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ACSA Region XV AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Four fabulous fantastic women accepted the call to become ACSA Ambassadors for Region XV; Lorraine King, Anna Pacheco, Kendra Rose and Linda Ursery-Fleming.

These women are the official welcoming committee for new and re-instated members to Region XV. Their purpose is to share all the wonderful opportunities that ACSA has to offer such as networking, professional legal services, legislative actions, entertainment discounts, and personal and professional development through workshops, academies and a variety of symposiums and conferences. Ambassadors also encourage members to take

advantage of the benefits of ACSA membership, become active and encourage them visit the ACSA website to become more knowledgeable of the dynamic professional organization they've joined.

Being an ACSA Ambassador is rewarding and an opportunity to give back to an organization that has given so much to many and continues to give.

So if you are interested in becoming an ACSA Ambassador, Region XV is actively seeking folks who are outgoing and have a willingness to share ACSA's benefits and purpose with others. Our next Region XV ACSA Ambassador Meeting

is March 1, 2016 at 11am-1pm at Coco's in Arcadia. Join us, ask questions and see if this is an opportunity where you can continue to serve ACSA.

Submitted by Linda Ursery-Fleming, Lead Ambassador

"The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership."

--Harvey S. Firestone

Time To Vote!

This edition of the ACSA Region XV Newsletter includes a ballot for the State Board election. Please take the time to read the excerpts from the candidates' applications on page two and three. This election is for the ACSA Region XV State Director position.

Ballots must be returned by February 28, 2016

in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Our two candidates are eager to serve as voices for Region XV and ACSA. Please remember to do your part and vote!



State Director Candidate Dr. Angel E. Gallardo

“Information as submitted on candidate’s application”



What do you feel that you can bring to the role of ACSA State Director?

I believe that I bring to the role of the ACSA State Director is my dedication to education and my exposure to every area of k-adult school education provides me with an unique perspective to see all the viewpoints in our educational system or to seek out all possible views. I believe that my professional interest to see that equity is a state norm

is one of my areas of strength that would help the ACSA State Directors as Equity is an area of focus.

Why do you want to be the next Region 15 ACSA State Director?

The United States afforded me an opportunity to study and learn not only English as Second Language, but it also provided me the passion to learn and teach. I want to be able to continue the ACSA vision to ignite the desire to be engaged at all levels. I want to

be able to provide an avenue to every ACSA member in the region to reach out and let me know what is important to them so that I could provide those points of view with the Region Leadership and when the opportunity presents itself to express those diverse views at the state level. I want to be the Region 15 ACSA State Director to reach out to every member of the region so that every voice could be heard and represented.

Women's Leadership Event A Great Success!



Stephanie Baker speaks at the Women's Leadership Event

ACSA Region XV presented its annual Women's Leadership Networking Event on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at the American Legion Hall in Pasadena. As part of ACSA's mission to promote inspirational networks of discovery and sharing of knowledge, this event is a wonderful forum to support women's professional development and advancement. The keynote speaker was Stephanie Baker, Deputy Superinten-

dent/Educational Services at Pomona Unified School District. Mrs. Baker took inspiration from Sheryl Sandberg's book *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead*. She held a captive audience as she spoke of her experience and gave advice on meeting the challenges of finding success with compassion and grace. The highlight of the evening was the introduction of the young lady seen with Ms. Baker (picture) who has gone from being bullied to being a

self-empowered CEO of her own business, while still in elementary school. Ms. Baker attributed the young lady's success to the combined efforts of supportive and dedicated teachers, administrators, and parents who "leaned in" and stepped up. Guests left feeling inspired and empowered with the will to lead the way!

Submitted by Laura Solis, ACSA Region XV Board Member at Large

Upcoming Events and Dates:

- Oratory Contest—March 2, 2016; Pasadena American Legion
- Region Symposium—March 5, 2016; Marshall Fundamental Secondary School
- ACSA Legislative Action Days—April 3-4, 2016 Sacramento
- Regional Assembly— April 13, 2016; Coko's, Arcadia
- Spring Banquet & Awards— April 27, 2016; Castaways. Burbank
- Leadership Retreat—June 16-17; Ventura

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"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'"

--Audrey Hepburn

State Director Candidate Sue Kaiser, Ed.D.

“Information as submitted on candidate’s application”

What do you feel you can bring to the role of ACSA State Director?

I am an innovative and visionary leader that brings a sense of balance between rich and full experiences in educational leadership and a positive “can do attitude” that creates rock solid leadership.

As the current state director, I have had the opportunity to significantly contribute in board meeting discussions at

the state level to bring the voice of Region 15.

Over the years, I have developed an extensive network in the state levels of ACSA and through those relationships, I have the ability to listen to issues that center on policy and speak out with conviction on behalf of Region 15.

Communicating important issues to inform our region is of paramount importance in the role of State Director.

Why do you want to be the next Region 15 ACSA State Director?

I seek to serve the Region and the causes of ACSA in this capacity. Over the past 23 years, I have had the opportunity to serve in ACSA at the local and state levels. It has brought me much personal joy and fulfillment to serve in the profession that I choose to work in every day. I see representing Region 15 on the Board of Directors as an honor and a privilege. Should I be selected to serve, I shall do so wholeheartedly.



Connect, Collaborate, and Cultivate!

Region XV Members,

As we begin this New Year, I’m always impressed with the creativity and passion that each of you display in the support of students in your districts and respective charters. ACSA Region XV is here to support you as we all strive towards the success of each and every student.

Region XV offers a number of opportunities to **connect**, whether it is through our quarterly Regional Assembly meetings, consortiums, conferences, or a multitude of other networking opportunities. **Collaboration** is key as we navigate LCAP, LCFF, and the 21st century skills needed for our students. We

look forward to hosting the annual Winter Leadership Symposium on March 5th at Marshall Fundamental School in Pasadena, where you will hear from nationally recognized presenters. In addition, there will be an opportunity to get involved at the legislative level in Sacramento for ACSA’s annual Legislative Action Day (April 3rd & 4th), where your voice will be heard by your local legislators on issues that affect our students’ future. We are all working to continuously **cultivate** our greatest resource, our students. Please join us for our annual Oratory Contest on March 2nd at the American Legion Hall in Pasadena to hear and see exemplary examples of this as stu-

dents from across the region share their powerful stories of how they see school leaders connecting, collaborating, and cultivating on a daily basis.

Please take advantage of the amazing opportunities that Region XV provides on your behalf as we enter this New Year, and know that it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Region XV president.

I wish you only the best in 2016 and beyond!!!!

Sincerely,

Dominic J. DiGrazia
Region XV President



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**Leadership Matters
Diversity Counts**



Please return the ballot included

New Logos for Charters!

At the ACSA Region XV Leadership Training this past June, charters were asked to think about their current charter logos. Many charters took the initiative to examine their current logos and reflect on what they want their logo to represent about their charter. Encouraged to be creative while ensuring that the message that a logo sends is reflective of the Charter's mission, values, and goals, many charters took the challenge and created new designs. Glendale, Claremont, Glendora, Antelope Valley, and Burbank were a few that have new updated logos. Antelope Valley held a design contest among its membership. Does your current logo match the purpose and goals of your charter? If not, take the challenge and "Make it so"!



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