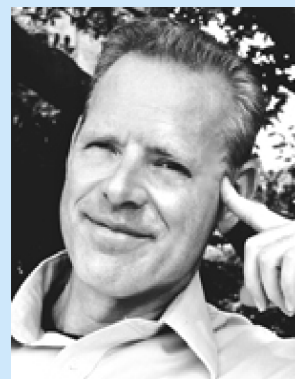
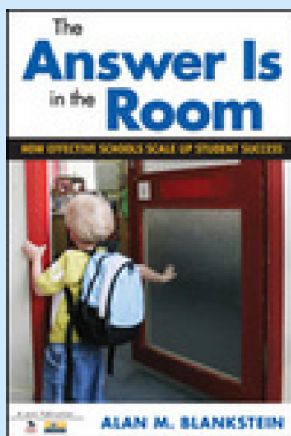


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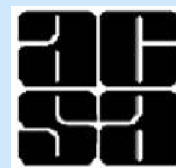
**by Alan Blankstein**



Award-winning author Alan Blankstein shares the results of his research with high-achieving schools and districts, providing insights for putting their methods into practice. He believes that we already know how to educate students, and encourages the empowerment of educators, parents, and policymakers to overcome barriers and apply this knowledge. Blankstein shows how to tap into our collective wisdom and answers that already exist, and shares to top educators:

- Examples of what is working
- Methodologies for achieving success
- Techniques for giving all teachers necessary feedback
- Solutions to today's educational challenges

When: Tuesday, January 31, 2012  
Where: San Joaquin County Office of Education  
Wentworth Education Center  
2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA  
Time: 4:30 to 5:00 Registration  
5:00 to 6:30 Presentation with question and answer session  
6:30 Dinner  
Cost: \$30.00 ACSA Member  
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE January 11, 2012**

Mail registration to Deanne Andrade at 1219 Whispering Wind Drive Tracy, CA 95377

# REGION VII SPRING CONFERENCE 2012

by Barbara Cortese, VP Programs

This year's event will take place at the Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The Conference will run from Friday, May 4th, through Sunday, May 6th, 2012. For those who desire to extend your camaraderie to the golf course, we are arranging a Golf Tournament for Thursday, May 3rd. You can contact **Howard Holtsman** (hholtsman@verizon.net) to sign up. This is a great start to a tremendous weekend of networking, honoring colleagues and seeking information.

Your ACSA Conference Planning Committee is comprised of colleagues from the five Charters within Region VII: Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Mother Lode and Retirement. They are already working hard to bring to you resources which will assist you in performing your duties, assisting your students/staff, and aspiring into a new position.

Your committee has already developed an array of general session speakers; and continues to brainstorm breakout session ideas and presenters to provide you with ongoing professional development which we believe will assist you in managing and facilitating current duties and responsibilities and/or prepare you for movement to a new endeavor. General Session speakers are: **Kevin Gordon**, President of School Innova-

tions & Advocacy (SIA); **Jack O'Connell** with SIA – former Supt of Public Instruction; **Marc Johnson**, Supt. of Sanger USD and National Superintendent of the Year; **Gina Castaneda**, Santa Cruz County Probation Officer; and **Keena Turner**, VP Football Affairs for San Francisco 49ers.

During these extremely difficult times within education, support and networking becomes even more critical to each and every one of us. In addition, we will honor Administrators of the Year for their tremendous commitment and influences within education. We hope you can all be there to help us honor these grand educators.

Scholarships are available through the ACSA Region VII website. Applications are available by going to: [acsaregion7.org](http://acsaregion7.org) and click on "scholarships" – Sue Richard and Alex Winchester scholarships were established

to assist ACSA members to partake in professional development opportunities.

Conference registration fliers will be available soon and will be forwarded directly to ACSA members as well as being available at all ACSA meetings events.

Hope to see you at the conference.

## STUDENT SERVICES & SPECIAL ED COUNCIL

by Paricia Haskell

The Council met on September 16th. We welcomed new members to the committee. Next meeting is January 10th at the Every Child Counts Symposium. The Council goal for this year is to increase communications among members of ACSA about the work of the council by inviting more colleagues to present at the Symposium, emailing blasts from ACSA rather than a single member email and setting up a Face book account.

### Council Projects

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder Guide to Goals, Diane Youtsey** - The Autism Spectrum Disorder Guide to Goals will be available for sale at the January 2013 Every Child Counts Symposium
- **Hot Topics – Todd Beal**, The Hot Topics Committee will have an exhibit table at the January 2012 Every Child Counts Symposium. Attendees will be asked to fill out a survey-questionnaire to get information from attendees on topics. New topics and available resource material will be posted on the Council's web page. As topics no longer become "hot," they will be moved to a section entitled Key Resource Tools. New members to this committee are **Scott Chennault, Maria Hwang De Bravo, and Janet Balcom**.
- **Special Education Handbook for School Administrators, Heath Rocha and Tim Calkins** - The committee will work on updating the handbook. **Patty Haskell** and **Drew Woodall** will be joining Heath and Tim on this project.
- **Student Discipline Guide, Ray Vincent** - The committee will work on revising this guide. Committee members are **Jerry Hime, Roxanne Rice, Jane Mills, and Sherman Garnett**.
- **Every Child Counts Symposium, New Challenges, New Opportunities, Sherman Garnett** - Symposium dates are January 11-13, 2012, Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey.
- **AB 114 Transition Work Group, Tim Calkins** - A power point presentation was presented outlining the work thus far. Each council member received a copy of the presentation via email. (Continued on page 4)