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JOANNA RUMMER

Joanna Rummer is currently serving as Region XI President. Her professional assignment is Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District located in East Kern County. Joanna has been an active ACSA member on the local, charter and regional level.



What is your most enjoyable free time activity?

I enjoy spending time with my husband and children. My children have moved away, and I enjoy every minute I can have with them.

What is the most enjoyable thing about your position as district superintendent?

I enjoy working closely with educators and other key persons in the community including parents, community and business leaders, NAWS personnel, and law enforcement in developing plans to best serve the needs of our students and community.

What has prepared you for this position?

Serving the needs of students and staff for over 20 years in education in many different positions including teaching, site administration, district categorical program management, curriculum and instruction, and finally interim superintendency helped to prepare me for my current position as Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District.

Where are you most comfortable.

I am most comfortable at home with my family.

What person would you most like to meet?

I would most like to meet Condoleezza Rice. She has a profound influence on the lives of American citizens today and I understand that she has led a very interesting life. I would like to hear of her experiences and develop some insight concerning how her early years have had an impact on her vision of our nation, and the world.

What is the best advice you have given to others?

My best advice was that you will learn something every day of your life. Why not learn in an environment that will offer you a degree, diploma, or certificate for your efforts? These recognitions of accomplishment will have a much greater impact to better your life than any other accomplishment you will make.

Do you have a personal goal you long to see fulfilled?

My personal goal is to work in the field of education until I feel that I have contributed all that I can to make a positive impact for students, and to have the insight to know when I have accomplished that goal.

What are your personal goals as Region XI President?

- To support teaching and learning
- To increase region membership in ACSA by 5%
- To provide administrative support to beginning administrators
- To develop a process for more effective communication: charter/region/state

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From the President



Joanna Rummer
Region XI President

"As a member of Region XI ACSA, we each have a network of friends and colleagues on whom we can depend for advice, guidance, support, and friendship."

Let me extend a warm welcome to all continuing Region XI ACSA members and to all new ACSA members joining our team. Our organization has a great deal to offer its members and we are looking forward to working together as a team to accomplish several objectives this year.

Region XI ACSA has established goals for the 2006/07 year. Our goals support the mission and goals of State ACSA and are specifically developed to meet the needs of region members. Region XI ACSA will focus on four major areas this year including administrative support for new administrators, increasing region membership by 5%, supporting teaching and learning by offering "Balanced Leadership Training," and developing a process for more effective communication; charter, region, and state.

The most important message Region XI ACSA would like to send to its members is that none of us are alone. As a member of Region XI ACSA, we each have a network of friends and colleagues on whom we can depend for advice, guidance, support, and friendship. We share many of the same issues and each of us is willing to share the methods and strategies we have used to resolve those issues. Please attend your charter meetings. It is a wonderful opportunity to debrief, get the latest on pertinent issues, share your knowledge, and cement relationships.

The Association of California School Administrators offers services to assist and enhance administrators at all levels and during any situation. Services encompass educational, financial, governance, governmental relations, membership, special services, and professional networking. If you need assistance or further information I can be reached at jrummer@ssusd.org. I am looking forward to working with all of you this year.

Region XI Membership Scoreboard

Charter	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	(+/-)
East Kern	56	56	(0)
West Kern	342	353	(+11)
Kings	114	135	(+21)
Tulare	320	341	(+21)
Inyo/Mono	21	24	(+3)
CSUB Student	2	5	(+3)
Non-Assigned	28	25	(-3)
Totals	883	939	+56

"WHAT THEY SAID"

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Dr. Craig Wheaton, Region XI Past President
(Region XI Annual Planning Conference, June 26, 2006)

"Change is not going to stop and we need to get prepared for it. When change happens, you want to think that it happens for you, not to you."

Jack Gallagher
(Tulare County Annual Summer Institute, June 14, 2006)

"As charter president, I will endeavor to maintain ACSA's visibility."

Tom Addington, Kings County Charter President
(Kings County Charter Board Meeting, August 18, 2006.)

"We have watched Jaime the last few years. His knowledge of issues, expertise, organizational skills and leadership are very outstanding. I am very happy to nominate you for Vice President - Legislative Action for State ACSA. We are indeed happy you are running for this State ACSA office."

Jody Rummer, Region XI President
(Region XI Board Meeting, September 7, 2006)

"Education is a four letter word: CARE"

Frosty Troy, Keynote Speaker
(Kings County Charter's 34th Annual Fall Conference, September 9, 2006.)


"Be thinking about what kind of training you would like to have this year. What can we offer as an ACSA Charter."


Blanca Cavazos, West Kern Charter President
(West Kern Charter Board Meeting, September 7, 2006)


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Around the Region


 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Region XI Past President, has been promoted to Area Administrator for Secondary Schools. He is employed by the Visalia Unified School District.


 Tulare County Charter is planning two membership drive events in October and early November. One will be held in the north and one in the south part of the county.


 Three Region XI Administrators of the Year will be recognized at the Annual State ACSA Conference to be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego on Friday, November 3, 2006. They are: Randall Ranes, Pupil Personnel Administrator, Bakersfield City; Michelle Nunley, Principal, Tulare Union High School and Dr. Milton Woolsey, Professor of Education, CSU Bakersfield. Dr. Woolsey was Region XI President in 1998-1999.


 Three of Region XI's five Charter Presidents will continue for a second term this 2006-2007 school year. They are Charles Hildebrand, East Kern Charter President, Blanca Cavazos, West Kern Charter President and Joel Hampton, Inyo/Mono Charter President.

 Tom Addington, Kings County Charter President, is to be commended for putting together a very outstanding Charter Leadership Handbook for his charter board members. It is very attractive, well organized and informative. It contains data on each Board Member, Roles and Responsibilities of Officers/Directors, Bylaws (Charter and Region), Budget, Calendar of Events, Agenda/Minutes of State ACSA information.

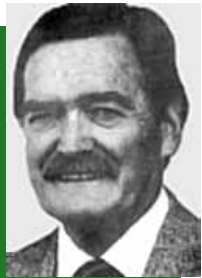
 State ACSA Legislative Action Day 2007 is scheduled for March 25-26, 2007. It has usually been held the first week of March.

 Charles Hildebrand and Byron Johnson, administrators, Muroc Unified School District, are receiving \$500 scholarships from East Kern Charter to attend ACSA academies.

 Dr. Christine Frazier, Associate Superintendent, Kern County Office of Education and Past President, Region XI, received her doctorate in May from University of the Pacific. Congratulations Chris on this outstanding achievement! She also is representing Region XI on the State ACSA Board of Directors. This is her second year of a three year term.

 Jaime Henderson, Superintendent, Rosedale Union School District and Vice President - Legislative Action for Region XI, has announced that he will be seeking the office of the State ACSA Vice President - Legislative Action. The election will be held at the State ACSA Delegate Assembly in Sacramento on May 17, 2007.

Comments from your Region XI Executive Director



"We don't know how many potential ACSA members we meet every day and we may never know unless we take time to invite them to a meeting, social, conference, etc."

**David Itzenhauser,
Region XI Executive Director**

The beginning of the 2006-07 school year is not unlike previous years...it is already filled with challenges coming from all directions. At the Region Planning Retreat, Joanna Rummer, Region President challenged all Charters to a five percent growth in membership. You may say "wow"! I am reminded of an old proverb, "You may know how many seeds are in an apple, but only God knows how many apples are in the seed."

It is easy to relate this to our charters. We don't know how many potential ACSA members we meet every day and we may never know unless we take time to invite them to a meeting, social, conference, etc.

It is known that a personal contact is the most

effective way to recruit new members. The seeds are in our hands and we are the ones who need to plant the seeds in order for our charters to grow. I ask each one of you to accept this challenge by asking someone to join ACSA.

It is still not too late to register for the State ACSA Annual Conference, November 2-4, 2006, in San Diego. It promises to be another excellent conference. Our Region 11 has three administrators being honored as State Administrator of the Year: Dr. Michelle Nunley, Continuation Education, Tulare Union High School District; Randall Ranes, Pupil Personnel, Bakersfield City; and Dr. Milt Woolsey, Professor of Education, CSUB. Also James Brown, our ESS Student from Tulare Western High School.

Feel free to call me if I can help you in any way.

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Region XI President Sets Goals At Annual Planning Conference

The Region XI Leadership Team held its annual Planning Conference at the Spyglass Inn in the central California coastal town of Shell Beach on June 25, 2006.

Region XI's Executive Board met on June 24 prior to the Annual Planning Session. Jody Rummer, Region XI President, conducted the meeting which addressed issues and agenda items for the conference. These discussions points of recommendations were shared with the 17 administrators in attendance at the Planning Conference.

President Rummer reviewed with the participants the various components and sections of the 2006-2007 State ACSA Handbook.

Craig Wheaton, Past President, discussed the organizational flow chart pointing out the power of influence of the Region XI vote at both State Board of Directors meetings and State Delegate Assemblies held three times a year.

"The State Board of Directors are vocal about their region's views on issues sent to the region for discussion and recommendations," Christine Frazier, Region XI's representative at State Board of Directors said.

Bill Elliott, Region XI Vice President, suggested that we, as a region, take a very hard look at keeping the same people in the same state committees and councils to build both a reputation and visibility.

Frazier also encouraged the region to start getting people in strategic positions at the state level.

"Visibility is the key" Frazier said. "Our region should investigate the plausibility of getting someone elected from our area by getting people in strategic positions and supporting others for committee and council chairs to build allies," Jamie Henderson, Region XI Vice President, Legislative Action said.

President Rummer shared her four Region XI goals for 2006-2007. These goals are:

- Administrative Support

A group of people that will be resources for administrators

- Membership
Increase membership by 5%

- Support of Teaching and Learning
Continue to provide training for administrators
- Effective Communication

This will make for a more cohesive region.

Other items addressed at the Conference included:

1. Establishing a Region calendar
2. Review of the Executive Board responsibilities
3. Endorsements, discussions on the Pros and Cons of



Region XI Officers Taking a Break... (L to R) Terri Rufert (Secretary), Bill Elliott (Vice President), Dr. Christine Frazier (State Board of Directors Representative for Region XI) and Christine Andrada (President Elect) are enjoying some free time following the Region XI Annual Planning Conference held at Shell Beach.

endorsing individuals for state offices.

4. Newsletter/Handbook Changes

The Handbook will be placed on the Region's website. There will be no hard copies mailed to members. The newsletter will still be mailed to members four time a year. It will also be placed on the Region's website.

5. Region and Charter Scholarship Programs Coordination

6. State Rebate Changes Over the Years.

7. Fall Conference

8. Role of State ACSA Committees and Councils.

9. Proposed Region budget for 2006-2007

10. Discussion on the possibility of increasing the Professional Liability Insurance from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000.

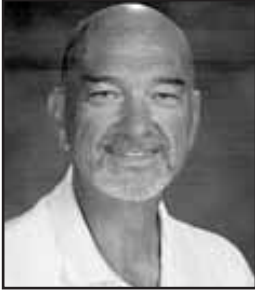
John Bogie, State Member Services Representative, thanked President Rummer for meeting with the Executive Board prior to the conference since it streamlined the agenda.

"Region XI representatives and state committees and councils had a very good attendance record during this past 2005-06 year," Craig Wheaton said.

The conference concluded with a delicious dinner with the participants and some of the spouses in attendance.

Region XI Voices

As Charter President, what are your goals for the 2006-2007 School Year?



I want to encourage the current active membership to reach out and bring those administrators that are not part of ACSA or who are members but may not be active into a position that they can benefit from the activities offered through ACSA. There has been a lot of movement in the administrative ranks throughout the East Kern area, a lot of new faces. I want these new administrators to know that they need not be alone as they strive to learn their new jobs and embrace the new responsibilities they have inherited.

Charles Hildebrand
East Kern Charter
President



The goals for West Kern Charter for 2006-07 are: 1. To provide valuable professional development opportunities for administrators in our service area. 2. To increase membership by personally encouraging all new administrators to join and reaching out to prospective administrators to become student members.

Blanca Cavazos
West Kern Charter
President



It is an honor to serve as the Tulare Charter President for 2006-07. My goal for our Charter this year is to increase our membership by 5%, work with the Region to continue offering professional development opportunities for administrators, and to reach out to new and aspiring administrators to offer them an opportunity to develop contacts with established administrators within our county.

Rebecca Mestaz
Tulare County Charter
President



As charter president for the coming year, it is important that we continue with the support provided to the Region through active involvement of charter members locally. As an organization, it is important that our representatives hear from us, thus ongoing communication and political activity regarding legislative initiatives and policies that impact us educationally are also a focus. We are all looking forward to a successful year with Kings Charter during 2006-2007 school year.

Tom Addington
Kings County Charter
President

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Kings County Charter ACSA and KCSBA Co-Sponsor 34th Annual Fall Conference

“Public Education” Celebrating Success” was the theme for the 34th Annual Fall Conference held at the West Hills Community College complex in Lemoore on September 9, 2006.

Frosty Troy, Oklahoma newspaper editor, and a popular national champion of public education was this year’s keynote speaker. He is the “Godfather” of awards, including National Friend of Education Award and the First Amendment Award for fighting school censors.

“Pubic education is America’s great success story,” Troy said. “The most marvelous thing about public education is that we educate all the children. They have different gifts and we are successful.”

“I have been in school districts in Chicago, Los Angeles and the Bronx. The administrators, teachers and other school personnel need a purple heart for just showing up at the job,” Troy said.

“I am also sick and tired of people criticizing public education,” Troy said. “We have enough public enemies in education. We do not need to be fighting each other. Watch your mouth!”

Troy advised administrators to remember students have different gifts and for them to be good at what they are doing.

He concluded his message to Board Members and school administrators to remind them that education is a four letter word: CARE.

This year’s participants had the opportunity to attend two different breakout sessions. Special Education focusing on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) was presented by Jennifer R. Rowe, Lozano Smith Law Firm.

Jeremy McGill, Kings County Sheriff’s Department, presented a session on the Gang Task Force. He addressed those attending his session on types of gangs, gang activities and current trends of gangs within Kings County.

A panel consisting of John Sousa, Superintendent, Kit Carson School District; Leonard Dias, Member, Board of Trustees, Kit Carson School District and Mark

Pohle, Member, Board of Trustees, Kings River-Hardwick School District shared on “Leadership During Difficult Negotiations.” They informed participants how the administrators and Board Members work together in dealing with difficult negotiations and labor turmoil.

Sal Villasenor, ACSA Legislative Advocate, gave an update on “The View From Sacramento.”

A report on both the current status and the future of technology for Kings County was given by Jerry Waymire, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, KCOE.

The second series of breakout sessions featured four different work shop sessions, the Burris Park Foundation: The Outdoor Classroom, was presented by Becky Presley, Superintendent, Hanford Elementary.

Other workshop sessions included: Legal Pitfalls in Personnel Management by Ray Dunne, attorney; Education Foundations presented by Bill Black, retired Superintendent, and Susan Sweeny, Executive Officer, California Consortium of Educational Foundations.

Assemblywoman Nicole Parra conducted a session with Board Presidents and Superintendents to discuss the needs of the students and educators in Kings County.

Following a buffet luncheon, Noah Lawson, Board of Trustees, Lemoore High School, addressed participants on “Successful Education: One Child at a Time.”

Jeff Frost, Legislative Advocate also spoke on legislation.

This year’s “Golden Apple Award” recipient was FAST Federal Credit Union. FAST was the sponsor of the 2006 Fall Conference.

John Sousa, Charter Vice President, was this year’s conference chairperson. Tom Addington is currently serving as Kings County Charter President.

Mark Pohle, KCSBA President, along with his committee gave away numerous door prizes throughout the conference.

The Vendor Faire participants were Automated Office Systems, California Casualty and Educational Employee Credit Union, FAST, Lakeshore Learning Materials, Lemoore Area Schools Transportation and Pearson Digital Learning.

From the Charter



Luncheon Speaker...Noah Lawson, President, Board of Trustees, Lemoore High School District, addressed administrators and board members on: "Successful Education: One Child at a Time."



Greetings...Mark Pohle, KCSBA President, brings greetings from Kings County School Board Association. Pohle also announced the winners of numerous door prizes given away throughout the conference.



Golden Apple Award....Paula Lehn, CEO, FAST Federal Credit Union, accepts the Charter's Annual Golden Apple Award on behalf of her organization. Tom Addington, Kings County Charter President, made the presentation.



Breakout Session...(Left) Jeremy McGill, Kings County Sheriff's Department, presented a workshop on the Gang Task Force. Bill Bilbo, Principal, Strafford Elementary School, attended the session.



Assemblywoman Nicole Parra...School Board Presidents and Superintendents met with Parra to discuss the needs of students and educators in Kings County. Steve Bogan, Superintendent, Armona Unified (left) and Diane Cox, Superintendent (right), attended this session.



Keynote Speaker...Frosty Troy (center) gave the Keynote address: "Public Education: Celebrating Success" at Kings County ACSA/KCSBA 34th Annual Fall Conference. Tom Addington (left), Kings County Charter President, and John Sousa, Conference Chairperson (right), greet Troy following his inspirational message to administrators and board members.

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Region XI President Addresses East Kern Charter

Joanna Rummer, Region XI President and Superintendent, Sierra Sands Unified School District, was the featured speaker at East Kern Charter's meeting held at Indian Wells on September 25, 2006.

Rummer started off by sharing her four Region goals for the 2006-2007 school year. The four goals are:

- Administrative support
- Membership increase of 5%
- Support teaching and learning
- More effective communication

She reviewed various topics of the 2006 Annual Planning Conference which included reassignment of officers' responsibilities, ACSA endorsements, Fall Conference, role of committees/councils, electronic newsletter/handbook, coordination of student scholarships and Region rebates.

Rummer addressed two key issues facing ACSA members: (1) increasing professional liability insurance from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, and (2) PAC Program and contributions.

"We need to be aware of Prop 1C - the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006," Rummer said.

"Jamie is awesome, and excellent candidate and has done a great job for our Region," Rummer said. "He will do a great job at the State level."

She also announced that Jamie Henderson, Region XI Vice President - Legislative Action, will be seeking the ACSA State Vice President - Legislative Action office.

She concluded her remarks by commenting, "East Kern Charter needs to take a stand. Kern County is a large region and we need to be represented at the State level and have a voice!"

Charles Hildebrand, Charter President, conducted a brief business meeting prior to Rummer's address.

The Board approved the granting of \$500 scholarships to Hildebrand and Bryan Johnson for participation in ACSA Academies.

Reaction to Rummer's presentation was very positive.

"Jody gave an outstanding and informative report on current issues and concerns facing ACSA," Charles Hildebrand said. "It was a great meeting."

Laura Hickle, Charter Secretary, said, "It was very informative to look at issues being considered by ACSA. From ballot issues to WCCB reauthorization, these are issues that affect us all."

East Kern Charter's next meeting will be held in Techachapi in November.

Tulare County Annual Summer Institute Features Jack Gallagher

The 2006 Summer Institute for Tulare County School Administrators was held on June 14 at the Edison Ag TAC Center in Tulare.

This annual event was sponsored by the Tulare County Office of Education.

Jack Gallagher, nationally known speaker, was the featured presenter.



Jack Gallagher

He took a humorous look at the serious topic of change. Gallagher's keynote address titled "Adapting to Change and Loving It" focused on how administrators should handle change in the careers.

"Change happens constantly and is coming so rapidly and we need to adapt to it," Gallagher said.

"Change is not going to stop and we need to get prepared for it," added Gallagher, "When change happens you want to think it happens for you, not to you."

Gallagher encouraged administrators to see change as a challenge, even though it sometimes occurs at the most horrible times.

"As adults we overlook at what we do well," Gallagher said. "Know what you do well and let it shine, also know what you can't do, too."

Administrators were given a number of specific tips as they face challenges in a rapidly changing world. Those offered were:

- Know when to speak up, and also when to shut up.
 - You can't be expected to do everything and you don't have to do everything.
 - Get others to do projects you can't.
 - You work as a team. Use your team's expertise.
- Failing is not the end of the way.
- Team with other people and it's ok to fail.
 - Confident people, during change, say "I can do it". Have confidence in yourself.
 - Be creative during change, do it differently.
 - Write down your ideas.

Gallagher concluded his remarks by saying,

"Change is not going to stop, be confident, make it work for you. Enjoy it! I try to make changes in my life work for me."

Administrators had an opportunity to attend morning and afternoon breakout sessions.

The morning topics were:

- Laugh Yourself Safe - Crime Stop USA presented by Cliff Dew. School safety tools were provided by the trainer.

- History/Social Science Adoptive Process was presented by a panel including Linda Bastrire, Curriculum Coordinator, Visalia Unified; Katherine Johnson, Principal, West Putnam, Porterville Unified; Petra Wilson, teacher, West Putnam, Porterville Unified; Juan DeSantiago, teacher, Los Tules Middle School, Tulare City and Paul Rosers, Assistant Superintendent, Dinuba Unified.

- 2006-2007 Budget update, presented by Janelle Kubinec, School Services of California, Inc.

- The Dish and API Scores by Nani Rowland, MSRD, Registered Dietitian featuring nutritional education and physical activity.

The afternoon sessions featured Extending the SCICON Experience by Nancy Bruce, Education Coordinator; Partnerships for High School Success by Randy Wallace, Project Director TCOE and Jonathan Janzen, Instructional Consultant in Science, TCOE and a session on Non-Violent Physical Intervention presented by Larry Gillham and Victor Carrillo, TCOE Administrators.

Following the buffet lunch, Tulare County ACSA Administrators of the Year and Student Scholarship Awards recipients were recognized.

TCOE Theatre Company under the leadership of Brian Roberts, Instructor Consultant, provided entertainment during the lunch period.

Jim Vidak, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and Jeff Bottoms, 2005-2006 Tulare County Charter ACSA President, brought greetings and introductions.

Dr. Christine Frazier Is Recipient of West Kern Charter's Educational Leadership Award

The beautiful Rio Bravo Country Club, east of Bakersfield, was the setting for West Kern Charter's Annual Awards Banquet held on June 7, 2006.

The banquet once again featured giving recognition to many outstanding administrators, students and community people.

Dr. Christine Frazier, Associate Superintendent, Kern County Office of Education, was this year's recipient of the Charter's Educational Leadership Award.

Frazier has been a very active ACSA member at the local charter, Region XI and State level. She is currently serving in her second year at the State ACSA Board of Directors representing Region XI.

She was Region XI's ACSA President during the 2004-2005 school year.

"Christine has been instrumental in assisting school districts throughout California to overcome difficulties," said Carol Kohn, teacher, Bakersfield City School District. "In May she received her doctorate in Educational Administration through the University of the Pacific. She started the program late, and is finishing early. This took a tremendous commitment to education!"

Other awards and special recognitions given throughout the evening included student scholarships, Golden Apple Awards, Retirees, and Administrators of the Year in West Kern Charter.

Two outstanding high school seniors were the recipients of the Charter's Scholarship Program. Those receiving these scholarships were: Genevieve Boornazian, Stockdale High School and Tiersa Marie Frazier, Kern Valley High School.

Each year the Charter gives special recognition to lay people who make a difference in their schools and/or their community.

These Golden Apple Awards are given to volunteers who give many hours of service to their schools and community.

They are non-educators whose commitment is "above and beyond the call of duty."

Receiving the Golden Apple Awards were Debra Johnston, Fairfax-Brundage Neighborhood Partnership; Sara Ruiz, Parent and Risto Rubio, Businessman.

Eight retiring administrators were recognized and commended for their many years in educational service. Concluding their district careers were: Kenneth Chapman, Beardsley School District; Barbara Ann Clark, Edison School District; Gerald Higbee, Rio Bravo-Greely Union School District; Mike Keese, Kern High School District;



Dr. Christine Frazier

Hugh McGowan, Bakersfield City; Refugio Martinez, Wasco Union and Barbara Williams, Bakersfield City.

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This annual event also recognizes the "Best of the Best" with the Administrator of the Year Award in 18 different administrative categories. West Kern honored the following with this distinguished award:

Adult Education Administrator - Dr. Marvin Davisson, KHSD
Business Services Administrator - John Von Flue, Lamont SD
Central Office Administrator - County/District - Barbara Williams, BCSD
Classified Manager - Joe Salazar, Wasco HSD
Confidential Employee - Sandra Sutton, BCSD
Continuation/Education Administrator - Martin Lonza, Wasco HSD
Curriculum and Instruction Administrator - Beth Arner, Fruitvale SD
Personnel/Human Resources - Cathie Thompson, KHSD
Elementary Principal - Mary Westendorf, Discovery Elementary
Middle Grades Principal - Loreda Clevenger, Edison Middle School
Professor of Education - Dr. Milton Woolsey, Cal. State Bakersfield
Pupil Personnel Administrator - Randall Ranes, BCSD
Secondary Co-Administrator - Danny Arellano, Wasco Elementary
Elementary Co-Administrator - Georgia Rhett, Arvin EUSD
Secondary Principal - Mark Richardson, Foothill High School
Special Education Administrator - Pamela Sanders, KCSOS
Superintendent/Principal - Dr. Danny Whetton, DiGiorgio SD
Superintendent - Kenneth Chapman, Beardsley SD
The awards banquet concluded with the installation of the Charter's officers for 2006-2007 conducted by Dr. Christine Frazier. Blanca Cavazos will be serving her second term as West Kern Charter's President.



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West Kern Scholarship Recipients...

Larry Stephens, West Kern Charter Scholarship Chair presented Student Scholarships to outstanding seniors, Genevieve Boornazian (Stockdale High School) and Tiersa Marie Frazier (Kern Valley High School) at the Charter's Annual Awards Dinner held at Rio Bravo Country Club on June 7, 2006. (L to R) Larry Stephens, Tiersa Marie Frazier, Dr. Christine Frazier (Tiersa's mother), Genevieve Boornazian and Marilyn Bergevin (Genevieve's mother).

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LOOKING AHEAD IN REGION XI 2006-2007

October 2006

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|----|--|---------|
| 5 | Region XI Delegate Assembly | 3:00pm |
| 5 | Membership Social (South part of Region XI)
Bakersfield | |
| 6 | Tulare County Charter Board Meeting | 7:00am |
| | Apple Annies Restaurant, Tulare | |
| 12 | State Delegate Assembly | |
| | Sacramento | |
| 13 | Kings County Charter Board Meeting | 12:00pm |
| | Central Union School District Presentation Center | |

November 2006

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| 2-4 | State ACSA Annual Conference | |
| | Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Diego | |
| 6 | East Kern Charter Meeting | 6:00pm |
| | Ridgecrest | |
| 16 | West Kern Charter Board Meeting | 7:00am |
| | Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield | |
| 16 | Region XI Board Meeting | 8:30am |
| | Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield | |
| 17 | Tulare County Charter Board Meeting | 7:00am |
| | Apple Annies Restaurant, Tulare | |
| 17 | Kings County Charter Board Meeting | 12:00pm |
| | Central Union School District Presentation Center | |

December 2006

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| TBA | Region XI Executive Board Meeting | TBA |
| | (Teleconference) | |
| 8 | Kings County Charter Board Meeting | 12:00pm |
| | Central Union School District Presentation Center | |

January 2007

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| 11 | West Kern Charter Board Meeting | 7:00am |
| | Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield | |
| 11 | Region XI Board Meeting | 10:00am |
| | Hodel's Restaurant, Bakersfield | |
| 12 | Tulare County Charter Board Meeting | 7:00am |
| | Apple Annies Restaurant, Tulare | |
| 12 | Kings County Charter Board Meeting | 12:00pm |
| | Central Union School District Presentation Center | |

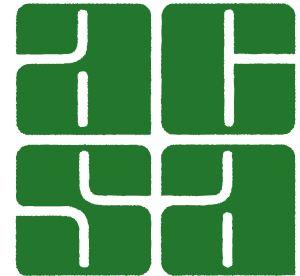
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Robert E. Kelley

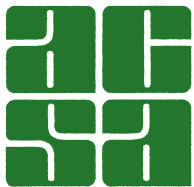
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Marcus Foster Award



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