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Region 6 Administrator of the Year Awards



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

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

Tickets \$70

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

Thank you to the Region 6 Administrator of the Year Awards Committee!

30 Region 6 members volunteered to review the 81 nominations submitted this year. The committee was divided into 5 teams each deliberated on 3-5 categories. Each member individually read the nominations and ranked the nominees. The teams then convened virtually and made recommendation for the region winner in each category assigned.

We appreciate the time each committee member devoted to this very important task and insured that the process was a fair and equitable one.

Committee members represented many charters and districts in the region: Robert Ithurburn, Lorianne Ventura, Janet Gates, Nanette Gray, Nia Rashidchi, Dustin Gacherieu, Amy Wallace, Erin Roberts, Matt Chamberlain, Crystal Castaneda, Lynn Mackey, Christy Glaser, Annabel Hurlburt, Evan Powell, Christina Filios, Elie Wasser, Sheila Jemo, Heidi McFadden, CJ Cammack, Brian Scharmann, Jeremy Vilkins, Mikey McKelvey, Lisa Mata, Frank Wells, Roberta Kreitz, Allison Huie, Ryan Shaw, Nicole Joyner, Jane Blomstrand, Rami Muth, Pam VandeKamp, Richard Lloyd, Kathy LaCome,

More importantly, thank you to those of you who took the time to write the nominations of your colleagues and shine a light on the outstanding work across our region. Our region winners will now be considered finalists for state ACSA Administrators of the Year. State winners will be announced in April.

Region 6 Awards



Nels Nelson Award

Daryl Camp
Superintendent, San Lorenzo USD
ACSA Vice President 2023-24
Numerous Region and State Leadership Positions



Region 6 President's Award

Jacob Berg
Principal, Pleasanton USD
Region 6 President 2020-21
Past President 2021-22, 2023-24

Each year, Region 6 honors two ACSA leaders for exemplary leadership to ACSA and the education community.

The Nels Nelson Award is named after Region 6's first Executive Director who served for many years. The recipient of this award is a person who has demonstrated ethical and moral leadership, continuing commitment and dedication to student achievement and a visionary who lays foundations of educational excellence that will continue beyond their tenure. This individual has also served ACSA for many years and in many capacities as a leader.

The Region 6 President's Award is given to a member who has provided exceptional leadership and service to the region.

Congratulations to Daryl and Jacob who will be honored at our 2024 Region 6 Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner on April 18.

Region 6 Every Student Succeeding



ACSA believes every student deserves equal opportunities to succeed. On every school day throughout California, dedicated educators and courageous students overcome tremendous obstacles to reach their goals of academic excellence.

Thank you to Region 6 members who shared the stories of their students. 12 students were nominated for the award this year.

The Region 6 winner is Adam Tobar who is a 5th grader in the San Leandro USD. He will receive a \$1000 award from Region 6. He will also be recognized at the annual ACSA Leadership Summit in November where he will receive another \$1000 award. Congratulations! Adam was nominated by Paulette Smith.

The following students were selected as finalists and each will receive a \$250 award:

- 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)

Congratulations to all these courageous students and thank you to the ACSA members who nominated them and shared their inspiring journeys.

Bob Blackburn Student Scholarships



Region 6 is pleased to award eight \$1000 scholarships to children of ACSA members. Their parent's name is listed in parenthesis. Congratulations to these outstanding students:

- 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)

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee made up of the following retiree members: Anna Blackman, Pam VandeKamp, Dick Lloyd, Tess Johnson, Linda Hutcherson, Donna Yokomizo, Lindy Khan, Susan Keefe, Sandy Prairie, Sue Kahn, and Rami Muth.

Region 6 Mini Grants

Applications due April 1

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/>



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