



Press Release

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ACSA

(Association of California School Administrators)

Region VII Award Winners

At the ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) Region VII Spring Conference on April 30 – May 2, 2010 in Monterey, California, 19 local educational leaders were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. The award winners came from all over the region, which includes Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties. The awards committee selected the winners from a group of candidates nominated by their peers. A special evening awards ceremony was held in their honor on Friday, April 30, where each winner received a beautiful slate plaque. Master of Ceremonies and Awards Committee chair Rick Bartkowski presented the awards, along with the ACSA Region VII President John Keiter and Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Joe Silva.

The ACSA regional winners' applications were sent to the state ACSA organization for consideration and one of our regional winners has been selected as a state ACSA winner. Jan Kearns has been selected as the Special Education Administrator of the Year by state ACSA and will receive her award at the annual Leadership Summit in November 2010 in San Diego.

In addition, the Partners in Educational Excellence Award were presented on Saturday, May 1, at a special awards luncheon to Kaiser Permanente in Stanislaus County. According to nominator Jane Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Stanislaus County Office of Education, *this award is in recognition of their active participation and effective collaboration with the Stanislaus County Office of Education in the Fit for the Future campaign to address issues of childhood obesity. Besides providing financial support with \$ 175,000 in grant funding, Kaiser has also contributed with resources and programs for teachers, students, and parents.*

Also presented on Saturday was the Outstanding Media Coverage of Public Education Award to the Modesto Bee. The Modesto Bee deserves to be recognized with this award for consistently going above and beyond to highlight and support public education in Stanislaus County, and in particular for their support of our Stanislaus County Office of Education **Fit for the Future** fitness campaign.

The following list includes all of our regional award winners and their current position.

Gloria Carrillo – Business Services Administrator of the Year
Chief Business Official, Bret Harte Union High School District

Susan Taylor – Central Office Administrator of the Year
Assistant Superintendent, Riverbank Unified School District

Lynette Silva – Classified Manager of the Year
Director of Food Services, Hughson Unified School District

Kayla Rhoads – Confidential Employee of the Year
Personnel Specialist, Empire Union School District

Scott Nanik – Continuation/Educational Options Administrator of the Year
Principal, Calaveras River Academy, Calaveras County Office of Education

Kathy Pon – Curriculum and Instruction Administrator of the Year
Assistant Superintendent, Patterson Joint Unified School District

Arturo Duran – Elementary Principal of the Year
Principal, Grayson Charter School, Patterson Joint Unified School District

Lori Guzman-Alvarez – Elementary Co-Administrator of the Year
Vice Principal, Sequoia Elementary School, Manteca Unified School District

Laura Wharff – Middle Grades Principal of the Year
Principal, Ustach Middle School, Sylvan Union School District

Steve Fabela – Personnel/Human Resources Administrator of the Year
Director of Personnel, Ceres Unified School District

Dave Urquhart – Secondary Principal of the Year
Principal, Summerville High, Summerville Union High School District

James Schuller – Secondary Co- Administrator of the Year
Assistant Principal, Hughson High, Hughson Unified School District

Jan Kearns – Special Education Administrator of the Year
Executive Director of SELPA, Tuolumne County Office of Education

Joanne Oien – Superintendent / Principal of the Year
Superintendent/Principal, New Hope Elementary School District

Irma Bravo – Lawrence – Valuing Diversity Award
Director for District English Learner Support Services, Stanislaus County Office of Education

Tom Changnon – Superintendent of the Year
Superintendent, Stanislaus County Office of Education

Antonio Borba – Professor of Education
Professor of Education, California State University Stanislaus

Pat Portwood – Distinguished Service Award
Associate Superintendent, Modesto City Schools

David Holtz – Bill Ullom Award
Assistant Superintendent, Sylvan Union School District