina Filios)

Another thank you to our ACSA members who submitted applications for the Bob Blackburn Student Scholarships. Region 6 awarded eight scholarships:

- Audrey Chamberlain, Monte Vista HS (Matt Chamberlain)
- Daria Defaii, James Logan HS (Amity Defaii)
- Isaac Fendel, St. Mary's College HS (David Fender)
- Liam Hearn, Campolindo HS (Susan Bishop)
- Tyler Thompson, Dublin HS (Lorianne Ventura)
- Abigail Klinkner, College Park HS (Nancy Klinkner)

- Nathan Ma, Monte Vista HS (Hanna Ma)
- Kaia Place, Albany HS (Deborah Brill)

I highlight the two student award categories as a reminder of our daily work for our students and that we are making a positive difference in their lives in our evolving world. All these students will be honored at a student awards reception on April 8.

With approximately three months remaining, we now head to the end of the school year. Please rest and rejuvenate over spring break so you remain present and active to close out the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.  
As always, we are **Leading with Our Hearts...**

[Raul Zamora, Ed.D.](#)  
Region 6 President



## Region 6 Executive Committee 2024-25

Congratulations to these newly elected leaders in Region 6:

- Lorianne Ventura, President-Elect
- Raul Zamora, Representative to ACSA Board of Directors

They will join the following continuing members on the Executive Committee:

- Matt Chamberlain, President
- Kathy LaCome, Vice President of Legislative Action
- Paulette Smith, Vice President of Programs
- Christina Filios, Vice President of Staff Development
- Harvey Yurkovich, Vice President of Membership
- Janet Gates, Secretary
- Annette Heldman, Treasurer
- Christy Glaser, Equity Chair
- Pam VandeKamp, Communications Chair
- Lynn Mackey, At-Large Representative (Contra Costa County)
- Rochelle Hooks, At-Large Representative (Alameda County)
- Jenny Vargas, At-Large Representative (Contra Costa County)
- Efa Huckaby, At-Large Representative (Contra Costa County)



## ACSA Legislative Action Days 2024

April 28-29, 2024



Legislative Action Days 2024

ACSA's Leg Action Days are scheduled for April 28-29, 2024. Most of you are aware that the budget news for 2024-25 out of Sacramento is worrisome. We need leaders like you to be actively advocating for educational funding for the sake of 6 million students in California. You CAN make a difference!

If you are interested in participating in them or would like to part of any local advocacy efforts, contact Kathy LaCome, VP Leg Action at [klacome@slzusd.org](mailto:klacome@slzusd.org)



## Region 6 Membership Events

Region 6 hosted a membership event in Concord recently. It was great to see our ACSA members as well as members-to-be. We welcome three new members from Mt. Diablo USD: Doug Corbin, Matt Fielder, and Michael Miller!



R6 VP Membership Harvey Yurkovich and President Raul Zamora



Christina Filios, Lauren Ashton and Doug Corbin from MDUSD catching up



Attendees enjoying the camaraderie with other administrators



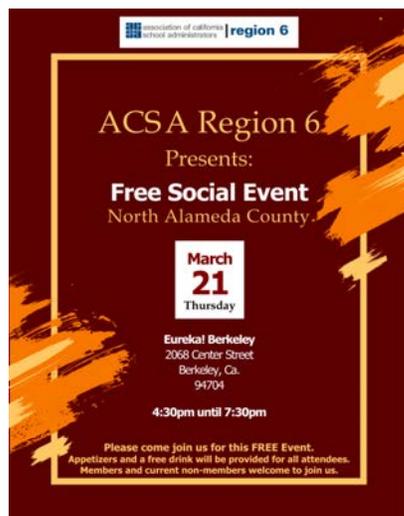
Deb Brill from Albany USD is a happy raffle winner



Ann Shinn from Albany USD is another happy winner



Felton Owens networking with Deb Brill, Frank Wells and Michael Miller



### Region 6 Membership Event

The last of 4 networking socials will be held on March 21 at Eureka! in Berkeley. Don't miss out!

Raffle prizes will include a gift basket, Dr. David Franklin's new book Advice from the Principal's Desk. David was a former ACSA Region 6 member!

Thank you to our Vice President Harvey Yurkovich for organizing 4 membership events all over the region this year.



# 2024 Bay Area Equity Symposium

Region 6 again collaborated with Regions 5 and 8 this year to host the Bay Area Equity Symposium on February 9-10. The theme of this year's Symposium was **Affirming and Elevating Student Agency**. This year we were also joined by the California Subject Matter Project. Over 200 attendees listened to amazing speakers and presenters as well as engaged in some deep reflection and conversations throughout the conference.

Region 6 presenters included Renee Lama from San Lorenzo USD presented on "How are the Black Children." The team of Lindsay Wisely, Christine Ibarra, and Kristy Martinez from Antioch USD shared "Healing the Harm: AUSD's Quest to Expand a Restorative Mindset." Zetha Nobles' presentation focused on "Rethinking DEI: Why Honoring Dignity is Primary and Paramount." Thank you to these leaders for sharing their work and continuing to make a difference for our students.



Symposium opening with land acknowledgement



ACSA President Parvin Ahmadi welcoming attendees with a passionate message



Region 6 President Raul Zamora energizing attendees for a full day ahead on the second day



The Antioch USD team of Lindsay Wisely, Christine Ibarra and Kristy Martinez sharing their work



Zetha Nobles sharing successful equity practices in New Haven USD



ACSA Vice President Daryl Camp and President Parvin Ahmadi joining Raul Zamora and Rose Lock at registration table



## 2024 Administrator of the Year Awards Region 6's biggest party of the Year



Remember the power outage at our 2023 event! For those in attendance, you will agree that even 3

outages did not keep our Region 6 members, friends, and family from celebrating and enjoying each other. Most of the attendees turned on the flashlight on their cell phones and the party went on. What a night!

### Region 6 Administrator of the Year Awards Celebration

Join us in celebrating all of our AOY nominees and winners  
(list can be found on our [website](#))

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
San Ramon Marriott

5:00 - 6:00 pm Cocktail hour (1 complimentary beer, wine, or soda)  
Featuring music by the San Leandro High School Jazz Band

6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner and Awards presentation

Tickets \$70

Register on [Eventbrite](#) until April 5, 2024



## Women's Leadership Network

Our region is committed to continuing conversations that will support women leaders. If you are interested in being involved in planning this year's activities, email [Paulette Smith](#), VP Programs.



## From Your Region Executive Director



### Region 6 on Social Media

Former Region 6 President, Pam VandeKamp, who is now retired accepted the position of Region 6 Communication Chair. Pam has been busy updating our region's presence on social media. She has been posting on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, LinkedIn. We are still on X(formerly Twitter). The power of social media is sharing so please follow us and repost. Show how proud you are of ACSA Region 6!

### Region 6 Mini-grants application due April 1 - REMINDER

As districts and educators are anticipating a tough budget year for next year, we want our members to know that Region 6 may be able to assist you with some funding for an innovative idea you have that can make a big difference for students in your school or district.

Our Region offers up to five mini-grants and up to \$1000 each for members' projects that require some seed or matching funding. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2024. <http://regions.acsa.org/6/awardsscholarshipsgrants/mini-grants/>

Thank you for all you do each and every day for students.



## Welcome to New ACSA Members



Region 6 welcomes the following new members in November, December, January, February:

**Alameda COE**

Lorena Morales-Ellis, Monica Dennis, Juwen Lam

**Antioch USD**

LaTanya Williams, Joe Hernandez

**Berkeley USD**

Kristen Hardy

**Brentwood UESD**

Diane Deshlerm Justine Melendez

**Castro Valley USD**

Anca Buzatu, Marian Meadows, Krista Richey

**Dublin USD**

Erin Magill

**Hayward USD**

Lora Colyer, Mary Busby, Daniel Romo

**Liberty UHSD**

Sebastiano Padoan

**Livermore Valley JUSD**

Lauren Shiffrin

**Mt. Diablo USD**

Meghan Hines, Jennifer Mahmood, Sandra Inouye

**Newark USD**

Amanda Gollither

**Oakland USD**

Sonia Lee, Liana Smith

**Piedmont USD**

Karyn Shipp, Mary Leon

**Pleasanton USD**

William Nelson

**San Ramon Valley USD**

Deanna Zappia

**West Contra Costa USD**

David Oliver, Philip Johnson, Joseph Pickering, Jay Eirvin

**Student Members**

Andrea Medrano, Pamela Kennedy, Stephanie Torres, Christine Laus

**Thank you to ACSA member for continuing to recruit new members!**

Akilah Byrd (2), Jeremy Vilkins, Allison Huie, Nicole Joyner, Ryan Shaw, Todd Airola



## Region 6 Partners Corner

We welcome the following new ACSA Region 6 partners:



**RethinkEd**  
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Thank you to all our Region 6 partners for 2023-24!

Their sponsorships allow us to offer high quality professional development and other programs that serve our members. We are grateful for their support of public education leaders. Learn more about these partners on our website [Partners page](#).



[Contact Us](#)

We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

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[Region 6 Website](#)

**Region 6 Staff**

[Rose Lock](#), Executive Director  
[Steve Collins](#), Consultant

**Region 6 Leadership**

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