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# ACSA AWARD WINNERS 2023

ACSA • REGION 7  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR**



**Dana Salles Trevethan**  
Superintendent,  
Turlock Unified School District

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**SECONDARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**



**Greg Diaz**  
Principal, Riverbank High School,  
Riverbank USD

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**MIDDLE GRADES PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**



**Scott Nicotero**  
Principal, Avery Middle School,  
Vallecito Union School District

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**ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**



**Dr. Joanna O'Brien**  
Principal, Woodrow Elementary  
Sylvan Union School District

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**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Brad Goudeau**  
Associate Superintendent, Educational Services,  
Modesto City Schools

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**ELEMENTARY CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Nate Diamantine**  
Assistant Principal,  
Patricia Kay Beaver Leadership Magnet  
Ceres USD

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**SECONDARY CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Phuc Pham-Goulart**  
Assistant Principal, Modesto High School,  
Modesto City Schools

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**CLASSIFIED LEADER OF THE YEAR**



**Scott Richardson**  
Director, Maintenance and Operations,  
Turlock Unified School District

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**CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**



**Cheryl Crawford**  
Administrative Assistant/Office Manager,  
Turlock Unified School District

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**PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Fernando Ureno**  
Director of Human Resources,  
Turlock Unified School District

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**ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Antony Little**  
Director of Alternative Education,  
Modesto City Schools

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**CAREER TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Pam Knapp**  
Director, College and Career Readiness,  
San Joaquin County Office of Education

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Ericka Tschantz**  
Director of Special Education,  
Turlock Unified School District

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**BUSINESS SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Myra Lizett Aguilar**  
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services,  
Sylvan Union School District

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**STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Danielle Hinkle**  
Senior Director, Student Support Services,  
Modesto City Schools

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**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**



**Kathy Griggs**  
Director of Educational Services,  
Calaveras Unified School District

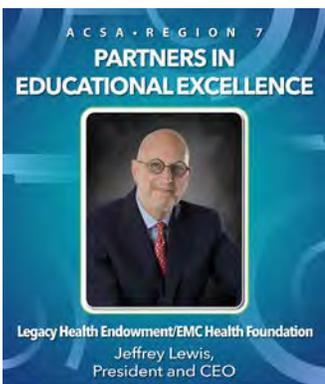
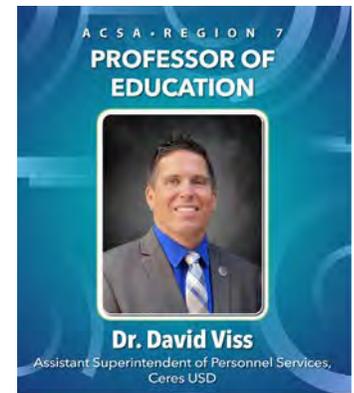
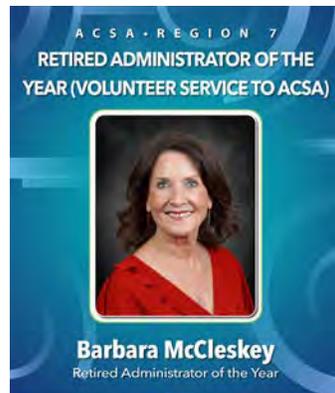
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## Cayla Alvarez Named ESS Student

Cayla had a rough start in life and was challenged with being in foster care during some of her early elementary years. During this time Cayla started having trouble in school – being angry, aggressive, and getting into fights. As time went on, and with the support of her school, Cayla was identified as having a learning difference and began receiving special education support. She also picked up basketball and realized she had talent on the court, and soon basketball became her passion.

In the beginning of her freshman year, shortly before basketball season began, Cayla found out she was pregnant. However, that did not stop her from her dream of playing basketball and going on to college. Even while pregnant, Cayla attended school regularly and participated in as much as she could in athletics. Throughout the next few years of high school (not to mention a global pandemic happening shortly after giving birth) Cayla struggled at times with attendance and bouts of depression, however she always stayed positive and bounced right back after a setback. She once said to her Vice Principal Karen Perez, “every negative thing that happens, I turn it into a positive thing and use it as part of my narrative.” Ms. Perez said that Cayla is writing her own story and she will not let anything get in her way of being successful.

Cayla is currently the Vice President of the Black Student Union and has excelled at three varsity sports – volleyball, basketball, and track – and was nominated team captain for both volleyball and basketball. Ms. Perez said she often walks into the gym to see basketball practice happening, and there is Cayla’s toddler hanging out having a snack, waiting for mom to finish practicing. On most days after school, Cayla rushes home to see her daughter, take care of her “mom” business, then hurries back to be at practice, a game, or another event at school. Cayla is a leader on campus. Other students look up to her and she is mature beyond her years. Ms. Perez often turns to Cayla to help mediate conflicts with students on campus.

It is hard being a mom. It is even harder when you are 14 years old and a freshman in high school. It is now 2023 and even though Cayla Alvarez was in this position just a few short years ago, and became a mom during the pandemic, she has persevered and is set to graduate from high school and has already been accepted to Cal Poly Humboldt and Sacramento State University. Cayla will represent Region 7 at the Leadership Summit in November. She received a \$1,000 scholarship from the region at its recent General Membership Assembly in April. Cayla truly epitomizes the true spirit of Every Student Succeeding.



## Region 7 Welcomes New Members

### Mother Lode Charter

Christina Bianchi, Program Manager,  
Calaveras COE

### San Joaquin Charter

Melissa Beattie, Asst. Principal, Manteca USD  
Avtar Singh Gill, Technology Director,  
Stockton USD  
Theresa Johnson, Principal, Manteca USD  
Summer Simon, Assistant Principal,  
River Island Technology Academy  
Donna Williamson, Director III - Technology  
San Joaquin COE

### Stanislaus Charter

Anthony Luna, Site Technician Manager,  
Modesto City Schools

### Tuolumne Charter

Zachary Abernathy, Superintendent,  
Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools

### A special thank you to our spring recruiters:

Jennifer Andrews, Roberta Cheney,  
Christine Facella, Travis Manley,  
& Brenda Scholl



## Looking Ahead In Region 7

### June

- 1 RAC Social - Ravioli Making - Cindy Murray's House - 9:30 a.m.
- 6 Mini Conference Planning Committee Meeting - David High School - 3:00 p.m.
- 11 Region 7 Cabinet - Leadership & Articulation Meeting - Deb Rowe's House - 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Region 7 Leadership Training - The Fruit Yard - Modesto - 8:00 a.m.

### July

- 16-18 State ACSA Board Retreat - TBD
- 19 State ACSA Board Meeting - TBD

### August

- 11 Tuolumne Charter Kick-Off - Standard Pour - Sonora - 4:00 p.m.
- 23 Stanislaus Charter Kick-Off - Martin Peterson Event Center - 4:30 p.m.

### September

- 13 Region 7 Cabinet Meeting - Mary Ann Sanders' House - Modesto - 4:30 p.m.
- 14 Mother Lode Kick-Off - Olive Crush - Valley Springs - 4:30 p.m.
- 21 General Membership Assembly - The Golf Club at Cooper Valley - Copperopolis - 4:30 p.m.

### October

- 6 Region 7 Mini Conference - Grace Davis High School - Modesto - 4:30 p.m.
- 18 Region 7 CEL Dinner - DoubleTree - Modesto - 4:30 p.m.



## Region 7 Officers 2022-2023

**PRESIDENT**  
Jose Aldaco  
**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
Deborah Rowe  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Tami Garcia  
**TREASURER**  
Araceli Zamora

**V.P., PROGRAMS**  
Kelene Blevins  
**V.P., LEG. ACTION**  
Jared Hungerford  
**V.P., MEMBERSHIP**  
Kathy Griggs  
**SECRETARY**  
Mark Campbell

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Ramona Soto-Barajas  
**STATE BOARD**  
Scott Nanik  
**REGION 7**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/**  
**CONSULTANT**  
Mary Ann Sanders

**REGION 7**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**SPECIALIST &**  
**FACILITIES**  
**COORDINATOR**  
Claudia Vicino

## Charter Presidents 2022-2023

### MOTHER LODGE

Karen Vail

### SAN JOAQUIN

Heather Sharp

### STANISLAUS

Dr. Isaias Rumayor, Jr.

### TUOLUMNE

Michael Merrill

### RETIRED

Barbara McCleskey