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ACSA CHOOSES “ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR” FROM EL DORADO COUNTY

At an Annual Recognition Meeting of the Region 2 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) held at McBean Park Pavilion in Lincoln on Friday, March 11, outstanding school administrators and educational leaders were publicly recognized as Administrators/Leaders of the Year. (Region 2 consists of 7 charters in Butte, Colusa/Sutter/Yuba, El Dorado, Glenn, Nevada, Placer and Plumas Counties) These awards recognize outstanding performance and achievement by individual administrators, classified managers or confidential employees in the following categories:

Middle School Principal of the Year

Richard Callaghan, Principal, Sierra Ridge Middle School, Pollock Pines Elementary School District

Rich is a principal who not only believes that all students can succeed, he has put feet to his vision. He is working to fully establish professional learning communities with an eye toward ensuring that “every child – every day” becomes a daily reality.

Special Education Administrator of the Year

Karen Schrick, Director Special Education, El Dorado Union High School District

Karen has devoted over 27 years to education, 25 in the field that has been her passion, special education. Personalizing schools for students with special needs and talents is probably one of Karen’s highest accomplishments. Her relationship with outside agencies, elementary district personnel, and the vast majority of parents demonstrates a “culture of service.”

Business Services Administrator of the Year

Sean Martin, Chief Fiscal Officer, Pollock Pines Elementary School District/Silver Fork Elementary School District

Sean’s vision for learning and stewardship of district resources is always directed in a manner to benefit the students and community. Sean’s skills in this area also extend to his abilities to be very proactive and creatively flexible as he manages District resources. This combination of flexibility and frugality in combination with a view of student needs continues to allow the District to move forward during tough economic times.

Marcus Foster Award

Terry Wenig, Superintendent, Buckeye Union School District

This award recognizes outstanding leadership and significant contributions to education by a school administrator. It was established to honor the memory of Marcus Foster, former Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District.

Terry assumed the position of Superintendent of the Buckeye Union School District in 2004. Since then, she has worked collaboratively with the Board to formulate a vision for the district and goals to carry the organization into the future, reworking the committee structure to include all groups in the school community: parents, certificated staff, classified staff, and administration, so that every group could participate in the process of supporting students and all voices could be heard.

Ferd Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award

Vicki Barber, Superintendent, *El Dorado County Office of Education*

The Ferd. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor ACSA can present to an individual. The award is made in the memory of Ferd Kiesel, ACSA's founding president.

As El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, Vicki has been an exceptional leader, bringing school districts together working for the common good of all students. She has held district, county, and statewide positions and is seen as an expert in all areas of educational leadership, truly an innovative, visionary leader who has been able to create new programs as well as improve upon existing programs, always with the good of students and families as her highest priority.

We are very proud to honor these fine school administrators and recognize them for the outstanding contributions that they make to the students in Region 2 and education in California.